



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

9am—3pm

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CHRIST THE KING, Solemnity, LAST SUNDAY OF LITURGICAL YEAR C, 22nd & 23rd NOVEMBER 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

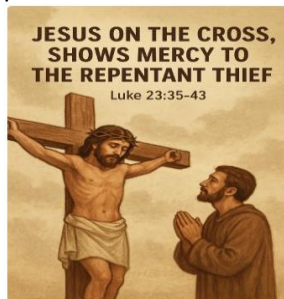
Wednesday: 10:15am

SSPP CHARISMATIC GROUP

Tuesday: 7:00pm

GOSPEL REFLECTION – LUKE 23:35-43

This week's Gospel, Luke 23:35-43, presents Jesus on the cross, mocked by onlookers and leaders, yet showing mercy to the repentant thief beside Him. Despite suffering, Jesus remains compassionate, highlighting the power of forgiveness, humility, and faith even in the face of injustice. For us today, this Gospel reminds us to trust in God's mercy, extend kindness to others regardless of their actions, and hold steadfast in our faith during difficult times. It calls us to self-reflection, encouraging us to examine how we respond to challenges, treat others, and seek reconciliation. Ultimately, the teaching is that salvation and peace come through faith, repentance, and living with love and compassion, even when life feels unfair or painful.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

ACYF Launch and WYD Cross Reception & Pilgrimage Walk – 30 November

Join us at St Patrick Cathedral on **Sunday 30 November** as we welcome over 6,000 young pilgrims to Melbourne. Let us come together to share in their joy and offer a warm Melbourne welcome. **Program:**

- 1:30pm: Mel Catholic Festa
- 2:30pm: Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon
- 3:00pm – Pilgrim Walk (5km to MCEC – ticketed pilgrims only, 3km return option available)

PARISH WORKING BEES – PLEASE SIGN UP

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our Lady of the Pines (OLOP):

Saturday, 29 November at 9:00am

Sts Peter and Paul's (SsPP):

Saturday, 29 November at 9:30am

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

DONATION BOX FOR GROCERIES

There is now a box in the foyer for donations of groceries. **Please - No out of date or opened items.** The groceries will be given to CatholicCare to support families in need. Any queries contact Janet Goodwin 0415 204 498 or Clare Williams 0419 898 490



PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

It's that time of the year again!!!



"STOCKING FILLERS"

The Piety Gift Stall has a collection of stocking fillers to include in your Christmas Stockings. From nativity Christmas decorations, stationery, calendars, candles and an assortment of small gifts that will bring joy on Christmas morning. The Piety gift stall is open before and after weekend masses.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for the Prizes will be sold from this weekend for the 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 from part of the proceeds for the Parish's needs.

Fundraising Committee

PARISH WORKING BEE – YOUR HELP NEEDED

Our Lady of the Pines (OLOP) will hold a Working Bee on **Saturday, 29 November at 9:00 am**, and we need your assistance. Please note, some tasks will involve high ladder work. We are looking for volunteers with a Ladder Compliance Training Course qualification.

If you are qualified and able to help, please contact the OLOP Parish Office at Donvale@cam.org.au or 9842 1480.

Ss PETERS AND PAULS PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER

Join us **Sunday, 14th December** for our parish **Christmas Gathering at 11:15am mass**. We're holding a Christmas Raffle and welcome gift donations. Please drop off wrapped, labelled gifts (gender & age if possible) at the Parish Office. Your generosity makes our celebration special!

FUNERAL NOTICE

With deep sadness we convey the passing of **William Allibon (Bill)**. We offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to his wife, Bev and his family during this difficult time. May they find strength and comfort in the days ahead. **A requiem mass will be celebrated for William at SSPP at 10:30am Friday 28th November.** May he rest in peace.

SSPP ONE IN A HUNDRED APPEAL 2025-26:

NOVEMBER UPDATE

Contributions since July have approached \$5,000, with a \$10,000 target by 30 June—a mighty challenge! Can Sr Trudy count on our continued support for the Notre Dame de Sion Education Fund, which has made a difference for over 20 years? There's still an opportunity for a generous Christmas gift.

Account details:

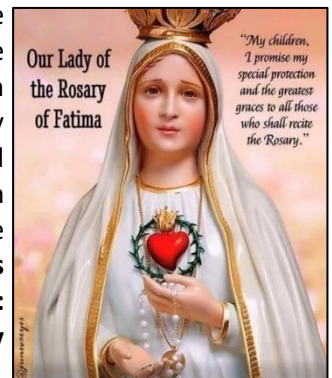
SS PETER & PAUL'S SOCIAL JUSTICE

BSB 083-347 Account No. 473008563

Thanks, on behalf of Sr Trudy and myself,
Harry Martin (Mob. 0421 770 498)

COME AND PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

Starting this Advent from the **weekend of 29 November**, we invite you to join our parish community in praying the Holy Rosary as we seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for peace in our hearts, our families, and the world. **Please arrive 20 minutes before weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:40pm, and Sunday at 7:40am and 10:55am.**



SS PETER & PAUL'S PARISH COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Our Parish Community Garage Sale will be held on Sunday, 7 December, **following the 8:00 am and 11:15 am Masses**. Thank you to everyone who has already donated! The final day for drop-offs at the Parish Office is 30 November 2025. EFTPOS will be available on the day, and all purchased items must be taken home as delivery is not offered. We look forward to a great community day and appreciate your support.

