



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 3019
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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 15th & 16th MARCH 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 – Wed 10:15am
SSPP CHARISMATIC GROUP: Tue 7:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross, a time of prayer and reflection on Christ's journey to Calvary.

When: Fridays at 7:30 pm

Where: St Peter & Paul's Parish

We need volunteer readers for the 14 Stations each week. If you can help, please contact the Parish office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENT & EASTER MASSES

Parishioners are invited to volunteer for roles such as AV operators, readers, commentators, and communion ministers. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer, and we encourage you to add your name to help ensure smooth and meaningful liturgies. Thank you for serving our parish community!



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR LENT

Fast from hurting words - and say kind words.

Fast from sadness - and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger- and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism - and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries - and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressure - and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness - and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges - and be reconciled

Fast from words; be silent and listen

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 Carey

Bookkeeping: Kristina Slavec

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

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Our Parish Newsletter of 11/12 January 2024 alerted parishioners to the Archdiocese initiative of Developing a Framework for Parish Renewal. The Newsletter outlined three types of Parishes - Vibrant, Vital and Viable, and provided broad definitions for each.

The ultimate goal is to become a strong parish incorporating all the elements of a flourishing missionary parish. But first we need to assess where our Parish currently fits within these three categories.

It is proposed to develop an approach which, as a first step, facilitates inputs from all parishioners by means of surveys, focus groups and/or SWOT analysis. This will be achieved utilising a small number of volunteers with skills, knowledge and interest in any of these processes. Training and guidance through the process will be provided.

Volunteers are asked to register names and contact details with the Parish office and follow-up will then be made by members of the PPC.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

We are pleased to announce that preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin on Monday, 24th March, from 4:00 – 4:45pm. Classes will continue weekly during Terms 1 and 2.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, 22nd June at St Patrick's Cathedral.

To register your child or for further information, please email the Parish Office at donvale@cam.org.au or call 9842 1480. We look forward to walking with your child as they prepare for this significant sacrament.

RECYCLING OF EMPTY SKINCARE CONTAINERS

Please be advised Terracycle will be closing the free recycling of empty skincare containers at the end of March.

If you are accumulating these at home, please bring them to church before the last weekend of March.

You can leave them in the carton box under the table in the foyer.

Thank you everyone for your assistance on this youth group initiative.

Ss PETERS AND PAULS PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL – JOIN THE MISSION

As we approach Lent, we reflect on our journey together in the *Take the Way of the Gospel* initiative. This mission, inspired by Pope Francis and led by Archbishop Peter, calls us to strengthen and renew parish life.

The key aims are:

- Sharing the Gospel more effectively
- Building vibrant and thriving faith communities
- Collaborating in ministry to support the wider Church

We invite you to be part of this important mission. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact the parish office.

LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP

Next event is Morning Melodies on Seniors Day at Cherry Hill Tavern on Monday, 17 March, from 10:30am, featuring a '50s-'60s show. To book, call Muriel – 0417 055 617.

OUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Our parish team is shrinking, and we need your help!

- **Money Counters** – Assist with collections
- **Readers** – Proclaim the Word at Mass
- **Hospitality & Setup** – Support parish events
- **General Support** – Any time you can give is valued

Every effort counts! To help, contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

SSPP "ONE IN A HUNDRED" MARCH BALANCE

A heartfelt thanks from Sr Trudy and me for surpassing our \$10,000 target, reaching \$11,387—a remarkable achievement in tough times.

Next, we'll navigate Israeli banking to transfer funds to Sr Trudy in Jerusalem for 2025 school fees. Our Education Fund remains open for further contributions to support students in the West Bank and Old City. Let's see what more we can do by 30th June.

Donate via:

- Direct Deposit: SsPP Social Justice Account (BSB: 083-347, A/C: 47300 8563)
- One in a Hundred Envelope: Available at church entrances.

