



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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PALM SUNDAY YEAR A, 28th MARCH & 29th MARCH 2026

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

We are dedicated to ensuring the safety and dignity of all children and young people in our parish, fostering a caring and supportive environment. For our child-safe policy, please visit our parish website or contact the parish office

OUR VISION

SSPP: We are a welcoming, inclusive Catholic community committed to living our Christian faith daily. We celebrate and witness that Jesus lives and share the message of the Gospel through our actions.

OLOP: Our Lady of the Pines Parish is a welcoming, inclusive community that aims to live our Christian faith by example in our daily lives.

YOUTH MASS

4th Sunday, 11:15am @Ss Peter & Paul
Youth Coordinator: Sharon Yeo

FUNERALS & WEDDINGS

By Appointment

CONFESSION

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

1st & 3rd Saturday: 4:30pm

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

Saturday: After 9am mass &

2nd & 4th Saturday 5:30pm

ROSARY

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

Weekday: Following 9am Mass

Weekends: Sat: 4:30pm & Sun: 9am

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

Weekday: Following 9am Mass

Weekends: Sat 5:35pm, Sun 7:35am & 10:50am

BAPTISM

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

1st Sunday at 11am

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

2nd Sunday at 12:30pm

SSPP BIBLE SHARING

Wednesday: 10:15am

SSPP CHARISMATIC GROUP

Tuesday: 7:00pm

PALM SUNDAY

The Sixth Sunday of Lent, also known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, marks the beginning of Holy Week and invites us to reflect on both the triumph and suffering of Christ. The liturgy begins with the joyful remembrance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where He is welcomed with palms and praised as King.

Yet this celebration quickly turns to the solemn reading of the Passion, reminding us of the suffering and sacrifice that follow. This contrast reveals the depth of Christ's mission. Jesus enters Jerusalem not as a worldly king, but as a humble servant, fully aware of the suffering that awaits Him. His obedience to the Father's will, even unto death on the cross, shows the fullness of His love for humanity. The Passion narrative calls us to reflect on our own response to Christ; are we faithful not only in moments of praise, but also in times of challenge and sacrifice?

As we enter Holy Week, the Church invites us to walk closely with Jesus, accompanying Him through His suffering, death, and ultimately toward the hope of the Resurrection. This Sunday reminds us that true glory comes through humility, love, and self-giving. It is a time to deepen our faith, open our hearts, and prepare to fully receive the grace of Easter.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Maria C. & Orene M.

Bookkeeping: Frances Johnson

PPC Chairperson

OLOP: Peter Given

SSPP: Andres Isaza

School Principal

Brendan Keeling

OLOP Phone: 9842 2991

SSPP Phone: 9842 2056

MASS TIMES

Ss Peter & Paul's Parish

Tuesday, Thursday: 9am

Mon, Wednesday & Friday:

Communion Service at 9am

Saturday: 9am & Vigil at 6pm

Sunday: 8am & 11:15am

Mass & Divine Mercy Devotion:

1st Friday of the Month at 7:30pm

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

Wednesday and Friday: 9am

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 9:30am

SUPPORT US

Ss Peter & Paul's Parish

BSB: 083 347

Act No:

643843933

or QR Code



Our Lady of the Pines Parish

BSB: 083 347

Act No:

647620921

or QR Code:



OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

YACHT ROCK REVIVAL

Join *Yacht Rock Revival* on Sunday, 19th April from 1pm at Our Lady of the Pines, Carbine St, Donvale. Entry is \$50 per person (18+ only). BYO food, with drinks available at bar prices.

Bookings:

David Sowersby – 0419 311 775

Roy Tavenor – 0439 668 803



**Have a smooth Sunday afternoon
relaxing to the soft rock of the 70's and 80's**

Join one of Melbourne's newest and hottest revival bands recreating the music of Toto, The Doobie Bros, Huey Lewis, Steely Dan, Billy Ocean and more

Bookings:
David Sowersby 0419311775
Roy Tavenor 0439668803

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Our Lady of the Pines, Carbine St, Donvale
\$50 per head (18 yrs + only)
BYO food & drinks at bar prices

EASTER SATURDAY MASS NOTICE

Please note that there will be no 5:00pm Mass on Easter Saturday. The Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St Peter & Paul's Parish on Saturday, 4 April at 7:30pm. Thank you for noting this as you plan your Easter celebrations.

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

Easter is fast approaching and the Piety Gift Stall has a lovely assortment of handmade religious Easter cards available to purchase. Come by the stall to view the selection before and after weekend masses. All sales go directly to OLOP fundraising.



AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOU

We are still seeking volunteers to assist with Audio Visual at our Sunday 9:30am Mass. If you have basic computer skills, we would greatly appreciate your help. The role is simple and involves selecting the next screen and adjusting the volume as needed — full guidance will be provided. As yet, we have not received any volunteers, so your support would make a real difference. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office.

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

LADIES LUNCH

The next luncheon will be on 8th April and will be to the Manhattan Hotel in Ringwood for their excellent smorgasbord. The price has risen to \$27 but is good value. All ladies welcome; transport can be arranged. Please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617 if interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always grateful for the many parishioners who generously give their time to support the life of our parish. There are several ways you can become involved, including serving as Readers, Commentators, Audio Visual (AV) operators, or assisting as Money Counters etc. Currently, we have a particular need for volunteers to assist with Audio Visual at our weekend Masses. This role is simple, requires only basic computer skills, and full training will be provided. Your support in this area would greatly assist in ensuring our Masses run smoothly and prayerfully. If you have ever considered becoming more involved in parish life, this is a wonderful opportunity to do so. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office.

