



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

9am—3pm

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 11th APRIL & 12th 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrates the overflowing mercy of God revealed through the risen Jesus.

In the Gospel, Christ appears to His disciple's bringing peace and giving them the authority to forgive sins, showing that His Resurrection is not only a victory over death but a gift of reconciliation and healing. The encounter with Thomas reminds us that even in our doubts, we are invited to deeper faith, proclaiming with trust, "My Lord and my God." Rooted in the message of Divine Mercy entrusted to St. Faustina, this Sunday calls us to believe that no sin is greater than God's love, to receive His forgiveness with open hearts, and to extend that same mercy to others. It is a continuation of Easter joy, reminding us that Christ meets us where we are with compassion, peace, and the promise of new life.

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

As we conclude our Easter celebrations, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our entire parish communities.

Throughout Holy Week, we were blessed with truly beautiful and prayerful liturgies. These celebrations do not happen on their own but are the result of the quiet dedication and generosity of so many people working behind the scenes. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our ministries and volunteers who contributed in any way. Your commitment and service helped create a reverent and uplifting experience for all who gathered to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and continued support of our parishes

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr Toan

PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

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Toan.nguyen@cam.org.au

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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

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

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – REMINDER

A reminder that our Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 26th April following the 9:30am Mass**. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to stay and attend. We hope to see you there.

YACHT ROCK REVIVAL

Join *Yacht Rock Revival* on Sunday, 19th April from 1pm at Our Lady of the Pines, Carbine St, Donvale. Entry is \$50 per person (18+ only). BYO food, with drinks available at bar prices.

Bookings:

David Sowersby – 0419 311 775

Roy Tavenor – 0439 668 803



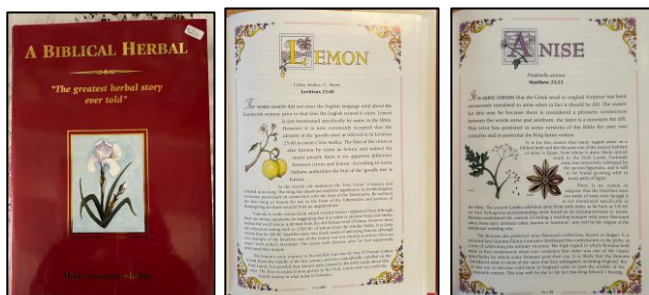
Join one of Melbourne's newest and hottest revival bands recreating the music of Toto, The Doobie Bros, Huey Lewis, Steely Dan, Billy Ocean and more

Bookings:
David Sowersby 0419311775
Roy Tavenor 0439668803

Sunday 19th April from 1pm
Our Lady of the Pines, Carbine St, Donvale
\$50 per head (18 yrs + only)
BYO food & drinks at bar prices

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

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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.

NEXT LADIES LUNCH GATHERING

All ladies are warmly invited to our next Ladies Lunch, which will be held at East Alley, 30 Tunstall Square, Donvale on **Wednesday 13 May at 12:30pm**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in friendship, enjoy a relaxed meal, and connect with one another in a welcoming and social setting.

If you would like more information or wish to attend, please contact Muriel on **0417 055 617**. We look forward to sharing this lovely afternoon with you.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

We warmly welcome all those who have recently joined our parish family—those who have been baptised, those returning to the Church, and those who have come to us from other Christian traditions. It is a joy to have you among us. Your presence enriches our community, and we are grateful to walk this journey of faith together. May you feel at home here, supported in faith, friendship, and fellowship. We look forward to growing together as one community in Christ.

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



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

MELBOURNE SYNOD: TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission was held on Thursday 9 April.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- Listening with an open heart to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.
- Engaging in meaningful conversation, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.
- Strengthening our sense of communion, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.
- Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

We will keep you informed as any information arises. If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au

LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE IN LOVE. A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND IS A GIFT FOR EVERY MARRIED COUPLE

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. **Our next weekend is just a few weeks away. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: April 24 - 26th at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.**

November 6 - 8th. St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: [wwme.org.au](https://www.wwme.org.au)

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 18th APRIL & 19th APRIL

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertuola
- Sun 9:30am: Maya Chhajer

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Vanessa White
- Sun 9:30am: Vince Taranto

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Carlos
- Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Lily, Alex & Nick
- Sun 9:30am: Constance, Tiana & Alden

MONEY COUNTING:

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

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Oswald Mendonca
- Sun 9:30am: Chris Healy

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Vanessa White
- Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Cruz, Silva & Perreau

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18th APRIL & 19th APRIL

READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Patrick Soosay
- Sun 8am: Muriel O'Gorman
- 11:15am: Vince Taranto

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Katrina Chong
- Sun 8am: Frank Smit
- 11:15am: John Mirams

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Lia/Andrew Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- 11:15am: Volunteer

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 5: Joy Cormack, Lorraine Lednar & Muriel O'Gorman

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Loraine Lednar
- Sun 8am: Muriel O'Gorman
- Sun 11:15am: Albert Ling & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 18th APRIL 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

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Maria Casamento, Annunziata & Giovanni Martello,

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 11th APRIL & 12th APRIL

First Reading:

[Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47](#)

Second Reading:

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Gospel:

[John 20:19-31](#)

NEXT 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](#)

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.