



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
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A, 13th & 14th DECEMBER 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

Wednesday: 10:15am

SSPP CHARISMATIC GROUP

Tuesday: 7:00pm

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY



GENTLE REMINDERS

We warmly invite all parishioners from Our Lady of the Pines and St Peter and Paul's to join us for two important upcoming celebrations in our faith community, led by Fr Toan.

1. SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, 16th December at 7:00 pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Church. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, this is a beautiful opportunity for reflection, healing, and renewal. We hope you can join us.

2. JUBILEE YEAR MASS

Saturday, 20th December at 9:00 am
Our Lady of La Vang Shrine, 225 Hutton Rd, Keysborough. All are welcome to come together in prayer and celebration as we honour the Jubilee Year and give thanks for the blessings in our lives. We look forward to seeing you at these special gatherings. May this season draw us closer to Christ and to one another.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas break from **1pm Tuesday, 23 December 2025**, and will reopen on **Tuesday, 13 January 2026**.

During this period, emails and phone messages will be monitored periodically.

For urgent matters, please email toan.nguyen@cam.org.au or contact Father via the mobile no. that will be emailed to you separately. We thank you for your understanding and wish all our parishioners a blessed and peaceful Christmas season.

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.

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

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Act No:

647620921

or QR Code:



OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

HAMPER MASS – A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

As we draw nearer to Christmas, our parish family has once again demonstrated extraordinary kindness and generosity through our annual Hamper drive. We extend our sincere thanks to all parishioners and families who prepared hampers filled with food, essential items, and gifts for those families in need.

It was truly uplifting to see the church filled with these beautifully prepared hampers, each one a sign of hope and a reminder of what it means to live the Gospel message. Your willingness to give and to think of those less fortunate than ourselves reflects the genuine spirit of Christmas.

The joy and compassion shown by our parish community is a blessing, and we are deeply grateful for every contribution that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of many families this Christmas season.

Thank you once again for embodying the love of Christ through your actions. May the peace and hope of this Advent season fill your homes and hearts.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are on sale this weekend for wonderful prizes, as well as craft items, preserves and some plants. They will be available at the Saturday evening Mass, as well as Sunday Morning. This is the final fundraising event for the year - all prizes and goods are donated.



PIETY GIFT STALL TAKE A MOMENT!!!

During this busy Advent period, stop, sit and revive your spirit enjoying a coffee with our Lord in one of these mugs with an inspirational saying from the Bible. Available at the Piety Gift Stall before and after weekend masses.



Ss PETERS AND PAULS PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

THIS SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER

We warmly invite all parishioners, families, and friends to join us for our Parish Christmas Celebration this Sunday, 14 December. The day will begin at our 11:15 a.m.

Mass, after which we will gather to share in an afternoon of food, refreshments, and festive community spirit.

There will be activities for children, our Christmas raffle will be drawn, and our parish choir will lead us in much-loved Christmas carols that everyone is welcome to join in. And of course, no Christmas celebration would be complete without a special visit from Santa.

As the year draws to a close, we look forward to celebrating this joyful season together as a parish family. May this gathering be a time of connection, gratitude, and renewed hope as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOWL COLLECTION

Three Manningham churches will once again take part in the annual **Christmas Bowl collection**, raising funds for the National Council of Churches Australia and supporting both national and international emergency relief. Collections will take place on **Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December, from 10 am to 6 pm** at the following locations:

- **Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church** – Woolworths Devon Plaza
Organiser: Frank Smit – 0417 647 607 – smitf@hotmail.com
- **St David's Anglican Church** – Coles Tunstall Square (with support from Ss Peter & Paul)
Organiser: Pauline Smit – 0435 034 739 – paulinesmit@yahoo.com.au
- **Manningham Uniting Church** – Woolworths Macedon Square
Organiser: Graham Cox – 0421 740 996

Churches are asked to organise their own rosters, which will be available on Sundays 14 and 21 December. This important ecumenical initiative raises several thousand dollars each year. We invite parishioners to volunteer **one hour** to help collect donations by shaking the tins and directing people to the QR code for contributions. Please get in touch with your church organiser to help ensure another successful Emergency Relief fundraising effort.

GARAGE SALE

THIS SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, AT STS PETER & PAUL'S

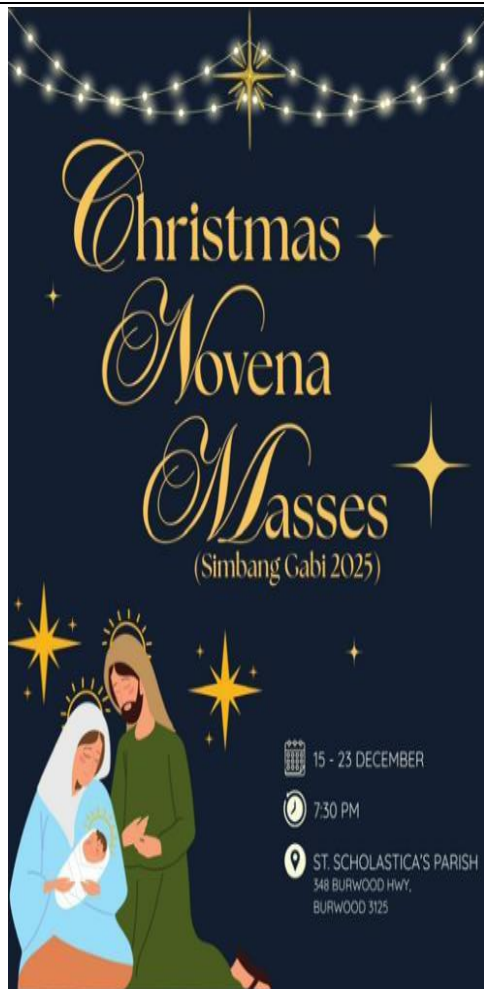
Our Garage Sale will be held again this Sunday after the **8:00am and 11:15am** Masses. Enjoy **50% off all items!** Come along, have a browse, and pick up a great bargain.

