



**OUR LADY OF THE
PINES, DONVALE**



**Ss PETER & PAUL,
DONCASTER EAST**



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A, 20th & 21st 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 LOVE



A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
As we come to the close of another year, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to you all for your faith, generosity, and ongoing support throughout the year. Our parish continues to be richly blessed because of the many parishioners who give so generously of their time, talents, and resources across our various ministries and volunteer groups.

Whether through liturgy, music, catechesis, pastoral care, hospitality, maintenance, administration, or the many quiet acts of service often unseen, your commitment has strengthened our parish community and helped us to live out the Gospel in practical and meaningful ways. I am deeply grateful for all that you do. As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, may the peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes, and may the hope of His birth renew your faith and bring comfort and strength to you and your loved ones.

On behalf of Fr Kevin and PPC, I wish you and your families a joyful and blessed Christmas, and every grace and blessing for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year 2026.

With every blessing,

Fr Toan Nguyen

Parish Priest

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PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Maria C. & Orene M.

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OLOP: Peter Given

SSPP: Andres Isaza

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Brendan Keeling

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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

CATHOLICARE HAMPER

Thank you to all our generous Parishioners who supported the CatholicCare Hamper Campaign.

Your donations of groceries, gifts, money and of course all those amazing Hampers goes a long way to supporting the clients of CatholicCare.

We were also able to donate groceries and Hampers given to us from Holy Cross Templestowe. Thanks to Garry McBride for organising this donation.

Wishing all a Blessed Christmas Season.

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.

BAPTISM

We would like to welcome the following family who is having their child baptised this weekend.

* Jack Anthony Wallace, child of Gregory & Oriana with Godparents Nicole, Nadia, Nicholas and Kelly

CHRISTMAS EVE – YOUTH MASS PROGRAM

Please join us on **Christmas Eve** for a joyful evening of celebration:

- **5:15pm** – Music with bagpipes
- **5:30pm** – Carols and Nativity Play
- **6:00pm** – Youth Mass

We look forward to seeing you



HOME HELP REQUIRED - DONVALE

A senior citizen requires a home help for 2-3 hours (paid) per fortnight for light housekeeping duties. All equipment and products will be supplied. Please contact Ron on 0438 481 212.

PIETY GIFT STALL

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

The Piety Gift Stall would like to thank and wish a Merry Christmas to all the OLOP parishioners who have supported the gift stall throughout the year. Your purchases have contributed to a significant increase in our fundraising efforts, and we hope you have enjoyed the new products we have introduced. Don't forget there are still last-minute Christmas Gifts for sale.



Ss PETERS AND PAULS PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS & FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Our Parish Christmas celebration was a truly lovely occasion, and we thank everyone who joined us. A special word of appreciation to all those who helped organise the event and contributed behind the scenes. Your generosity of time and spirit is greatly valued.

Thank you also to all parishioners who supported our recent fundraising efforts for the Parish Narthex air-conditioning and internal parish windows, through personal donations, the Narthex collection box, Garage Sale, and Christmas Raffle tickets. We are pleased to report that a total of **\$9,267.40** was raised.

These funds will be allocated towards the cost of:

- **\$4,180.00** - Internal Parish windows (that will be completed by this weekend.)
- **\$6,906.40** - Parish Narthex air-conditioning

This leaves a remaining shortfall of **\$1,819.00**. We are very close to our goal, and any further donations — large or small — would be warmly welcomed as we work to cover the remaining cost. Thank you once again for your ongoing generosity and support of our parish.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT STS PETER AND PAUL'S – A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR OUR CHILDREN

We warmly invite all families to join us at **Sts Peter and Paul's Church on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December at 5:30pm**. While there will be **no Nativity play this year**, we would love to keep the Christmas spirit alive by inviting children to come **dressed in Christmas-themed outfits**. Angels, shepherds, stars, festive colours, or any joyful Christmas attire are most welcome. This will be a beautiful and joyful way for our children to share in the celebration of the birth of Jesus and to help create a festive and welcoming atmosphere for all who attend. We look forward to celebrating this special Christmas Eve together as a parish community. All families are most welcome.

WITH BLESSINGS FOR A LIFE-GIVING YEAR OF 2026

To the Parishioners of SsPP, especially the supporters of the **One in a Hundred Appeal**,

May the Christmas and New Year Season bring much hope, light and peace for our suffering humanity and earth.

Our heartfelt thanks to you all and assurance of prayer for abundant blessings for you and your families for this Holy Season and for 2026!

Sr TRUDY & The Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion, Ecce Homo Community, Jerusalem.



