



**OUR LADY OF THE
PINES, DONVALE**



**Ss PETER & PAUL,
DONCASTER EAST**



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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C, 21st & 22nd DECEMBER 2024

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 GROUP

Every Wednesday at 10:15am

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FATHER TOAN

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the joyous season of Christmas, I want to take a moment to reflect on the year that has passed and to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering faith, commitment, and contributions to our parish community.

This year has been a time of growth, fellowship, and shared purpose. I am deeply grateful for the continued dedication of our parishioners and the many volunteers who help bring life to our parish. Your generosity of spirit and willingness to serve are true blessings that strengthen our community.

As we prepare our hearts to once again welcome the Christ child, may this Christmas season bring you and your loved one's peace, joy, and hope. Let us enter the new year with renewed faith, trusting in God's grace to guide us through whatever lies ahead.

From the parish office, we thank you for your ongoing support and prayers throughout the year. May God's blessings be with you and your families this Christmas and always. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

With every blessing,

Fr Toan Nguyen

Parish Priest

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

To Fr Toan and all parishioners of our Lady of the Pines and Saint Peter and Paul's. Thank you most sincerely for your kindness. - expressed in prayers, gifts, cards and messages that I received on the occasion of my 80th birthday. I was genuinely overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and generosity. While my association with both parishes is relatively recent, My connection with you all means a lot to me, and in the "Twilight" of my priestly ministry, it means a lot to me to have that sense of belonging to wonderful communities. May God bless you all and may you have a happy and joy filled Christmas.

PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Maria Carey

Bookkeeping: Kristina Slavec

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OLOP: Peter Given

SSPP: Ravi Kamath

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:

Communium 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:





FAMILY CHRISTMAS MASS

Join us this Christmas Eve, Tuesday, 24 December, for our Family Christmas Mass. Carols and a Children's Nativity Play begin at 5:30 pm, followed by Mass. All are welcome to celebrate the joy and true spirit of Christmas with us!

PIETY STALL CHRSTMAS GIFTS

Looking for meaningful Christmas gifts? Visit the Piety Stall after weekend Masses for handmade cards, Nativity sets, and Boxes of Blessings—perfect for inspiring joy this Christmas!

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is developing *Take the Way of the Gospel*, including a Framework for Parish Renewal. This framework outlines three types of parishes:

- **Vibrant Parishes:** Flourishing communities with a strong focus on worship, evangelisation, formation, fellowship, and service.
- **Vital Parishes:** Purpose-driven with a shared missionary vision, excellent leadership, and collaborative efforts.
- **Viable Parishes:** Responsible stewards of resources, aligning decisions with their missionary vision.

We aim to assess where our parish fits within these categories through a SWOT analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

A workshop will be held in late February to gather your ideas, but in the meantime, please reflect over the holiday period on what we do well and what we can improve as a community. —Garry Nolan, on behalf of the PPC

BAPTISM

This weekend, we celebrate the baptism of Layla Maree Nga Tran and Harry Ian Vinh Tran, children of David and Vanessa, with Godparents Melissa, Jessica, Phong, and Vuong. Congratulations to the Tran family!

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Vinnies Conference at OLOP thanks parishioners for their generosity, raising over \$1,098 to support those in need. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

—Michael Liddy, Donvale Conference President

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN - COME, FOLLOW ME.

Thank you for supporting the inaugural Archbishop's Campaign. Parishes raised \$811,178, with \$5,570 from Our Lady of The Pines Parish, Donvale. These funds will support key mission areas, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, and more. Thank you for living out your faith through this campaign.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Parish Fundraising Raffle will be drawn on Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass, with 3 hampers and a mystery prize. It's also the final chance to buy homemade preserves, craft items, and plants before Christmas.

Thank you for supporting the fundraising—proceeds benefit parish projects.

LADIES LUNCH

Fifteen ladies enjoyed a delightful lunch at the Templestowe Hotel on Wednesday, 11 December. It was a wonderful day filled with fellowship and fun.

Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, 12 February, at 12:30 pm in the Drop-in Centre, where we'll share a bring-a-plate lunch and plan activities for the year ahead.

If you're interested in joining, please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617. Wishing everyone a holy and happy Christmas!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

We're seeking volunteers to assist a parishioner with transport to church each week. With more help, the load is lighter for everyone. If you can lend a hand, please get in touch. Your support makes church accessible to all!

DISCOVER OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Have you had a chance to explore our new parish website yet? If not, now is the perfect time to visit www.sspp.org.au. Our new online hub is designed to keep you connected with everything happening in our parish. From the latest news and upcoming events to valuable resources, the website is your go-to destination for staying informed and engaged with our vibrant community.

Don't miss out—take a moment to explore and see what's new. We look forward to staying connected with you!

