



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

Tuesday to Friday

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9am—3pm

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A, 7th MARCH & 8th MARCH 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 7:30am & 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Third Sunday of Lent is a time of deeper reflection and renewal as we continue our journey toward Easter. Lent is a season of prayer, repentance, and preparation, and this Sunday reminds us that God's grace is always offered to transform our hearts. Through the Scriptures — especially the Gospel of the Samaritan woman in Year A — we are invited to reflect on spiritual thirst, mercy, and true worship. Christ reveals himself as the source of "living water," calling us to move beyond a superficial faith and to worship God "in spirit and truth." This Sunday encourages us to examine our lives honestly, turn away from sin, and open ourselves more fully to God through prayer, the Sacraments, and acts of charity, trusting that he alone satisfies the deepest needs of the human heart.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A reminder that throughout Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:30pm at Ss Peter and Paul's.

We invite you to participate in one of the readings. Please put your name down on the volunteer list in the SSPP Narthex or contact the Parish Office.

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we prepare for Holy Week, we are inviting parishioners to assist with the various ministries and roles across our liturgies. A sign-up spreadsheet is available in the foyer/narthex for you to add your name. Your support helps make this sacred week prayerful and welcoming for all. We would love to see you take part in this special time in the life of our parish.

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 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

2026 OLOP PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM

Our Lenten Program for 2026 is underway and takes place Tuesday's at 7:00pm in the Parish & at SSPP Wed 10:15am. This coming Tuesday we will reflect on the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. We would love to see you there and encourage you to take part in these meaningful and faith-filled conversations.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Thanks to all who attended - it was a very enjoyable evening. A profit of \$3348 was made on the night
-Social/Fundraising Team

PALMS REQUEST

Thank you to the parents at **Our Lady of the Pines Primary School** who have indicated they may be able to assist by approaching neighbours with suitable palm trees. We appreciate your willingness to help. At this stage, however, we have not yet received confirmation that any palm branches have been secured for the Palm Sunday Masses on Saturday, 28/03/26 and Sunday, 29/03/26. If you can assist, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have neighbours with long, green palm branches, we would be most grateful if you could ask whether they might be willing to provide one or two branches. Branches can be delivered to OLOP on Friday, 27/03/26, or we can arrange collection if required. If you can supply branches, please contact the Parish Office at donvale@cam.org.au or 03 9842 1480 and leave your name, address and phone number. We will then be in touch to confirm arrangements. Thank you again for your support.

NEW TO THE PIETY GIFT STALL

The Piety Gift Stall now has in stock The Australian Children's Prayer Book as a companion to The Australian Children's Mass book. Available at the stall before and after weekend masses.



SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

Join us for a special Live Music Afternoon. An afternoon of great music and good company. We can't wait to see you there!

ROSARY BEFORE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

We are pleased to advise that the Rosary will be prayed each Saturday at 4:30pm, commencing this Saturday 8 March, prior to the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in prayer as we prepare our hearts for Mass.



Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

CLASS REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Registrations are now open for Sacrament of Reconciliation classes. Classes will begin on Sunday, 15 March, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, running for 6 weeks before pausing for the school holidays. If you would like to register your child, please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS

We would like to welcome the following families who are having their children baptised this weekend:

- Jarrett Yiu, child of Ken and Cheuk with Godparents Nathalie and Victoria
- Maya Paule, child of Marc and Jessica with Godparents Louise, Martin and Beshara
- Sofia Spadafora, child of Dante and Emily with Godparent Carissa



PIETY STALL – OPEN EVERY SUNDAY

Our Piety Stall is open every Sunday before and after the 11:15am Mass. Please feel free to stop by and browse the range of lovely religious gifts, devotional items and greeting cards for sacramental celebrations and special occasions. Your support is always appreciated.

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.



HOLY CROSS CENTRE

Individual / Personal Retreats at Holy Cross Retreat Centre. Special Rate Available

As we journey through Lent toward Easter, we invite you to Holy Cross Retreat, Templestowe for quiet reflection and renewal. Enjoy comfortable ensuited rooms with continental breakfast included (\$149 per night or \$125 BYO linen), access to the Chapel, meditation room, and peaceful grounds. Catering (for 3+ nights) and Spiritual

Direction are available.

To book, call (03) 9846 6014 or email hcc@passionists.com.

**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>Ss PETER & PAUL' CHURCH</u> 23 Leeds St, Doncaster East	<u>OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH</u> 77 Carbine St, <u>Donvale</u>
Every Friday in Lent	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm	←
28 th & 29 th March	PALM SUNDAY	6pm (Saturday) 8am & 11:15am (Sunday)	5pm (Saturday) 9:30am (Sunday)
Tues 31 st March	2 nd Rites of Reconciliation	7:30pm	←
2 nd April	HOLY THURSDAY	→	7:30pm
3 rd April	GOOD FRIDAY	- 10am: Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm: PASSION of the LORD	3:00pm PASSION of the LORD
4 th April	EASTER VIGIL	7:30PM	←
5 th April	EASTER SUNDAY	8am & 11:15am	9:30am
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)



Third Sunday of Lent
7–8 March 2026

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.



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.*

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD 2026

On the third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis' vision of a 'listening Church' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, §31). Informed by Vatican II's teaching, the Church is 'a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit' (*Lumen Gentium*, §4). There are three themes about which the church of Melbourne is being invited to discern: 1. young discipleship 2. missionary leadership 3. formation and participation. The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.

COME AWAY DAY – WED 25 MARCH 2026 | 9.30AM–2.30PM

Our 2026 Come Away Days provide a peaceful oasis. An opportunity to step aside from the busyness of everyday life and be refreshed in a quiet, prayerful setting. Each themed day (9.30am–2.30pm) includes time for prayer, meditation, silence, and group reflection, along with Anointing and Eucharist or a Liturgy of the Word with Communion. Held at Holy Cross Retreat, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe, the first gathering for 2026 will take place on Wednesday 5 March 2026. Additional dates are 24 June, 16 September, and 18 November 2026.

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14th MARCH & 15th MARCH

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertoula
- Sun 9:30am: Jo Ann Ng

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Vanessa White
- Sun 9:30am: Rosanne Croker

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa & Jeanelle
- Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Rosa, Meagan & Lily
- Sun 9:30am: Constance, Porscha & Zach

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 2: Peter Johnstone, Bob O'Halloran, Monica Luttick & Jill Howell

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Nicole Cordeiro & Carlos Cordeiro
- Sun 9:30am: Joanne Bonavia & Godwin Bonavia

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Vanessa White
- Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Baird, Stewart & Separovic

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14th MARCH & 15th MARCH

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: Lia/Andrew Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- 11:15am: Volunteer

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 6pm: Adrian & Ambrose
- Sun 11:15am: Nicole, Gabriel & Elliot

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 5: Joy Cormack, Lorraine Lednar & Muriel O'Gorman

COMMUNION MINISTER:

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

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 21st MARCH AT 10AM:

Group 2: Vic Belmont, Ellis Fernandes, Doreen Fernandes, Kelvin Lim, Michael Chen & 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

Phillip Drago, Peter Vujevic

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 7th MARCH & 8th MARCH

First Reading:

[Exodus 17:3-7](#)

Second Reading:

[Romans 5:1-2. 5-8](#)

Gospel:

[John 4:5-42](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 14th MARCH & 15th MARCH

First Reading:

[1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13](#)

Second Reading:

[Ephesians 5:8-14](#)

Gospel:

[John 9:1-41](#)

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.