OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE † Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 15th AUGUST & 16th AUGUST 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: Sun 9am
Ss Peter and Paul Parish
Weekday: Following 9am Mass
Weekends: Sat 5:35pm, Sun 7:35am & 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

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

Matthew 15:21-28

A Faith That Would Not Give Up

In this Sunday's Gospel, a Canaanite woman approaches Jesus with a desperate plea: "Lord, help me." At first, Jesus seems to remain silent, and even when she continues to ask, His response appears challenging. Yet the woman does not walk away. She persists, trusting that Jesus will hear her.

Her remarkable faith reminds us that prayer is not always answered in the way or the timeframe we expect. There may be moments when God seems silent, when our prayers appear unanswered, or when we feel discouraged. The Canaanite woman teaches us to remain faithful and to keep turning towards Christ, even in those difficult moments.

Jesus ultimately recognises her great faith and grants her request. Her story reminds us that genuine faith is not about having all the answers; it is about continuing to trust in God, even when the path is uncertain.

This week, may we bring our needs and those of our loved ones to the Lord with the same persistence and confidence, trusting in His mercy and never losing hope.

PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

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PARISH STAFF

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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

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This **Sunday, 16th August,** we joyfully celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, our Parish Feast Day. **Commencing at 9:30am** with **Adoration** followed by **Solemn Mass.**

The Assumption reminds us of Mary's unwavering faith and trust in God. Her humble *"yes"* to God's plan is an example for each of us as we seek to follow Christ.

As a parish family, may we turn to Mary, our Mother, asking her to guide and strengthen our community and may she help us to grow closer to her Son, Jesus, and inspire us to live with greater faith, hope and love.

We invite all parishioners to join us as we celebrate our **Parish Feast Day**. Please bring a plate of food to share, clearly noting if it contains nuts.

May this be a joyful celebration of **prayer, fellowship and thanksgiving**, as we come together to celebrate the many blessings of our parish community.

Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us.

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

It's that special time of the year when our young parishioners celebrate their first Eucharist.

The Piety Gift Stall has many gifts to help commemorate this special occasion. Visit before and after weekend masses.

All proceeds go to our OLOP fundraising.

SAVE THE DATE

☘ IRISH MUSIC AFTERNOON – SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER ☘

Enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Irish music featuring a live band! More details coming soon.

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

YOUTH MASS – SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST

Our next **Youth Mass** will be celebrated on **Sunday 23rd August at 11:15am**.

We invite our young parishioners to get involved and share their gifts by volunteering for various roles, including **Readers, Commentators, Altar Servers, AV and other ministries**. If you would like to participate, please contact the Parish Office **We would love to see our young people actively involved in celebrating our Youth Mass.**

A VISIT FROM SR TRUDY TO UPDATE US ON THE OUR LADY OF SION EDUCATION FUND

The good news is that Sr Trudy plans to visit in the first half of September, attending our 8.00am Mass to say thank you to all SsPP contributors to our "One in a Hundred Appeal", report on the difficulties being experienced, and seek our ongoing support.

We are each aware of the difficulties of fundraising currently but have no option but to keep on with the task at hand. It is most appropriate to acknowledge the generosity of our donors who have in the year to July 2026 accumulated $A8,300 for the cause. This will be transferred to the Sister's bank in Jerusalem as soon as practicable and will be included in funding for the new year now with us. The best way to keep this going is to add your direct deposit contribution to the **Notre Dame de Sion - Province account** at the earliest opportunity, as per the following:

Account Number: 10085 **Bank: No.**17 Branch No.638
Beneficiary Bank: BARDILIT
Mercantile Discount Bank Ltd Tel-Aviv, Israel.
IBAN Dollar account IL 890 17638 00000 560 29081
Details of payment: Assist with Christian School Scholarships.

Contributions can also be made with funds included in envelopes included in weekend Collections, specifying their purpose, if you would prefer.

