



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

Web: www.sspp.org.au

Phone: 03 9842 1480

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A, 29th & 30th NOVEMBER 2025

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

LIGHTING THE CANDEL OF HOPE

Advent is a season of waiting, preparation, and anticipation. On the First Sunday of Advent, we light the Candle of Hope, the first of the four candles on the Advent wreath. This candle reminds us that the coming of Christ brings hope into our lives and into the world.

Just as the prophets of old spoke of a Saviour who would bring light to darkness, we too are called to place our hope in God's promises. The flame of the candle reminds us that even in times of uncertainty or struggle, God's light and faithfulness shine through, guiding us forward with hope.

In our daily lives, this hope calls us to trust in God's plan, to be patient, and to remain vigilant. It is an invitation to prepare our hearts and minds, not just for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas, but for His presence in our lives every day. Lighting the Candle of Hope encourages us to hold fast to God's promises and to share His hope with others through acts of love, kindness, and compassion. As we light this first candle, let us pray for the courage to live with hope, to trust in God's timing, and to carry His light into the world around us.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

Toan.nguyen@cam.org.au

Supporting Priest: Fr Kevin Dillon

Frkdillon@outlook.com.au

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

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Our Lady of the Pines Parish

BSB: 083 347

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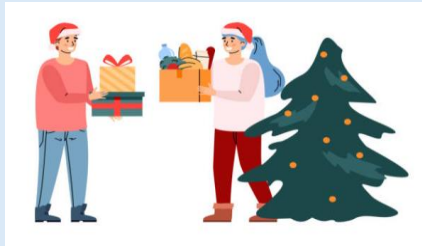


OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS HAMPER MASS 7TH DECEMBER

A reminder that the Hamper Mass is next weekend. The Hamper Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 7th December. Hampers can also be brought to the Church on Saturday 6th December – 5 p.m. Mass. Don't forget to include a Christmas Card in your Hamper with the following wording (or similar): From the Parishioners of Our Lady of the Pines Church, Donvale.

For any queries, please contact Janet Goodwin on 0415204498 or Clare Williams on 0419898490



PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

WANTED!!!

Shepherd and four sheep seeking a new home.

Preferably a stable or Christmas tree.

Currently residing at the Piety Gift Stall.

Willing to attend open for inspections before and after weekend masses.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for the Prizes will be sold from this weekend for the wonderful prizes, as well as craft items, preserves and some plants.

They will be available at the Saturday evening Mass, as well as Sunday Morning.

This is the final fundraising event for the year - all prizes and goods are donated from part of the proceeds for the Parish's needs.

Fundraising Committee

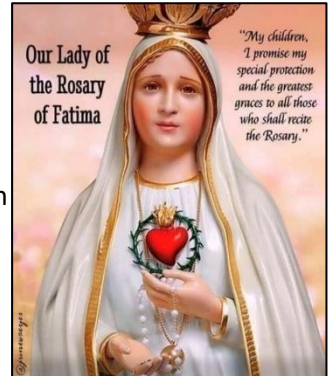
Ss PETERS AND PAULS PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER

Join us **Sunday, 14th December** for our Parish Christmas **Gathering at 11:15am mass**. We're holding a Christmas Raffle and welcome gift donations. Please drop off wrapped, labelled gifts (gender & age if possible) at the Parish Office. Your generosity makes our celebration special!

COME AND PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

Starting this Advent from the **weekend of 29 November**, we invite you to join our parish community in praying the Holy Rosary as we seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for peace in our hearts, our families, and the world. **Please arrive 20 minutes before weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:40pm, and Sunday at 7:40am and 10:55am.**



SSPP ONE IN A HUNDRED APPEAL 2025-26:

NOVEMBER UPDATE

Contributions since July have approached \$5,000, with a \$10,000 target by 30 June—a mighty challenge! Can Sr Trudy count on our continued support for the Notre Dame de Sion Education Fund, which has made a difference for over 20 years? There's still an opportunity for a generous Christmas gift.

Account details:

SS PETER & PAUL'S SOCIAL JUSTICE

BSB 083-347 Account No. 473008563

Thanks, on behalf of Sr Trudy and myself,
Harry Martin (Mob. 0421 770 498)

SS PETER & PAUL'S PARISH COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Our Parish Community Garage Sale will be held on **Sunday, 7 December, following the 8:00 am and 11:15 am Masses**. Thank you to everyone who has already donated! The final day for drop-offs at the Parish Office is 30 November 2025. EFTPOS will be available on the day, and all purchased items must be taken home as delivery is not offered. We look forward to a great community day and appreciate your support.



2026 MINISTRY ROSTERS

The new ministry rosters for 2026 have been finalised. **Copies are available in the Narthex for collection.** You may notice some empty slots on certain rosters—if you attend that Mass and are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office. Your support is most welcome and greatly valued.