Thanks & God Bless,
Harry Martin (Appeal Coordinator)

CALL FOR SACRISTANS

Help support Father by preparing the Altar and sacred vessels for reverent liturgies. Interested? Contact the Parish Office or speak with Father after Mass. Your service is a blessing to our community!

ANOINTING MASS AT SSPP

The Anointing Mass will be held on April 10 at 11:00 AM. If you know anyone that would benefit from this mass, please invite them to attend. A light lunch will be served afterward. Please note that there will be no 9:00 AM Mass on this day.

YOUTH MASS

The Youth Family Mass will be held next Sunday, March 23, at 11:15 AM. If you would like to participate, please contact Sharon at 0401 292 911 or reach out to the parish office.

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

THE JUBILEE PRAYER 2025

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a
new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers
of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever."

Amen

(to be recited at the end of every weekend mass)



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COMPASSION**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 15th & 16th OF MARCH 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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Please donate today

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

2025 LENT & EASTER TIMETABLE PARTNER PARISHES OF ST PETER & PAUL AND OUR LADY OF THE PINES

DATES	EVENTS	Sts Peter & Paul's Church 23 Leeds St, Doncaster East	Our Lady of the Pines 77 Carbine St, Donvale
Every Friday in Lent	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm	
Tues 8 th April	2 nd Rites of Reconciliation		7:30pm
12 th & 13 th April	PALM SUNDAY	6pm (Saturday) 8am & 11:15am (Sunday)	5pm (Saturday) 9:30am (Sunday)
17 th April	HOLY THURSDAY		7:30pm
18 th April	GOOD FRIDAY	10am: Stations of the Cross 3:00pm: PASSION of the LORD	3:00pm PASSION of the LORD
19 th April	EASTER VIGIL	7:30PM	
20 th April	EASTER SUNDAY	8am & 11:15am	9:30am
27 th April	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	6pm (Saturday) 8am & 11:15am (Sunday) 2pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm Divine Mercy Mass	5pm (Saturday) 9:30am (Sunday)

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22nd & 23rd MARCH

READERS & COMMENTATOR:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertuola & Vanessa White
- Sun 9:30am: Juanita Monahan & Patrick Monahan

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Lily, Jeanelle & Alex
- Sun 9:30am: Constance, Ryan & Zayne

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Gabrielle
- Sun 9:30am: Mark Cheng

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 5: Geoff Mullane, David Sowersby & Claire Davis

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Oswald Mendonca
- Sun 9:30am: Corrine Ng & Suzanne Keating

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Vanessa White
- Sun 9:30am: Nan Perreau

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Haswell, Sowersby & Smith

MASS DRIVERS:

- Suzanne & Mark Keating

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22nd & 23rd MARCH

READERS

- Sat 6pm: Lia Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Sheryl Kamath
- 11:15am: Youth Mass

COMMENTATORS

- Sat 6pm: Lara Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Michael Liddy
- 11:15am: Youth Mass

ALTAR SERVERS

- Sat 6pm: Mitchell & Nikita Pereira
- Sun 11:15am: Nicole Isaza & Gabriel Foong

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS

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

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 4: Cheryl Manders, Rose Miras, Ailen Han & Bernard Morley

COMMUNION MINISTER

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

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 10am SAT 22nd MARCH Group 6:
Julian Siame, Monica Chai, Patrick Martin, Sebastian & Ann Fernando

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

WE PRAY FOR THE ANNIVERSARIES MEMORIAL & THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

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MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 15th & 16th MARCH

First Reading:

[Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18](#)

Second Reading:

[Philippians 3:17 – 4:1](#)

Gospel:

[Luke 9:28-36](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 23rd & 23rd MARCH

First Reading:

[Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15](#)

Second Reading:

[1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12](#)

Gospel:

[Luke 13:1-9](#)

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

List your business in our parish newsletter! Contact (03) 9842 1480 or doncastereast@cam.org.au.

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

If you have any items you'd like included in the parish newsletter, please forward them to the parish office no later than
Wednesday midday. Thank you!