2026 MINISTRY ROSTERS

The new ministry rosters for 2026 have now been finalised. **We will email them to all volunteers with current email addresses, and printed copies will also be available in the Narthex for collection.** You may notice some empty slots on certain rosters—if you attend that Mass and are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office. Your support is most welcome and greatly valued.

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

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH:

Saturday 22nd November at 5pm Mass: Brian Atkinson and Andreas Sugeng, Baby Jackie Sueng, Shinta Taylor, Tan Kim Kai, Go Lena Nio, Mario Muyale and Norka Leon.

Sunday 23rd November at 9:30am Mass: Kimberly Haswell, Gerard Haswell

Wednesday 26th November at 9am Mass: Isabella, Henry, Gery, Noeline, Colleene, Pam, Priscilla, Mum & Dad. Joshua, Wilfred, Phillip, The Baroni Family, The Strent Family, The Penha Family

Friday 28th November at 9am Mass: Frank Nash & Kathleen Nash

Saturday 29th November at 5pm Mass: The Dziedzic Family, Friends and Relatives and Thomas & Barbara Fennell, Sheelagh Wilkerrin, Sean Fennell, Eoin, Mary Crowley

Sunday 30th November at 9:30am Mass: Constance Maud, Harry Abramham, Lalishimi, Rajanic, Laurance Abeywadene, Mamjue, Walter Pathirana, Frances, Fredrick, Joseph, Terrance, Denis, Dinesh Silva, Nimali Melva Perera, Gerald Felix, Bernie, Auntie Sita & Jeff Felix, Auntie Edra, Manel, Judiva, Uncle Jsieregl & Dr Boeju

Ss PETER AND PAULS PARISH

Saturday 22nd November at 6pm Mass: Everest and Cajetan D'Souza, Victor & Sylvia, Alea & Ana D'Souza, Viney, Lucia, Celoria and all those who don't have anyone to pray for them.

Sunday 23rd November at 8am Mass: Santo & Caterina Mercuri, Antonio Morabito, Giuseppe & Elizabeth Morabito and all other members of Family and Friends who don't have anyone to pray for them.

ADVENT 2025 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Jesus is Coming - Time to Get Ready

Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Advent alongside many people from around the world with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes.

- * Inspiring and transforming talks
- * Opportunities to pray and reflect
- * Practical strategies for impactful living
- * Life-changing encounter with Christ

To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the Advent Mission Event Retreat online available from 29 November with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

Register now on the website or for more information, email: info@brucedownes.org



SMALL BUSINESSES
WE WANT YOU!

Join us at St Peter and Paul's
Doncaster East Christmas Party
14th December!

If you have a small business and
would like to have a stall
please contact
Marija at sspsocial@hotmail.com
to enquire

2025 CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

LET'S CELEBRATE *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)	

ADVENT RETREAT AT ST DOMINIC'S-

Saturday, 13 December

Join us for a day-long Advent Retreat on the theme "She was conceived by the Holy Spirit."

When: 9:00 am Mass to 4–5 pm Adoration, Confession & Benediction

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

Cost: \$20 (includes morning/afternoon tea & lunch)

Register:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DHPYF>

Contact:

pastoral.associate@stdominics.org.au

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 29th NOVEMBER & 30th NOVEMBER

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: Carlos
- Sun 9:30am: Keegan Lim

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Jeanelle, Nick & Lilly
- Sun 9:30am: Constance, Alden & Madelyn

MONEY COUNTING:

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

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Rose & Roy Tavenor
- Sun 9:30am: Monica Luttick & Jill Howell

PIETY STALL:

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

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Davis & Lazzari

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 29th NOVEMBER & 30th NOVEMBER

READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Abygail Recthaman
- Sun 8am: Harry Martin
- 11:15am: John Mirams

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Josie Lim
- Sun 8am: Muriel O'Gorman
- 11:15am: Tehani Fernando

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Volunteer
- Sun 8am: Frank Smit
- 11:15am: Robert Suryaputra

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 6pm: Mitchell & Nikita
- Sun 11:15am: Gabriel & Elliot

MONEY COUNTING:

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

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Monica Chai
- Sun 8am: Sheryl Kamath
- Sun 11:15am: Nicole Morabito & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 29th NOVEMBER AT 10AM:

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

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

Mario Muyale and Norka Leon

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 22nd NOVEMBER & 23rd NOVEMBER

First Reading:

[2 Samuel 5:1-3](#)

Second Reading:

[Colossians 1:12-20](#)

Gospel:

[Luke 23:35-43](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 29th NOVEMBER & 30th NOVEMBER

First Reading:

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)

Second Reading:

[Romans 13:11-14](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 24:37-44](#)

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.