Thank you for supporting our parish.

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

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL MASS

On **Monday, 22 December at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Kevin will celebrate a **Memorial Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul's Church**, East Doncaster, for those who have passed in the past year and whose funerals he has conducted. Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul's and Our Lady of the Pines are welcome to attend, nominate loved ones to be remembered, and light a Memorial Candle. Names will be displayed on the screen. To include someone, email frkdillon@outlook.com.au or call/text 0421 777 360.



ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD ANNOUNCED FOR 2026

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has written to the faithful of Melbourne to announce the commencement of preparations for an Archdiocesan Synod to be held in 2026. This decision follows a year of prayer, consultation, and discernment with clergy and lay leaders during the Jubilee Year of Hope. The Synod will focus on three key themes that have consistently emerged across recent local, national, and global consultations: **Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership, and Formation and Participation**. A Synod Commission will be established as the first step in guiding this process. The Archbishop invites all parishioners to keep this significant moment in prayer and to remain open to journeying together as a Church grounded in communion, participation, and mission. The full letter from the Archbishop is attached to this newsletter for your reference.

JUBILEE YEAR MASS AT THE OUR LADY OF LA VANG SHRINE

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, we warmly invite parishioners from our partner parishes of Our Lady of the Pines and St Peter & Paul's to join Father Toan who will be leading the **Mass at Our Lady of La Vang Shrine on Saturday, 20 December at 9:00am**. **Address: 225 Hutton Rd, Keysborough**
We come together as parish communities to celebrate and reflect with grace and gratitude on the year that has passed, and to look with hope toward the year ahead

A GIANT MUSICAL EVENT - DAVID

A trip to the cinema to watch this film offers a beautiful opportunity for children and parents to connect, reflect on the Christmas message of hope, and be inspired to grow in Christ-like leadership. We are pleased to offer 2-for-1 tickets for your church or school. To request tickets, please email bruno@rialtodistribution.com



LET'S CELEBRATE 2025 CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE A Season of Joy ALL WELCOME		
PARTNER PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF THE PINES & Ss PETER & PAUL		
Dates	ST PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH 23 Leeds St, Doncaster East VIC 3109	OUR LADY OF THE PINES' CHURCH 77 Carbine St, Donvale VIC 3111
Sunday, 14 th December	11:15am: SSPP Parish Christmas Gathering (Carols, children's activities, Raffles, foods and more)	
Tues, 16 th December	7:00pm: 2 nd Rites of Reconciliation	
Wed, 24 th December CHRISTMAS EVE	5:30pm: Carols & Children's Nativity 6:00pm: Mass 11:30pm: Carols - Midnight Mass	5:30pm: Carols & Children's Nativity 6:00pm: Mass
Thurs, CHRISTMAS DAY	10:30am: Carols 11:00am: Mass	9:00am: Carols 9:30am: Mass
NEW YEAR'S EVE (Wednesday)	7:00pm: Thanksgiving Adoration 8:00pm: End of Year Thanksgiving Mass	
NEW YEAR'S DAY (Thurs)	9:00am: Mass (MARY, the Holy Mother of God – Solemnity)	

CHRISTMAS MASS VOLUNTEERS

Our Christmas Mass volunteer lists are now available! If you'd like to help with any ministries or roles during the Christmas celebrations, please sign up. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps ensure our liturgies run smoothly this special season.

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 20th DECEMBER & 21st DECEMBER

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Juanita Monahan

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Trish Gurney
- Sun 9:30am: Patrick Monahan

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Carlos
- Sun 9:30am: Keegan Lim

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Nick, Jeanelle & Tiana
- Sun 9:30am: Rosa, Porscha & Zayne

MONEY COUNTING:

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

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Christine & Geoff Lowry
- Sun 9:30am: Janet & Pat Goodwin

PIETY STALL:

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

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Williams, Symons & McBride

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 20th DECEMBER & 21st DECEMBER

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: Liz/Andrew Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- 11:15am: Boon Tan

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 6pm:
- Sun 11:15am: Aloysius & Adele

MONEY COUNTING:

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

COMMUNION MINISTER:

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

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 27th DECEMBER AT 10AM:

Group 2: Vic Belmont, Ellis Fernandes, Doreen Fernandes, Kelvin Lim, Michael Chan & Robert Suyasaputra

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

George Dziedzic

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

Maree Spinks

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS **13th DECEMBER & 14th DECEMBER**

First Reading:

[Isaiah 35:1-6, 10](#)

Second Reading:

[James 5:7-10](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 11:2-11](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS **20th DECEMBER & 21ST DECEMBER**

First Reading:

[Isaiah 7:10-14](#)

Second Reading:

[Romans 1:1-7](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 1:18-24](#)

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.