



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 14th FEBRUARY & 15th 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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY – 18 FEBRUARY 2026

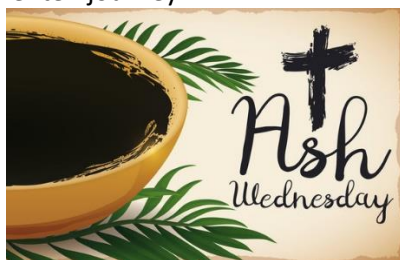
“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the sacred season of Lent — a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts for Easter. The ashes we receive are a visible sign of repentance and humility, reminding us of our dependence on God and our call to ongoing conversion. Lent is a grace-filled season inviting us to deepen our relationship with Christ. Through renewed commitment to prayer, acts of charity, and personal sacrifice, we walk together as a parish community toward the joy of the Resurrection.

MASS TIMES – WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

- **9:00am** – Our Lady of the Pines (with School)
- **12:00 midday** – Ss Peter and Paul's (with School)
- **7:30pm** – Ss Peter and Paul's Evening Mass

All parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend and receive the ashes as we begin our Lenten journey.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday at 7:30pm at Ss Peter and Paul's, beginning Friday 20th February. This cherished devotion invites us to reflect deeply on the Passion of Christ & unite our own sacrifices with His.

Parishioners are invited to take part in the readings. If you would like to be involved, please contact the parish office or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the SSPP narthex.

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 - PRAYER QUILTS!!!

Prayer quilts are handmade miniature quilts designed as comfort gifts for the sick, elderly, bereaved and troubled. Each quilt includes a prayer card, as shown in the photos. There are four different styles, the Trinity with 3 pieces of fabric representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It has a lace or ribbon cross surrounded by a cross-quilted design. The Gold Cross with a metallic woven cross on a red background, also quilted with a cross design, and the pocket quilt and mini pocket quilt, small enough to take anywhere. They can be found at the Gift Stall after weekend masses.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SUNDAY AUDIO VISUAL MINISTRY

Our Parish is currently seeking new volunteers to assist with the Audio-Visual Ministry at our Sunday Masses. Over recent months, several of our regular volunteers have stepped back due to other commitments, and we are now in need of additional support to ensure the smooth running of our liturgies. The Audio-Visual ministry plays an important role in projecting hymns, prayers and readings, helping the congregation to participate fully in the Mass. No extensive technical experience is required — training and guidance will be provided.

If you can assist, please contact the Parish office.



Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP

The Ladies Luncheon Group resumed activities on Wednesday, 11th February with a shared luncheon in the Drop-in-Centre. Twenty-one ladies attended and were delighted when Fr Toan was able to join us. We had a lovely lunch and enjoyed great company. Thanks to all the ladies for their lovely contributions. Our 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.



REMINDER: ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

This is a reminder that the Rosary is prayed before our weekend Masses at the following times:

- **Saturday Vigil Mass:** 5:35pm
- **Sunday Morning Mass:** 7:35am
- **Sunday Late Morning Mass:** 10:50am

If you can assist with **leading the Rosary**, please add your name to the **Rosary roster at the back of the church**.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PARISH BAPTISM TEAM (SECOND CALL)

We are once again seeking volunteers to join our Parish Baptism Team. A previous invitation was extended, and we are renewing this call as we still require additional support. This ministry plays a vital role in welcoming families as they present their children for the Sacrament of Baptism — often their first formal step into parish life. It is a beautiful opportunity to accompany families at an important moment in their faith journey.

The commitment is modest:

No house visits are required

A once-a-month meeting (if there are Baptisms scheduled) held in the Parish office to meet with families. Greeting families at the Church on the day of Baptism (this responsibility is shared among the team).

Please contact the **Parish Office** if you can assist or would like further information.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – WE NEED YOU!

We're pleased to announce plans to restart Children's Liturgy at our parish, offering a welcoming, age-appropriate space for children to engage with the Word of God.

Mass times:

- Our Lady of the Pines – 9:30am
- Ss Peter and Paul's – 11:15am

We're seeking volunteers with a valid Working With Children Check to help lead these sessions. If you can assist, please contact the parish office.

Let's share the joy of the Gospel with our children each week!

PRAY FOR IRAN PRAYER NIGHT

You're warmly invited to our Pray for Iran Prayer Night every Thursday at 7:30pm at Templestowe Baptist Church café. Join us as we unite in prayer for the people and church of Iran. All are welcome, and there is no cost to attend.



Caritas AUSTRALIA | **PROJECT COMPASSION** **Project Compassion Sunday** 14–15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



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.

COMPASSION LENTEN PROGRAM 2026

This Lent, enter into the heart of Compassion—to “*suffer with*”—as we stand with Christ and one another. These sessions will be held at Our Lady of the Pines in the evenings (TBC) and at SSPP commencing Ash Wednesday at 10:15am in the Drop-in Centre. Parishioners wishing to participate are invited to register their interest by emailing the parish office as soon as possible.



PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

As we prepare for the holy season of Lent, parishioners are invited to bring in their blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday.

A box will be placed in the narthex/foyer at all weekend Masses for you to leave your palms. These will be respectfully burned to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for your assistance as we prepare for this important time in the life of our Church.



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/lent-2026-sign-up/>
Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st FEBRUARY & 22nd FEBRUARY

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Maria Carey
- Sun 9:30am: Youth Mass

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Peter Given
- Sun 9:30am: Youth Mass

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Carlos
- Sun 9:30am: Youth Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 8: Sue Separovic, Chris Healy & Bruce Stewart

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Chris Healy

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertoula
- Sun 9:30am: Janet Goodwin

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Luttick, Howell, Argæet & Mack

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st FEBRUARY & 22nd FEBRUARY

READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Lia Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Suzanna Pilon
- 11:15am: School Mass

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Larra Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- 11:15am: School Mass

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

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

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 2: Imelda Sutanto, Elaine Edwards & Patrick Martin

COMMUNION MINISTER:

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

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

Matija Valentic

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

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 14th FEBRUARY & 15th FEBRUARY

First Reading:

[Sirach 15:15-20](#)

Second Reading:

[1 Corinthians 2:6-10](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 5:17-37](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 21st FEBRUARY & 22nd FEBRUARY

First Reading:

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

Second Reading:

[Romans 5:12-19](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

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.