



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS AT 23 LEEDS ST DONCASTER EAST, VIC 3109

Tuesday to Friday

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9am—3pm

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 24th & 25th JANUARY 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
Sunday: 9am

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

Weekday: Following 9am Mass

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

HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY

This Monday we celebrate the beauty and blessings of our nation. We give thanks to God for our land, our communities, and the rich diversity that makes Australia so special. As we come together in gratitude, may this day inspire us to care for one another, cherish our shared heritage, and look to the future with hope and joy. Let us celebrate with hearts full of thankfulness and a spirit of unity.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this week's Gospel (Matthew 4:12-23), after John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus began his public ministry in Capernaum, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy that a great light would shine on those living in darkness. He proclaimed, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," and called his first disciples; Peter and Andrew, then James and John, inviting them to follow him and become "fishers of men."

They left their work and families immediately, showing trust and courage in responding to God's call. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching the Good News, and healing all kinds of sickness and disease.

Today, this Gospel reminds us that God calls each of us to follow him, to turn away from what holds us back, and to live lives of faith and service. By responding to Jesus' invitation, we become instruments of God's love and light in the world, bringing hope, compassion, and transformation to others just as Christ did in Galilee.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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Supporting Priest: Fr Kevin Dillon

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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:

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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

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

We are pleased to advise that our parish has now been accepted to recycle all empty hair care products, including shampoo, conditioner, hair spray, gel, hair colour, and related items. These items can now be recycled along with our existing dishwashing and air freshener products. There is a box that you can place them in, in the foyer. Thank you for supporting our parish sustainability initiatives and helping us care for our common home.



PIETY GIFT STALL **IT'S TIME TO STOCK UP!**

At the start of the year, we start to think of our loved ones' birthdays to come for 2026. The Piety Gift Stall has a range of handmade birthday cards to choose from and a range of perpetual calendars for recording family birthdays.

Don't forget about our sympathy cards, always handy for when we have a sudden bereavement. Stock up after Saturday and Sunday masses at the Piety Gift Stall. Columban calendars are still available.



LAWN MOWER NEEDED (ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE)

Our St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) Conference is currently supporting a local Donvale family who are in urgent need of a **motor mower in good working order**.

If you have a **spare mower**, you no longer need and would be happy to donate, it will make a tremendous difference to this family.

Please contact the Parish office if you can assist.



Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES – A JOURNEY BACK TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Are you a lapsed Catholic wishing to return to the faith, someone seeking a deeper understanding of Catholic teaching, or simply interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Our Parish is offering an 11-week intensive Faith Formation course designed to guide and support you on this journey. The first class commenced last week. For those who missed out and are still interested, this is your **final opportunity** to join.

The **second class will be held this Sunday**, from **9:30am to 11:00am** in the **Multi-Purpose Hall** (next to the car park). If you are keen to attend, please come along this Sunday. **No further acceptances will be taken after this Sunday.**

For further information, please contact the Parish Office or simply attend the class this Sunday.



*Faith Formation
Classes Have Started
Last Chance to Join!*

JOIN OUR BAPTISM TEAM

We are inviting members from St Peter & Paul's Parish to join our Parish Baptism Team. Currently, we have two volunteers from Our Lady of the Pines, and we would love to have representation from St Peter & Paul's as well.

This ministry does not require house visits, as families attend a monthly information session at the Parish Office.

Your role would involve attending this session and welcoming families on the day of their child's Baptism. You will be supported by an experienced team who will provide training and assist each other when certain dates are not suitable.

If you feel called to serve in this important and welcoming ministry, please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

OUR LADY OF THE PINES (OLOP) AND SAINTS PETER AND PAUL'S (SSPP)

Our Lady of the Pines (OLOP)

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, 18 Mar 2026, 4:00 pm, with classes commencing Mondays, 4:00–4:45 pm, 2 Feb – 16 Mar 2026
- The Sacrament of the First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, 29 Aug 2026, 5:00 pm or Sunday, 30 Aug 2026, 11:30 am, with classes commencing Mondays, 4:00–4:45 pm, 1 Jun – 24 Aug 2026.

No classes on Public Holidays or during School Holidays

Saints Peter and Paul's (SSPP)

- Sacrament of Reconciliation Classes will commence: Sundays, 10:00–11:00 am, 15 Mar 2026 for six weeks and then pause during school holidays.
- The Sacrament of the First Eucharist will be celebrated on 23 Aug 2026, with classes commencing on 3 May 2026. Details to follow.

