



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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 18th APRIL & 19th APRIL 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

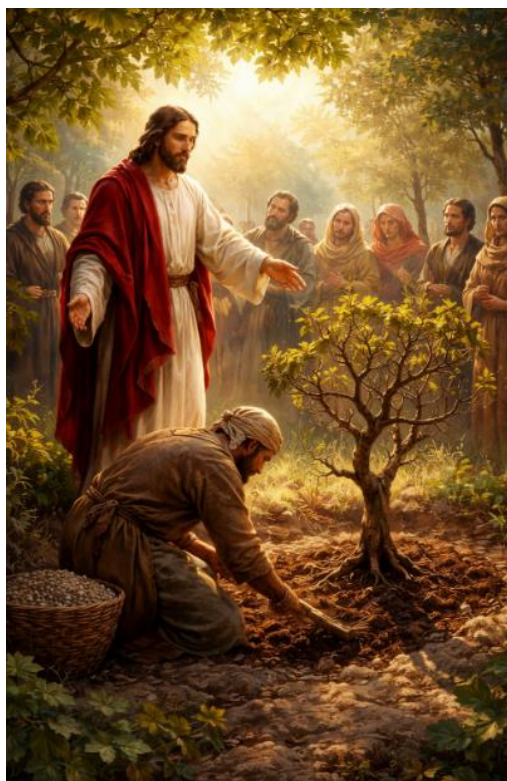
The Third Sunday of Easter invites us into deeper conversion as we continue our journey toward Easter.

In the Gospel, Jesus Christ calls us to repentance, reminding us that we are not to judge others but to examine our own hearts and turn back to God.

Through the parable of the barren fig tree, we are shown both God's justice and His patience. He gives us time, grace, and every opportunity to bear fruit in our lives.

This Sunday emphasizes that conversion is urgent yet always met with mercy. As we reflect, we are encouraged to let go of sin, grow in faith, and respond to God's loving call with action.

It is a moment to realign our lives with His will, trusting that He nurtures us with care and desires our transformation, not our condemnation.



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

Act No:

643843933

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Our Lady of the Pines Parish

BSB: 083 347

Act No:

647620921

or QR Code:



OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – REMINDER

Parishioners are warmly reminded of our upcoming Annual General Meeting. This will be a brief report to 31 Dec 2025.

Location: Our Lady of the Pines

Date: Sunday, 26 April

Time: Following the 9:30am Mass

All parishioners are encouraged to attend. The AGM is an important opportunity to reflect on the life of our parish, hear updates, and contribute to future planning.

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

A BIBLICAL HERBAL by Australian author Blair Montague-Drake, is a fascinating A to Z of herbs and spices. The author lists each herb or spice with its appearance in the Bible, its history through the ages and its medicinal properties in present times. This book would make a great gift for gardeners, a welcome addition to a cook's library and the perfect Mother's Day gift. Copies are still available at the Piety Gift Stall.



TUTORING AVAILABLE

One of our young Parishioners is offering tutoring for:

- Primary and high school students
- VCE Chemistry
- Mathematics (including Methods and Specialist)
- Physics
- VCE English

Available **in person or online**.

For enquiries, please contact:

Antony – 0477 155 989

LAST CHANCE – YACHT ROCK REVIVAL THIS SUNDAY!

This is your final reminder to secure your tickets for the **Yacht Rock Revival** event happening this Sunday afternoon!

Join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon filled with the smooth sounds of the 70s and 80s, great company, and a vibrant parish atmosphere. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to come together and enjoy some fantastic live music.

Bookings: David Sowerby – 0419 311 775

Roy Tavener – 0439 688 803

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – REMINDER

Parishioners are warmly reminded of our upcoming Annual General Meeting. This will be a brief report to 31 Dec 2025.

Location: St. Peter and Paul's

Date: Sunday, 24 May

Time: 9:00am – 10:30am

All parishioners are encouraged to attend. The AGM is an important opportunity to reflect on the life of our parish, hear updates, and contribute to future planning.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PARISH SUPPORT

With Autumn now upon us, leaves are falling around the Church. While seasonal, they can become messy and, when wet, quite slippery and dangerous.