SSPP ONE IN ONE HUNDRED APPEAL

Parents and children in Jerusalem and the West Bank are deprived of what we would call a normal life. SsPP One in a Hundred Appeal is our means of assisting them! Just want to share with you the latest from Sr Trudy, the content of emails, and one conversation deemed appropriate because of the situation in Jerusalem. The constant sending of missiles day and night meant they have gone down to their Excavation site, their Holy Place, the Lithostrotos, each time the sirens went. The old city was closed for the first week of March. Gatherings are subject to orders from the Israeli High Command — up to 5 people if you live close enough to a shelter. The last few days have been relatively quiet, down below once a night. All religions are praying for justice and peace. Trudy's greatest wish is to be home for a break after Easter. She asks for our prayers for all — Palestinians, Christians, Jews and Moslem. We believe The Lord will care for all! And we hope that planes are flying safely and soon.

SsPP One in a Hundred Appeal for 2025-26 has a current balance of \$A5,727, a long way from the usual \$A10,000 for the year. If you haven't yet contributed or wish to increase yours, use SsPP Social Justice Account: BSB 083-347 Account 473008563. Sr Trudy knows she can call on what we have whenever she chooses.

Thank you everyone for your support in difficult times. Sr Trudy sends her loving thanks and prayers and hopes to meet many of you if her visit eventuates.

Warmest regards and blessings to all,

Harry Martin
Appeal Co-ordinator

**COMBINED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH & Ss PETER AND PAUL'S PARISH**

**2026 LENT & EASTER TIMETABLE
PARTNER PARISHES OF Ss PETER & PAUL
AND OUR LADY OF THE PINES**

DATES	EVENTS	<u>Ss PETER & PAUL' CHURCH</u> 23 Leeds St, Doncaster East	<u>OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH</u> 77 Carbine St, <u>Donvale</u>
Every Friday in Lent	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm	←
28 th & 29 th March	PALM SUNDAY	6pm (Saturday) 8am & 11:15am (Sunday)	5pm (Saturday) 9:30am (Sunday)
Tues 31 st March	2 nd Rites of Reconciliation	7:30pm	←
2 nd April	HOLY THURSDAY	→	7:30pm
3 rd April	GOOD FRIDAY	- 10am: Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm: PASSION of the LORD	3:00pm PASSION of the LORD
4 th April	EASTER VIGIL	7:30PM	←
5 th April	EASTER SUNDAY	8am & 11:15am	9:30am
12 th April	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	6pm (Saturday) 8am & 11:15am (Sunday) 2pm Divine Mercy Adoration & Chaplet 3pm Divine Mercy Mass	5pm (Saturday) 9:30am (Sunday)



Palm Sunday
28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at:

www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Parishioners are reminded that the Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held this coming **Tuesday, 31st March at 7:30pm at St Peter & Paul's Parish**. This is a beautiful opportunity during Lent to come together as a community in prayer, reflection, and God's mercy as we prepare our hearts for Easter. All are most welcome to attend.



CHRISM MASS – TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

Parishioners are advised that the Chrism Mass will be celebrated this coming Tuesday, 31st March at 10:00am at St Patrick's Cathedral. This special Mass, celebrated by the Archbishop, includes the blessing of the holy oils used throughout the year in our parishes and is a significant moment in the life of the Church. All are warmly invited to attend. **Please note that there will be no morning Mass in the Parish on this day.**

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4th APRIL & 5th APRIL

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: No Mass
- Sun 9:30am: Youth Mass

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: No Mass
- Sun 9:30am: Youth Mass

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: No Mass
- Sun 9:30am: Youth Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: No Mass
- Sun 9:30am: Zayne, Nick, Alex & Emily

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 5: Geoff Mullane, David Sowersby & Claire Davis

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: No Mass
- Sun 9:30am: Joan McDonald & Luzanne Argæet

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: No Mass
- Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Mullane, Casey & Bonavia

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4th APRIL & 5th APRIL

READERS:

- Sat 7:30pm: Easter Vigil
- Sun 8am: Paul O'Connor
- 11:15am: Tehani Fernando

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 7:30pm: Easter Vigil
- Sun 8am: Harry Martin
- 11:15am: Carmel Nigro

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 7:30pm: Easter Vigil
- Sun 8am: Frank Smit
- 11:15am: Amor Grabkowski

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 7:30pm: Easter Vigil
- Sun 11:15am:

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 3: Angela Stuart, Bernadette Mithen, Dawn Pratley & Ann Wetherall

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 7:30pm: Easter Vigil
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 4th APRIL AT 10AM:

Group 2: Vic Belmont, Ellis Fernandes, Doreen Fernandes, Kelvin Klim, Michael Chen & Robert Suyasaputra

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

WE PRAY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL & THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

Mary Summergreene

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 28th MARCH & 29th MARCH

First Reading:

[Isaiah 50:4-7](#)

Second Reading:

[Philippians 2:6-11](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 26:14 – 27:66](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 4th APRIL & 5th APRIL

First Reading:

[Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43](#)

Second Reading:

[Colossians 3:1-4](#)

Gospel:

[John 20:1-9](#)

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

List your business in our parish newsletter. Contact (03) 9842 1480

Mark's Gardening Service:

Weeding, Mowing, Mulching, Hedging –
All your garden needs. Pension Discounts
Call Mark: 0456 166 860

Fabris Electrical Contractors:

Electrical services and Data or Phone
system installation. Call Marco:
0421907112 or Mario: 0421 907 061

Drypt - Automotive Detailing

Paint correction and ceramic coating
Call Steven: 0400 999 502

NEWSLETTER REMINDER

Please forward any newsletter items to the Parish Office by no later than Wednesday midday.

Thank You.