For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES NOTICE

The next set of Stewardship envelopes is now ready for collection and is available in the Narthex/Foyer of the church. If your method of donation has changed to Direct Debit and you no longer require envelopes, we kindly ask that you notify the Parish Office so our records can be updated. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.

PFGM VicTas Gathering



Saturday 21st MARCH 2026

9.30am-4.00pm

The Southern Team members warmly invite you to join us for a day of friendship, connecting & nurturing

Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School
480A Gillies Street, Wendouree, BALLARAT

"Relationships Are Gold"

Join us for talks by Fr Brian Traynor, Sr Karen, Tim Horlock, testimonies by FG members, relaxed discussions and Mass.

Lunch provided – No cost

RSVP by 7th March to Trish – pfgm.victas@gmail.com

(Please advise dietary requirements)

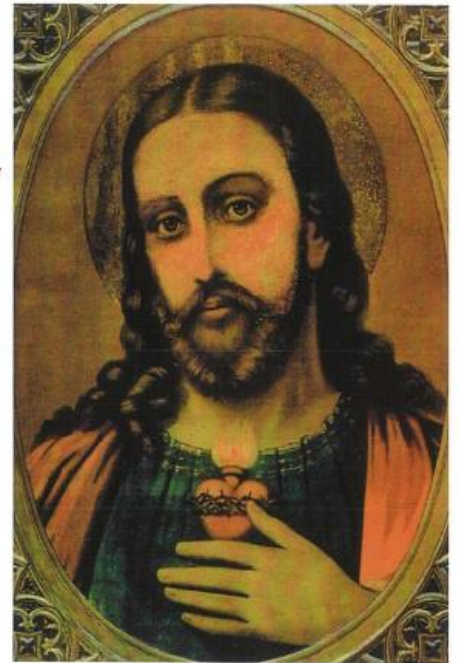
Touch of Heaven
ALAN AMES MINISTRY

A UNIQUE FAITH FILLED
EXPERIENCE OF THE HEALING
POWER OF OUR LORD

10 FEBRUARY | DONCASTER
11 FEBRUARY | ROWVILLE
12 FEBRUARY | LAVERTON

"I had breathing problems and had to use 2 inhalers - one twice a day and one once a day. After Alan prayed with me I no longer use my inhalers. This can only be a miracle!"

- MARIE-THERESE



Tuesday 10 February 2026

ST GREGORY THE GREAT
71 Williamsons Rd
Doncaster Vic 3108

Wednesday 11 February 2026

ST SIMON THE APOSTLE
2 Taylors Lane
Rowville Vic 3178

Thursday 12 February 2026

ST MARTIN DE PORRES
13-25 Bellin Street
Laverton Vic 3028

6:30pm: Rosary

7:00pm: Mass followed by Alan Ames talk and healing ministry.

(The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evenings)

ALAN AMES has visited approximately 40 countries and will speak of his dramatic conversion from a life of alcoholism and violence to one that is now deeply prayerful and sacramental.

Alan's healing ministry has resulted in hundreds of healings and conversions throughout the world.



Enquiries, please contact: Bernadette O'Hanlon | 0407 007 708 or Divine Mercy Publications 03 9830 4386

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 31st JANUARY & 1st FEBRUARY

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne
- Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Jeanelle Mendonca
- Sun 9:30am: Mark Keating

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Carlos
- Sun 9:30am: Lukas, Antony & Daniel

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Lily, Meagan & Nick
- Sun 9:30am: Zayne, Constance & Zach

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 5: Geoff Mullane David Sowersby & Claire Davis

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Gill Beckford & James Beckford
- Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne
- Sun 9:30am: Nan Perreau

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Cruz, Sliva & Perreau

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 31st JANUARY & 1st FEBRUARY

READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon
- Sun 8am: Paul O'Connor
- 11:15am: Tehani Fernando

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Marie De Krester
- Sun 8am: Harry Martin
- 11:15am: Carmel Nigro

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Nick Soo
- Sun 8am: Frank Smit
- 11:15am: Amor Grabkowski

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 6pm:
- Sun 11:15am: Aloysius & Adele

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 4: Cheryl Manders, Verna Carter & Bernard Morley

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon
- Sun 8am: **Volunteer Needed**
- Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 7th FEBRUARY AT 10AM:

Group 5: Bernard O'Haloran, Alfredo Weeny, Shonita Naneo & Daniella Taranto

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

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MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 24th JANUARY & 25th JANUARY

First Reading:

[Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3](#)

Second Reading:

[1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 4:12-23](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 31st JANUARY & 1st FEBRUARY

First Reading:

[Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13](#)

Second Reading:

[1 Corinthians 1:26-31](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

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: 0421 907 112 or
Mario: 0421 907 061

NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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