



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 17th & 18th OCTOBER 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: 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

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

"Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

In this week's Gospel, the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus by questioning whether it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus responds by reminding them that while we have responsibilities in the world, our ultimate loyalty belongs to God.

This Gospel invites us to reflect on how we balance our everyday commitments with our faith. Do we allow worldly concerns to overshadow our relationship with God? Created in God's image, we are called to reflect his love through our actions, choices and relationships. By living with honesty, compassion and generosity, we honour God and place him at the centre of our lives.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Maria C. & Suzanna P

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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Our Lady of the Pines Parish

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647620921

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OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

October is the month of the **rosary** and the gift stall has a selection of lovely rosaries to enhance your prayer journey. This week we are showcasing these beautiful, elegant rosaries (pictured below). All rosary purchases go towards our *OLOP fundraising*. Columbian calendars are also available at the stall.



CATHOLICARE CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL – JUST A FEW FAMILIES LEFT

A heartfelt thank you once again to our generous parishioners who have put their hands up to support one of the 50 families in need this Christmas. Thanks to your wonderful response, we now have only a handful of families still awaiting support. We encourage anyone who hasn't yet participated to consider taking on a hamper. You might even like to join forces with another parishioner to share the giving, particularly for one of our larger families. Family lists and Hamper Guidelines are available in the church foyer. Completed hampers can be brought to the **5:00pm Mass on Saturday, 5 December, or the Hamper Mass on Sunday, 6 December**. For enquiries, please contact **Janet Goodwin (0415 204 498)** or **Clare Williams (0419 898 490)**.

Damian Howard and the Ploughboys

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

1 pm start
Our Lady of the Pines
Carbine St. Donvale

THIS SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Get your last-minute tickets
and enjoy an entertaining
Sunday afternoon

\$50 per head
BYO food & nibbles
Drinks at bar prices
No BYO liquor - 18+ only

To book contact:
David Sowersby 0419311775
Geoff Mullane 0409148144
Roy Tavenor 0439668803

One of Australia's top Celtic festival bands to perform live - right here in Donvale

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE

Our next luncheon will be held this coming **Wednesday 21st October at 12.30pm** at a **new venue - BBQ-K (your Korean BBQ) at 916A Doncaster Road**, Doncaster East just near the Salvation Army Op-Shop. Everyone is welcome. If interested, please ring Muriel on 0417 055 617 to book a place.



1 IN 100 APPEAL CONTINUES TO RECEIVE SUPPORT

In addition to the Transfer of **\$8,300** sent on 1st September we are grateful for the further **\$940** we have received since. There have also been four offers of contributions to come which we would be pleased to have included via direct deposit, or in envelopes addressed to the Appeal and included in a weekend collection with name and address. The total extends the collection for 2025/26, but we move on then to year ended 30 June 2027 and hope you will keep the Appeal moving forward for the year now with us. Please note that Sister Trudy's talk has now been uploaded to our website.



YOU'RE INVITED

Back to SS PETER & PAUL'S

Sunday 8th 11:15am November, 2026

Join us for Mass, followed by a community celebration in our school's courtyard! Enjoy a BBQ, browse our memory display, and take a stroll through the school buildings.

We'd love to have you here as we come together to celebrate the heart of our wonderful school community!



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



	OUR LADY OF THE PINES	Ss PETER AND PAUL
Sick:		Paul O'Connor
Recently Deceased		Jeane Mander, Diane Greene
Anniversaries	Jim Catalano, Mile Rukavina, Zorka & Tome Bobinac	Mark Murray, Francesco Ziino

*To ensure the lists remain accurate, please **advise the Parish Office by Wednesday** of the week you would like a name included. Names will not be carried forward unless we are advised to do so. Anniversaries will need to be advised annually.*

CAN YOU HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE?

For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. In recent years, generous supporters have donated several motor vehicles of varying value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates or vehicles that are no longer required. Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways, e.g. counselling, rent, utilities, and other domestic and personal necessities.

You could help this important work simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating a motor vehicle, if possible, in roadworthy or near-roadworthy condition, which, for whatever reason, is no longer required. For more information, please contact:

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Damian Coyne

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OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is traditionally dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, a special time when we are invited to turn to Mary and, through her intercession, draw closer to her Son, Jesus. Throughout October, we invite parishioners to join us in praying the Rosary together:

Our Lady of the Pines

- Following the **9:00am weekday Masses**
- **Sunday at 9:00am**

Ss Peter & Paul's

- Following the **9:00am weekday Masses**
- **Saturday at 5:35pm**
- **Sunday at 7:35am and 10:50am**

Whether you pray the Rosary regularly or have not prayed it for some time, you are warmly encouraged to join our parish community during this special month as we entrust our families, our parish and the needs of our world to Our Lady's intercession.



Please join me in praying for the Holy Father's recovery and healing. May the Lord's tender and merciful love provide every peace, comfort and consolation. And may our Blessed Mother be ever close to him, carrying him in her gentle care.

2026 Remembrance Masses



Our 2026 Remembrance Masses will be held at
Our Lady of the Pines at 5pm on Saturday evening November 7th
and 9.30am on Sunday morning 8th November.

All are welcome and we would love you to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and light a candle in their memory.

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 24th OCTOBER & 25th OCTOBER

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Maria Carey
- Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Peter Given
- Sun 9:30am: Mark Keating

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Gabrielle
- Sun 9:30am: Daniel

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Nick, Lily & Alex
- Sun 9:30am: Rosa, Alden & Marcus

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 7: Mirella Drago, Buford Ng & Jack Deady

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Joanne & Godwin Bonavia

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertuola
- Sun 9:30am: Janet Goodwin

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Williams, Symons & McBride

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 24th OCTOBER & 25th OCTOBER

READERS:

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

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Josie Lim
- Sun 8am: Saliya Gurusinghe
- Sun 11:15am: Youth Mass

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Volunteer
- Sun 8am: Greg Sleeth
- Sun 11:15am: Youth Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 6pm: Sun 11:15am:

ROSARY LEADERS:

- Sat 6pm: Kaushi
- Sun 8am: Ron
- Sun 11:15am: Jacqui

PILGRIM STATUE:

- Amit Cruz

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 2: Imelda Sutanto, Elaine Edwards & Patrick Martin

COMMUNION MINISTER:

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

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 31 October: Group 6: Julian Siame, Monica Chai, Patrick Martin, Sebastian Fernando, Ann Fernando, Kim & Hans Osorio

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 17th OCTOBER & 18th OCTOBER

First Reading: [Isaiah 45:1.4-6](#)

Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 22:15-21](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 25th OCTOBER & 25th OCTOBER

First Reading: [Exodus 22:20-26](#)

Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 1:5-10](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

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Electrical services and Data or Phone
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0421907112 or Mario: 0421 907 061

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Call Steven: 0400 999 502

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Call Teemu: 0475 270 009
Website: [www.crunchelectrical .com.au](http://www.crunchelectrical.com.au)

NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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