We are seeking volunteers who may be able to assist with sweeping on **Saturday mornings at 9:30am**. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



We are also currently in need of additional volunteers, following the retirement of one of our Communion Ministers, and we continue to seek support for Audio Visual at our Masses.

If you can assist in any of these areas, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish community.

YOUTH GROUP MASS & ANZAC SERVICE

Our parish will be hosting our next **Youth Group Mass** on Sunday 26th April at the 11:15am Mass.

All are warmly invited to attend and support our young parishioners as they take part in the celebration.

If you would like to be involved, please see Sharon, our Youth Group Leader or get in touch with the Parish Office for more information.

After Communion, we will also hold a brief **ANZAC Service** led by Father Dillon, with a representative from the Doncaster RSL joining us for this time of remembrance.

FUNERAL NOTICE

We wish to advise that the Funeral Mass for Pergiorgio Boin will be held on Friday 24th April at 11:00am at St Peter & Paul's Church.

We keep Pergiorgio and his family in our prayers during this time, asking that they be comforted and strengthened in the days ahead.

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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2026

We are pleased to announce that preparation for the **Sacrament of First Eucharist** will soon begin for children in both **St Peter & Paul's Parish (SSPP)** and **Our Lady of the Pines (OLOP)**.

This is a special time in the faith journey of our children as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. We ask our parish community to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

St Peter & Paul's Parish (SSPP) - Preparation classes Sundays:

3 May, 10 May, 17 May, 24 May, 31 May, 14 June, 21 June, 19 July, 26 July, 2 August

First Holy Communion Mass:

Sunday 23 August 2026

Our Lady of the Pines (OLOP) - Preparation classes Mondays:

1 June, 15 June, 22 June, 13 July, 20 July, 27 July, 3 August, 10 August, 17 August, 24 August

First Eucharist Mass:

Sunday 30 August at 11:30am

If you would like to register your child for the Sacrament of First Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office.

Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal

Over 780,000 people are displaced due to conflict. Your support can help provide essential support.

DONATE NOW
caritas.org.au/Lebanon



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CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

19 April (Third Sunday of Easter)

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION

The annual May information session for the Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men (aged 30–50s) who feel called to serve as ordained ministers in the Church. It's also a valuable opportunity for anyone, including past attendees, to further discern their vocation. Wives are warmly welcome. To attend, email Deacon Kevin Pattison at Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with your name and parish or simply come along on the day.

Event Details

Date: Saturday 2 May 2025

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Venue: Catholic Theological College **Address:** 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25th APRIL & 26th APRIL

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Jame Beckford
- Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Mary Wynack
- Sun 9:30am: Corrine Ng

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Gabrielle & Ryan
- Sun 9:30am: Bruce Stewart

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Alex, Emily & Tiana
- Sun 9:30am: Zayne, Porscha & Zach

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 8: Sue Separovic, Chris Healy & Bruce Stewart

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Rose Tavenor & Roy Tavenor
- Sun 9:30am: Chris Ng & Suzanne Keating

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Gillian Beckford
- Sun 9:30am: Sue Keating

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Christensen, Nolan & McDonald

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25th APRIL & 26th APRIL

READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Lia Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Chris Boag
- 11:15am: Youth Mass

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Larra Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- 11:15am: Youth Mass

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Andrew Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Greg Sleeth
- 11:15am: Youth Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 6pm:
- Sun 11:15am:

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 1: George Cooper, Greg Sleeth & John Mirams

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Loraine Lednar
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- Sun 11:15am: Anna Fabris & Verna Carter

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 2nd MAY AT 10AM:

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

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH

Emmy Oakley & Glenda Haswell

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

Pergiorgio Boin, Dorothy Merriweather

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS

18th APRIL & 19th APRIL

First Reading:

[Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33](#)

Second Reading:

[1 Peter 1:17-21](#)

Gospel:

[Luke 24:13-35](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS

25th APRIL & 26th APRIL

First Reading:

[Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41](#)

Second Reading:

[1 Peter 2:20-25](#)

Gospel:

[John 10:1-10](#)

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.