



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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Tuesday to Friday

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9am—3pm

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 25th & 26th OCTOBER 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

REMINDER: PARISH WORKING BEES – PREPARING FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

As we look ahead to the joy of Christmas, both parishes will be holding Working Bees to help prepare our churches and grounds for the festive season.

Our Lady of the Pines (OLOP):

Saturday, 29 November at 9:00am

Ss Peter and Paul's (SsPP):

Saturday, 29 November at 9:30am

A volunteer sign-up sheet will soon be available in the **parish foyer/narthex**. We warmly invite everyone to lend a hand—many hands make light work, and it's a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit together!



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of two men who went to the Temple to pray — a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee proudly thanked God that he was not like other sinners and boasted about all the good things he did. The tax collector, however, stood at a distance, humbly asking God for mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus explains that it was the humble tax collector, not the proud Pharisee, who went home right with God. This parable reminds us that God values humility and sincerity of heart more than pride or outward appearances.

We are reminded to be humble in our faith and not to judge others. God hears the prayers of those who come to Him with honesty, humility, and a genuine heart. Instead of comparing ourselves to others, we should focus on growing closer to God and recognising our need for His mercy.

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 & Orene

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:

Communium 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

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - HAMPER MASS 7TH DECEMBER

We have had an amazing response this year, and all the Hampers have now been allocated. We are so grateful to all the generous parishioners of our Parish. Commencing in November there will be a box in the foyer for donations of groceries. These will be given to CatholicCare to support other families in need.

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



SUPERDRAW WINNER!

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st prize \$4,000 - Chris Healy

2nd prize \$300 - Jo Anne Chen

3rd prize \$200 - Jill Smith

Thank you for everyone who purchased a number.

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

The Piety Gift Stall has brought in a range of gifts for Christmas which will be available from this Sunday. There are gifts suitable for Christmas hampers and for parishioners travelling overseas to visit loved ones. We also have handmade Christmas cards and our Vinnies card packs. Don't forget your Columban calendars and our 30% off sale on selected rosaries.



SAVE THE DATE

Join us on Sunday, 23 November at 1.00pm for a special event featuring a guest speaker – a well-known Victorian identity! Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired and connect with our community. More details to come soon!

ITALIAN FESTA

A great afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended, music and food were terrific. Please to say a profit of \$2,771 was made on the day

- Social/Fundraising committee

Ss PETERS AND PAULS PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES



We would like to welcome the following Families who are having their children baptised this weekend:

- * Billie Eve Long, child of Xavier and Stephanie with Godparents Amy & Nicholas
- * Alexander and Theodore Khoury children of Travis and Deanna with Godparents Michael and Catarina

NEW CHURCH DOORS INSTALLED

We're pleased to share that our new church doors have now been installed!

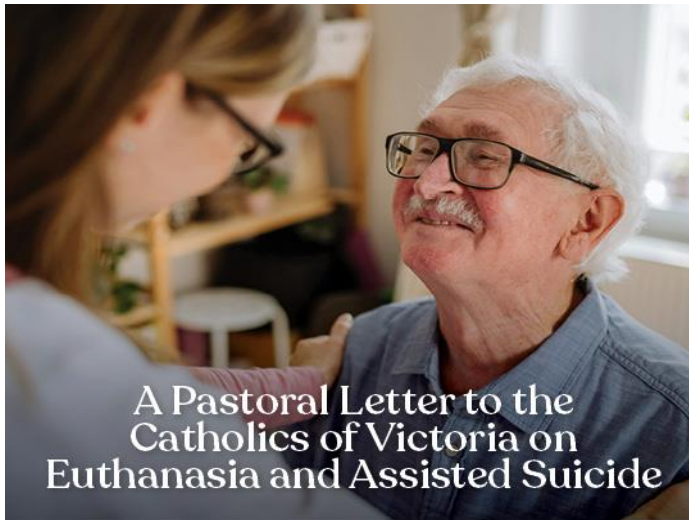
Our sincere thanks go to the kind generosity of Minh Nguyen from Maribyrnong, a friend of Father Toan, whose support made this improvement possible. The new doors are not only more aesthetically pleasing, enhancing the overall appearance of our church, but they also ensure full compliance with current safety standards.

To ensure everyone's safety, the doors—being clear glass—will soon have a visible marker added. This symbol, currently being prepared, will feature a cross and the Parish name, helping to prevent accidental collisions while also reflecting our faith and community identity.

Please note that the **key to the Church door has now been changed**. To obtain a new key for access, please visit the Parish office, where we will replace your existing key with the updated one.



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



A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



UPDATE – NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

At *Sts Peter & Paul's*, we will celebrate these important feasts in the first week of November:

- Please note **All Saints Day Mass** will be celebrated on **Saturday 1 November at 9am**.
- Both the **Saturday Vigil (6PM)** and **Sunday, 2 November All Masses** will celebrate **All Souls Day**.

We invite you to bring a photo of a loved one(s) to any of the All Souls Day Masses

Our Lady of the Pines will observe Remembrance Day on the weekend of 8–9 November at all Masses.

You are warmly invited to bring a photo of your loved one(s) to the Remembrance Masses, as we come together in prayer and remembrance for those who have gone before us.

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please use the Mass Intention envelope found in your Thanksgiving pack or available in the foyer/narthex.

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blessings & celebrations

**29th
November
2025
3-6pm**

Our Lady of Lourdes
631 High St, Prahran VIC 3181

\$15 TICKETS
CATERED BY HAP CAFE

CELEBRATE BEING A YOUNG, CATHOLIC
WOMAN THROUGH THE MASS, INSPIRING
STORIES, FRIENDSHIP, FORMATION &
DANCE.

FOLLOW @M.EDITATIO ON INSTAGRAM
OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE
DETAILS & TICKETS.



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FR ROZO PALIC – HEALING SERVICE

Fr Rozo Palic, a priest from the Diocese of Clonmel, Ireland, will visit **Sts Peter & Paul's Parish on Friday, 31st October at 7.00pm**.

Fr Rozo is known for his healing ministry, which has touched many lives across Europe, America, Canada and Australia. He is the founder of the *Brotherhood of the Triune Love* and the *Perpetual Adorers of the Holy Trinity* community in Trieste, Italy, and has written several books based on Scripture.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact **Bernadette O'Hanlon** on **0407 007 708** or ohanlon@bigpond.net.au.



ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 1st NOVEMBER & 2nd NOVEMBER

READERS:

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

COMMENTATORS:

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

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Maria & Lyn
- Sun 9:30am: Leonard Healy

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Nick, Emily & Zayne
- Sun 9:30am: Rosa, Madelyn & Alden

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 1: Mark Keating, Vina Pena & Teresina Yung

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Christian & Geoff Lowry
- Sun 9:30am: Chris Healy

PIETY STALL:

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

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Mullane, Casey & Bonavia

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 1st NOVEMBER & 2nd NOVEMBER

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 1st NOVEMBER AT 10AM:

Group 4: Lucille Young, Diane Neubecker, Anniesha Silva & Nancy Yeo

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

Rosina Primerano

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 25th OCTOBER & 26th OCTOBER

First Reading:

[Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18](#)

Second Reading:

[2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18](#)

Gospel:

[Luke 18:9-14](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 1st NOVEMBER & 2nd NOVEMBER

First Reading:

[Job 19:1. 23-27](#)

Second Reading:

[Romans 5:5-11](#)

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.