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



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)	

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 27 th DECEMBER & 28 th DECEMBER	Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 27 th DECEMBER & 28 th DECEMBER
READERS: - Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne - Sun 9:30am: Maya Chhajer COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Jeanelle Mendonca - Sun 9:30am: Vince Taranto AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Gabrielle - Sun 9:30am: Leonard Healy ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Jeanelle, Alex & Tiana - Sun 9:30am: Porscha, Zayne & Madelyn MONEY COUNTING: - Group 9: Pat Goodwin, Martin Pirotta & Godwin Bonavia WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Gabrielle Collins & Mary Wynack - Sun 9:30am: Chris Healy PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne - Sun 9:30am: Nan Perreau HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Baird, Stewart & Separovic	READERS: - Sat 6pm: Lian Di Marzio - Sun 8am: Chris Boag 11:15am: Volunteer COMMENTATORS: - Sat 6pm: Larra Di Marzio - Sun 8am: Volunteer 11:15am: Volunteer AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 6pm: Andrew Di Marzio - Sun 8am: Greg Sleeth 11:15am Volunteer ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 6pm: Adrian & Ambrose - Sun 11:15am: Gabriel & Elliot MONEY COUNTING: - Group 4: Cheryl Manders, Verna Carter & Bernard Morley COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Lorraine Lednar - Sun 8am: Volunteer - Sun 11:15am: Anna Fabris & Verna Carter CLEANING ROSTER FOR 27th DECEMBER AT 10AM: Group 2: Vic Belmont, Ellis Fernandes, Doreen Fernandes, Kelvin Lim, Michael Chan & Robert Suyasaputra

<u>OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR 3rd JANUARY & 4th JANUARY</u>	<u>Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR 3rd JANUARY & 4th JANUARY</u>
READERS: - Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertoula - Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Vanessa White - Sun 9:30am: Corrinne Ng AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Maria & Lyn - Sun 9:30am: Lukas, Antony and Daniel ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Jeanelle & Nick - Sun 9:30am: Jeanelle & Madalyn MONEY COUNTING: - Group 1: Mark Keating, Vina Pena & Teresina Yung WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour - Sun 9:30am: Corrinne Ng & Suzanne Keating PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Vanessa White - Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Evans, Spence & Given	READERS: - Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon - Sun 8am: Paul O'Connor 11:15am: Tehani Fernando COMMENTATORS: - Sat 6pm: Marie De Kretser - Sun 8am: Harry Martin 11:15am: Carmel Nigro AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 6pm: Nick Soo - Sun 8am: Frank Smit 11:15am: Amor Grabkowski ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 6pm: TBC - Sun 11:15am: TBC MONEY COUNTING: - Group 5: Joy Cormack, Lorraine Lednar & Muriel O'Gorman COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon - Sun 8am: Volunteer - Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro & Volunteer
<u>OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR 10th JANUARY & 11th JANUARY</u>	<u>Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR 10th JANUARY & 11th JANUARY</u>
READERS: - Sat 5pm: James Beckford - Sun 9:30am: Kathy Stewart COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Mary Wynack - Sun 9:30am: Geoff Mullane AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Lisa - Sun 9:30am: Mark Cheng ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Lily, Emily & Alex - Sun 9:30am: Constance, Porscha & Zach MONEY COUNTING: - Group 2: Peter Johnstone, Bob O'Halloran, Monica Luttick & Jill Howell WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Oswald Mendonca - Sun 9:30am: Peter & Kath Given PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Gillian Beckford - Sun 9:30am: Sue Keating HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Aileen Ng, Dolly, Ng, Corrine Ng & Jo Ann Ng	READERS: - Sat 6pm: Diana Ting - Sun 8am: Suzanna Pilon 11:15am: Tehani Fernando COMMENTATORS: - Sat 6pm: Stefanie Leman - Sun 8am: Greg Sleeth 11:15am: Michelle Kuek AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 6pm: Elaine Chong - Sun 8am: Volunteer 11:15am: Maryanne Kuek ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 6pm: TBC - Sun 11:15am: TBC MONEY COUNTING: - Group 1: George Cooper, Greg Sleeth & John Mirams COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Judith Clark - Sun 8am: Barbara Gratton - Sun 11:15am: Nicole Morabito & Volunteer CLEANING ROSTER FOR 10th JANUARY AT 10AM: Group 3: Tessie Anderson, Maebelle Rechtman, Tessa Leung, Joyce Lee & Anita & Tim Ting
<u>FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2025</u> – As the Parish Office will close at 1.00 pm on Tuesday, 23 December and reopen on Tuesday, 13 January 2026, this will be our final newsletter for the year. Rosters for the next three weeks have been issued. If you are unable to attend your scheduled duty, please arrange a suitable replacement to cover your role. Please also note that there will be no Masses: 24, 26 and 31 December at Our Lady of the Pines, and 27 December at Sts Peter and Paul's. - A reminder that there will be a New Years Eve Thanksgiving Adoration at 7pm followed by Mass at 8pm, and a New Years Day Mass at 9am at Ss Peter & Paul's Parish. WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!	