Many thanks for you continued support
Harry Martin and Sr Trudy

FUNERAL NOTICE – CAMILLO TARQUINIO

With sadness we inform of the passing of **Camillo Tarquinio**. His Funeral Mass will be held here at **SSPP on Thursday, 20th August**, commencing with the **Rosary at 10:30am**, followed by **Mass at 10:45am**.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Camillo's family and loved ones.

AV OPERATORS STILL REQUIRED

Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with our AV and commentator ministries. We greatly appreciate your willingness to support our parish liturgies. We are still seeking AV operators for various masses each month. The role is straightforward, and training will be provided for anyone who would like to assist. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office. Thank You

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you are aware, we have been hoping to recommence **Children's Liturgy** at both **Our Lady of the Pines (OLOP)** and **Sts Peter and Paul's (SSPP)** and would love to hear from parents, grandparents and parishioners who may be willing to assist.

At this stage, we have received only **one response**, and we are grateful to that person for offering to help. However, we will need a few more volunteers to make Children's Liturgy possible.

The times are:

- **OLOP:** Sunday **9:30am Mass** & **SSPP:** Sunday **11:15am Mass**

We may initially offer Children's Liturgy **once a month**. This will allow us to get started, see how many children participate and, if there is sufficient interest and enough volunteers, consider increasing the frequency in the future.

We would really like to get this initiative underway, so if you are able to assist, even occasionally, please contact the **Parish Office**. With a few volunteers sharing the responsibility, we can make this a wonderful opportunity for our younger parishioners to engage with the Gospel and grow in their faith.

ARCHBISHOPS CAMPAIGN 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

SIMPLICITY SEPTEMBER

This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters. Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for Palms International Volunteering, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering. Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific.

02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567 www.simplicityseptember.org.au

ST PETER'S PRAYER GROUP HEALING

St Peter's Prayer Group invites you to a Family Healing Mass - Monday 17th August 2026
Fr Jude Agorchukwu

6:00pm Confessions
6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm Praise and Worship
7:30pm Mass, Adoration, Benediction and healing prayers.
St Peter's Church: 844 Centre Rd, Bentleigh East VIC,
Light refreshments in the McKenna Centre. Please bring a plate to share.

SUPPORTING THE PERSECUTED: HELP REBUILD A CATHEDRAL IN THE PHILIPPINES

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed, and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed. Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region. To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22nd AUGUST & 23rd AUGUST

READERS:
- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Jo Ann Ng

COMMENTATORS:
- Sat 5pm: Trish Gurney
- Sun 9:30am: Rosanne Croker

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:
- Sat 5pm: Gabrielle
- Sun 9:30am: Leonard Healy

ALTAR SERVERS:
- Sat 5pm: Nick, Alex & Emily
- Sun 9:30am: Constance, Megan & Zack

MONEY COUNTING:
- Group 7: Mirella Drago, Buford Ng & Jack Deady

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:
- Sat 5pm: Christine Lowry & Geoff Lowry
- Sun 9:30am: Peter Given & Kath Given

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

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:
- Evans, Spence & Given

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22nd AUGUST & 23rd AUGUST

READERS:
- Sat 6pm: Larra Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Chris Boag
- 11:15am: Youth Mass

COMMENTATORS:
- Sat 6pm: Josie Lim
- Sun 8am: Saliya Gurusinghe
- 11:15am: Youth Mass

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:
- Sat 6pm: Elaine Chong
- Sun 8am: Greg Sleeth
- 11:15am: Youth Mass

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

ROSARY LEADERS:
- Sat 6pm: Kaushi
- Sun 8am: Ron
- 11:15am: Vince

PILGRIM STATUE ROSTER:
- Silvana L

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

COMMUNION MINISTER:
- Sat 6pm: Loraine Lednar
- Sun 8am: Marina Ting
- Sun 11:15am: Anna Fabris & Verna Carter

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 22nd AUGUST AT 10AM:
Group 1: Michelle Kuek, Chris Boag, Eileen Fong & Zennie Brun

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH	AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH
	Ann Burke

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

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH	AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH
Jacqui Marks	Camillo Tarquinio

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 15th AUGUST & 16th AUGUST

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1.6-7
Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15. 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 22nd AUGUST & 23rd AUGUST

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

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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.