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

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH:

Saturday 29th November at 5pm Mass: The Dziedzic Family, Friends and Relatives and Thomas & Barbara Fennell, Sheelagh Wilkerrin, Sean Fennell, Eoin, Mary Crowley, Stephen Kenshole, Irene Mendonca, Rita Dantes, Gratian Noronha

Sunday 30th November at 9:30am Mass: Constance Maud, Harry Abramham, Lalishimi, Rajanic, Laurance Abeywadene, Mamjue, Walter Pathirana, Frances, Fredrick, Joseph, Terrance, Denis, Dinesh Silva, Nimali Melva Perera, Gerald Felix, Bernie, Aunty Sita & Jeff Felix, Aunty Edra, Manel, Judiva, Uncle Jsierogl & Dr Boeju

Ss PETER AND PAULS PARISH

Sunday 30th November at 8am Mass: Kamath Family, Cross Family, La Porte Family, Bruce Family, Coleman Family, Bellett Family & Charles Cross



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For more information: view our [2026 Prospectus](#) or
registrar@ctc.edu.au

Holding the Light

An Ecumenical Service
Remembering Victims and Survivors
of Family Violence

5pm, Wed 3 December 2025

Wesley Church, Melbourne & online

SMALL BUSINESSES
WE WANT YOU!

Join us at St Peter and Paul's
Doncaster East Christmas Party
14th December!

If you have a small business and
would like to have a stall
please contact
Marija at sspsocial@hotmail.com
to enquire

JUBILEE YEAR MASS AT THE OUR LADY OF LA VANG SHRINE

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, we warmly invite parishioners from our partner parishes of **Our Lady of the Pines** and **St Peter & Paul's** to join **Father Toan** who will be leading the Mass at **Our Lady of La Vang Shrine** on **Saturday, 20 December at 9:00am.**

Address: **225 Hutton Rd, Keysborough**

We come together as parish communities to celebrate and reflect with grace and gratitude on the year that has passed, and to look with hope toward the year ahead



2025 CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

A Season of Joy

PARTNER PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF THE PINES & Ss PETER & PAUL

Dates	ST PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH 23 Leeds St, Doncaster East VIC 3109	OUR LADY OF THE PINES' CHURCH 77 Carbine St, Donvale VIC 3111
Sunday, 14 th December	11:15am: SSPP Parish Christmas Gathering (Carols, children's activities, Raffles, foods and more)	
Tues, 16 th December	7:00pm: 2 nd Rites of Reconciliation	
Wed, 24 th December CHRISTMAS EVE	5:30pm: Carols & Children's Nativity 6:00pm: Mass 11:30pm: Carols - Midnight Mass	5:30pm: Carols & Children's Nativity 6:00pm: Mass
Thurs, CHRISTMAS DAY	10:30am: Carols 11:00am: Mass	9:00am: Carols 9:30am: Mass
NEW YEAR'S EVE (Wednesday)	7:00pm: Thanksgiving Adoration 8:00pm: End of Year Thanksgiving Mass	
NEW YEAR'S DAY (Thurs)	9:00am: Mass (MARY, the Holy Mother of God – Solemnity)	

ADVENT RETREAT AT ST DOMINIC'S- **Saturday, 13 December**

Join us for a day-long Advent Retreat on the theme *"She was conceived by the Holy Spirit."*

When: 9:00 am Mass to 4–5 pm Adoration, Confession & Benediction

Where: St Dominic's Parish, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell

Cost: \$20 (includes morning/afternoon tea & lunch)

Register:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DHPYF>

Contact:

pastoral.associate@stdominics.org.au

CHRISTMAS MASS VOLUNTEERS

Our Christmas Mass volunteer lists are now available! If you'd like to help with any ministries or roles during the Christmas celebrations, please sign up. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps ensure our liturgies run smoothly this special season.

ROSTERS	
OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 6 th DECEMBER & 7 th DECEMBER	Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 6 th DECEMBER & 7 th DECEMBER
READERS: - Sat 5pm: James Beckford - Sun 9:30am: Anna Basa COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Mary Wynack - Sun 9:30am: Leonard Healy AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Maria and Lyn - Sun 9:30am: Leonard Healy ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Nick, Alex & Tiana - Sun 9:30am: Constance, Zayne & Madelyn MONEY COUNTING: - Group 6: Marie Christensen, Chris Haswell & Joan McDonald WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Nicole & Carlos Cordeiro - Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago & Sue Separovic PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Gillian Beckford - Sun 9:30am: Sue Keating HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Luttick, Howell, Argaet & Mack	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: Chloe - Sun 11:15am: Kayan Fernando MONEY COUNTING: - Group 1: George Cooper, Greg Sleeth & John Mirams COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon - Sun 8am: Harry Martin - Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro & Volunteer CLEANING ROSTER FOR 13th DECEMBER AT 10AM: Group 1: Michelle Kuek, Chris Boag, Eileen Fong & Zennie Brun
WE PRAY FOR THE SICK	
AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH Peter England	AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH
WE PRAY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL & THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED	
AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH Tessie Briffa	AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH Frank Prendergast
MASS READINGS	
THIS WEEKEND READINGS 29th NOVEMBER & 30th NOVEMBER First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14 Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44	NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 6th DECEMBER & 7th DECEMBER First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12
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.	