



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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Tuesday to Friday

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A, 21st FEBRUARY & 22nd FEBRUARY 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

Sunday: 9am

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

Weekday: Following 9am Mass

Weekends: Sat 5:35pm, Sun 7:30am & 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The First Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of the 40-day journey towards Easter and focuses on the Gospel account of Jesus being tempted in the desert (see Gospel of Matthew 4:1–11; Gospel of Mark 1:12–15; or Gospel of Luke 4:1–13).

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After fasting for forty days, Jesus resists the temptations of Satan by trusting in God and responding with Scripture, teaching Catholics that temptation is real but can be overcome through faith and reliance on God.

This Sunday reminds the faithful that Lent is a time of spiritual renewal through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, encouraging believers to turn away from sin, grow stronger in faith, and prepare their hearts for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Easter.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:30pm at Ss Peter and Paul's, commencing next Friday 20th February.

This beautiful devotion allows us to prayerfully reflect on Christ's Passion and unite our own sacrifices with His. May this Lenten season bring renewal, hope and spiritual growth to each of us and to our entire parish community.

PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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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

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

Just flown into our Piety Gift Stall, these beautiful angel figurines make lovely sacramental or birthday gifts. Our helpful volunteers are always on hand to assist you with gift selection. Open before and after each weekend mass.



PALMS REQUEST

OLOP is seeking assistance from the community for the supply of long, palm tree branches for the Palm Sunday masses – Saturday 28/3/26 & Sunday 29/03/26.

On Friday, 27/03/26 the branches can be delivered to OLOP or we can arrange pick-up if necessary.

If you can supply branches, please contact the parish office (donvale@cam.org.au or [03 9842 1480](tel:0398421480)) and leave your name, address and phone number – we will be in contact re arrangements.

Thank you

Parish Pastoral Council



2026 LENTEN PROGRAM

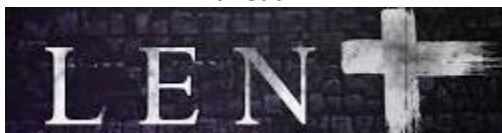
Our Parish Lenten Program for 2026 is scheduled to take place on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, commencing 24 February.

The program offers an opportunity to gather in prayer, reflection, and discussion through the Lenten season.

At this stage, we have received only one expression of interest. If we do not receive further responses in the coming days, the program will unfortunately not proceed this year at Our Lady of the Pines Parish.

Parishioners who would still like to participate in a Lenten group are warmly encouraged to join the Lenten Program at Sts Peter and Paul Parish, which will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 10:15am in the Drop-In Centre.

If you are interested in attending the Tuesday evening program, please notify the parish office as soon as possible so we can confirm whether the program will go ahead.



Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP

The next outing will be on 11th March to the Fish & Burgers Restaurant in Doncaster Road, East Doncaster. If interested in attending, please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617.



DO YOU HAVE WOOL TO SPARE?

The ladies from the Drop In Centre require wool to continue their work of supplying blankets/rugs to people in need.

If you have any wool to spare, especially 8ply, would you please leave it at the Drop In Centre, which is open on 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, or at the Parish office.

It will be put to very good use.

Thank you



FREE GIVEAWAY – MAGNESIUM FACTOR MUSCLE BESTIE GEL

One of our parishioners has sold their business and is generously offering **Magnesium Factor Muscle Bestie Gel** to fellow parishioners.

This gel is ideal for mild muscle and joint pain relief. It can be rubbed into sore muscles or areas of stiffness, helping you feel more comfortable and relaxed.

Suzanna has some excess stock and would love for it to go to good use within our parish community. If you'd like to receive a pack, please collect your pack from the Parish Narthex this weekend.



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

World Day of Prayer
Friday March 6th
10.00am



Doncaster Church of Christ
680 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Speaker Rev'd Peter Young
Who spent many years in Nigeria

All welcome Refreshments served

Contact 0438 034 739

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.

We are currently offering 2 weekends in 2026.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

April 24 - 26th

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

FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL

5TH - 20TH MAY 2026

WITH
FR SEBASTIAN A.M. MSFS

GREECE & TURKEY

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit ancient Corinth where St Paul preached
- Walk the Acropolis & Parthenon
- Explore Mykonos, one of the Cycladic islands
- Pray at the House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus
- Visit the Grotto of the Apocalypse
- Explore the iconic Hagia Sophia
- Enjoy Bosphorus cruise
- Pay tribute to the war heroes of ANZAC

INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy Class Airfare
- Accommodation in Premium Hotels
- Breakfast and Dinner
- Transfers on Deluxe A/C Coach
- Entrance Fees
- Services of Professional Guides

FULLY INCLUSIVE
9,790 AUD
(25 PILGRIMS)
Book before
28th Feb, 2026

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First Sunday of Lent
21-22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



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.*

LENTEN RETREAT AT ST DOMINIC'S- SATURDAY, 14 MARCH
St Dominic's Parish invites everyone for a day-long Lenten Retreat focusing on the theme '*By Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed The World*'.

Time: commences with 9:00am Mass and concluding with Adoration, Confession and Benediction from 4-5pm.

Venue: St Dominic's Parish, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell

Cost: \$20.00, includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch

To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DJKDY>

OR contact: pastoral.associate@stdominics.org.au

LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://brucedownes.org/len-2026-sign-up/>

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 28th FEBRUARY & 1st MARCH

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Trish Gurney
- Sun 9:30am: Corrinne Ng

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Gabrielle & Ryan
- Sun 9:30am: Leonard Healy

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Marcus, Alex & Meagan
- Sun 9:30am: Constance, Alden & Zach

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 9: Pat Goodwin, Martin Pirotta & Godwin Bonavia

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

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

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Payne, Cleven, Keating & Yang

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 28th FEBRUARY & 1st MARCH

READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon
- Sun 8am: Paul O'Connor
- 11:15am: Tehani Fernando

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Marie De Kretser
- 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:
- Sun 11:15am:

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 3: Angela Stuart, Bernadette Mithen, Dawn Pratley & Ann Wetherall

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 21st FEBRUARY AT 10AM:

Group 6: Julian Siame, Monica Chai, Patrick Martin, Sebastian & Ann Fernando & Kim & Hans Osorio

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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Emmanuel Azzopardi, Iblo & Helen Consello, Pauline Dargan

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS - 21st & 22nd FEBRUARY

First Reading:

[Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7](#)

Second Reading:

[Romans 5:12-19](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS - 28th FEBRUARY & 1st MARCH

First Reading:

[Genesis 12:1-4](#)

Second Reading:

[2 Timothy 1:8-10](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

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.