



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A, 4th APRIL & 5th 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

HAPPY EASTER!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Christ is risen, Alleluia!

He is truly risen, Alleluia!

As we gather in the light of Easter, our hearts are lifted by the profound joy and hope that the Resurrection brings. After the solemn journey of Lent and the sorrow of the Cross, we now stand in the radiant promise of new life. Easter reminds us that no darkness is too deep, no burden too heavy, and no sorrow too great that it cannot be transformed by God's love.

In the Resurrection, we see that love conquers fear, light overcomes darkness, and life triumphs over death. This is not only a story from long ago, but also a living truth that continues to shape our lives today. Each of us is invited to rise with Christ: to leave behind what weighs us down, to embrace forgiveness, and to walk forward in renewed faith.

I am deeply grateful for each one of you.

Your faith, your kindness, and your commitment to our parish community. In both joyful and challenging times, we journey together, strengthened by the hope we share in Christ.

May this Easter fill your hearts with peace, your homes with love, and your lives with the grace of new beginnings. Let us carry the light of the Resurrection into the world, becoming witnesses of hope to all we meet.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Toan Nguyen

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12TH APRIL

A reminder to join us at SSPP on Sunday, 12th April, for our Divine Mercy Devotion. The afternoon will begin at 2:00pm with Divine Mercy Adoration and Chaplet, followed by the Divine Mercy Mass at 3:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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Supporting Priest: Fr Kevin Dillon

Frkdillon@outlook.com.au

PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Maria C. & Orene M.

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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

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



Have a smooth Sunday afternoon relaxing to the soft rock of the 70's and 80's

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

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AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOU

We are still seeking volunteers to assist with Audio Visual at our Sunday 9:30am Mass. If you have basic computer skills, we would greatly appreciate your help. The role is simple and involves selecting the next screen and adjusting the volume as needed — full guidance will be provided. As yet, we have not received any volunteers, so your support would make a real difference. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office.

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

Easter is fast approaching and the Piety Gift Stall has a lovely assortment of gifts and handmade religious Easter cards available to purchase. Come by the stall to view the selection before and after weekend masses. All sales go directly to OLOP fundraising.



Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

LADIES LUNCH

The next luncheon will be on 8th April and will be to the Manhattan Hotel in Ringwood for their excellent smorgasbord. The price has risen to \$27 but is good value. All ladies welcome; transport can be arranged. Please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617 if interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always grateful for the many parishioners who generously give their time to support the life of our parish. There are several ways you can become involved, including serving as Readers, Commentators, Audio Visual (AV) operators, or assisting as Money Counters etc. Currently, we have a particular need for volunteers to assist with Audio Visual at our weekend Masses. This role is simple, requires only basic computer skills, and full training will be provided. Your support in this area would greatly assist in ensuring our Masses run smoothly and prayerfully. If you have ever considered becoming more involved in parish life, this is a wonderful opportunity to do so. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office.

SSPP ONE IN ONE HUNDRED APPEAL

Parents and children in Jerusalem and the West Bank are deprived of what we would call a normal life SsPP One in a Hundred Appeal is our means of assisting them! Just want to share with you the latest from Sr Trudy, the content of emails, and one conversation deemed appropriate because of the situation in Jerusalem. The constant sending of missiles day and night meant they have gone down to their Excavation site, their Holy Place, the Lithostrotos, each time the sirens went. The old city was closed for the first week of March. Gatherings are subject to orders from the Israeli High Command – up to 5 people if you live close enough to a shelter. The last few days have been relatively quiet, down below once a night. All religions are praying for justice and peace. Trudy's greatest wish is to be home for a break after Easter. She asks for our prayers for all – Palestinians, Christians, Jews and Moslem. We believe The Lord will care for all! And we hope that planes are flying safely and soon.

SsPP One in a Hundred Appeal for 2025-26 has a current balance of \$A5,727, a long way from the usual \$A10,000 for the year. If you haven't yet contributed or wish to increase yours, use SsPP Social Justice Account: BSB 083-347 Account 473008563. Sr Trudy knows she can call on what we have whenever she chooses.

Thank you everyone for your support in difficult times. Sr Trudy sends her loving thanks and prayers and hopes to meet many of you if her visit eventuates.

Warmest regards and blessings to all,

Harry Martin
Appeal Co-ordinator

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

**2026 LENT & EASTER TIMETABLE
PARTNER PARISHES OF Ss PETER & PAUL
AND OUR LADY OF THE PINES**

DATES	EVENTS	<u>Sts PETER & PAUL' CHURCH</u> 23 Leeds St, Doncaster East	<u>OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH</u> 77 Carbine St, <u>Donvale</u>
12 th April	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	6pm (Saturday) 8am & 11:15am (Sunday) 2pm Divine Mercy Adoration & Chaplet 3pm Divine Mercy Mass	5pm (Saturday) 9:30am (Sunday)

THE SECRET OF THE HOLY FACE AUSTRALIAN TOUR. Fr Lawrence Carney, author of *The Secret of the Holy Face*, has dedicated many years to promoting and teaching this powerful devotion. Fr Carney will share the history, meaning, and spiritual significance of the Holy Face devotion and how simple daily prayers can become a profound act of reparation and renewal in our world. **Melbourne dates:** 26 & 27 April. Flyers in Narthex - 3 locations in Melbourne - (Blackburn North, Mill Park & Caroline Springs). *Free tickets for entry / donations to be collected after talk. Books and merchandise available (cash sales).* Contact: Evelyn Ogilby 0405 156 971

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



Easter Sunday
4 – 5 April 2026

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!



**UNITE AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

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

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

As we enter the Easter season, we are called to grow as a Church that listens, discerns, and walks together. The Synodal Way invites all—clergy, religious, and laity to:

- Listen with open hearts to others
- Engage in respectful, prayerful dialogue
- Strengthen unity in Christ
- Discern how to respond to today's needs

Reflection Question

How can we deepen synodality in our parish?

The Diocesan Synod Commission meets on Thursday 9 April—please keep this in your prayers.

To get involved, email Synod2026@cam.org.au.

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

11th APRIL & 12th APRIL

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne
- Sun 9:30am: Juanita Monahan

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Jeanelle Mendonca
- Sun 9:30am: Patrick Monahan

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa & Jeanelle
- Sun 9:30am: Lukas, Anthony & Daniel

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Zayne, Lily & Porscha
- Sun 9:30am: Constance, Zach & Madelyn

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 6: Marie Christensen, Chris Haswell & Joan McDonald

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Janet Goodwin & Pat Goodwin

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne
- Sun 9:30am: Nan Perreau

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Haswell, Sowersby & Smith

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

11th APRIL & 12th APRIL

READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Diana Ting
- Sun 8am: Suzanna Pilon
- 11:15am: Merlin Cugal

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Stefanie Leman
- Sun 8am: Greg Sleeth
- 11:15am: Michelle Kuek

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Elaine Chong
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- 11:15am: Maryanne Kuek

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 4: Cheryl Manders, Verna Carter & Bernard Morley

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Judith Clark
- Sun 8am: Barbara Gratton
- Sun 11:15am: Nicole Morabito & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 4th 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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MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS

4th APRIL & 5th APRIL

First Reading:

[Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43](#)

Second Reading:

[Colossians 3:1-4](#)

Gospel:

[John 20:1-9](#)

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SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

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Mark's Gardening Service:

Weeding, Mowing, Mulching, Hedging –
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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.