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A big thank you to the volunteers of the Hospitality Group who have helped with Sunday morning teas over the past twelve months. Your service has been wonderful and greatly appreciated. We are currently looking for more volunteers to assist at either the 8am or 11:15am Mass. If you are able to help, please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617.

Please note, this ministry will take a break after the 11:15am Mass on 22 December 2024 and will resume on Sunday, 2 February 2025. Wishing everyone a blessed

CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM SR TRUDY

Sr Trudy left Melbourne for Rome and Jerusalem on December 11th and thanks everyone who supported the Notre Dame de Sion Local Children's Education Fund in 2024. The total in the SSPP 'One in a Hundred Account' is currently \$9,200, nearing the \$10,000 target for the year. We hope our generous community can help reach this goal, so we can transfer the full amount to the Sisters Education Fund before January ends, supporting school fees for the new year.

To donate, please use one of the following options:

- Direct Deposit: SsPP Social Justice Account, BSB 083-347, A/C No. 47300 8563.
- One in a Hundred Envelopes available at the church entrances.

Thank you, and God bless. Wishing you all a Christmas full of grace.

Harry Martin

Appeal Coordinator

2024 CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

		
	SS PETER & PAUL 23 Leeds St, Doncaster East	OUR LADY OF THE PINES 77 Carbine St, Donvale
2 nd Rites of Reconciliation		7:00pm Tuesday 17 th December, 2024
CHRISTMAS EVE	5:30pm: Carols & Children Nativity Play 6:00pm: Family Mass (Children dress up) 11:30pm: Carols & Midnight Mass	5:30pm: Carols & Children Nativity Play 6:00pm: Family Mass (Children dress up)
CHRISTMAS DAY	10:30am Carols 10:45am Mass	8:45am: Carols 9:00am: Mass

THIS WEEKEND READINGS

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS

28TH & 29TH DECEMBER:

First Reading:

Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

Second Reading:

Col 3:12-21

Gospel: Lk 2:41-52

WEEKEND READINGS

4TH & 5TH JANUARY

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

WEEKEND READINGS

11TH & 12TH JANUARY

First Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

Second Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel:

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

FOR MORE READINGS: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

**AS THIS IS OUR FINAL NEWSLETTER UNTIL WE RETURN IN 2025,
PLEASE FIND BELOW THE ROSTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING 3 WEEKS.**

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **28th DECEMBER & 29th DECEMBER**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Aileen Ng, Dolly Ng, Corrinne Ng & Jo Ann Ng

READERS & COMMENTATOR:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour & Trish Gurney
- Sun 9:30am: Kathy Stewart & Geoff Mullane

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Porscha, Alex and Zayne
- Sun 9:30am: Lily, Meagan & Tiana

MASS DRIVERS:

- Janet & Pat Goodwin

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Carlos
- Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Nicole & Carlos Cordeiro
- Sun 9:30am: Monica Luttick & Jill Howell

MONEY COUNTING:

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

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Janet Goodwin

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **28th DECEMBER & 29th DECEMBER**

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: Kayan Fernando & KT
- Sun 8am:
11:15am: Adrian & Ambrose Chan

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 1: Gerge Cooper, Greg Sleeth & John Mirams

COMMUNION MINISTER

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

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 10am SATURDAY 28th DECEMBER

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

<u>OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR</u> <u>4th JANUARY & 5th JANUARY</u>	<u>Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR</u> <u>4th JANUARY & 5th JANUARY</u>
HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Haswell, Sowersby & Smith READERS & COMMENTATOR: - Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne & Jeanelle Mendonca - Sun 9:30am: Jo Ann Ng & Rosanne Croker ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Alex, Emily & Jeanelle - Sun 9:30am: Alden, Lily & Nick MASS DRIVERS: - TBC AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Maria & Lyn - Sun 9:30am: Ryan WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Gill & James Beckford - Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago & Sue Separovic MONEY COUNTING: - Group 3: Anna Basa, Arthur Williams & Janet Goodwin PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne - Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago	READERS - Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon - Sun 8am: Paul O'Connor 11:15am: Tehani Fernando COMMENTATORS - Sat 6pm: Marie De Krester - Sun 8am: Harry Martin 11:15am: Carmel Nigro AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS - Sat 6pm: Volunteer Needed - Sun 8am: Frank Smit 11:15am: Amor Grabkowski ALTAR SERVERS - Sat 6pm: Kayan Fernando & KT - Sun 8am: 11:15am: Adrian & Ambrose Chan MONEY COUNTING: - Group 2: Imelda Sutanto, Elaine Edwards & Patrick Martin COMMUNION MINISTER - Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon - Sun 8am: Harry Martin - Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro & Volunteer
<u>OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR</u> <u>11th JANUARY & 12th JANUARY</u>	<u>Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR</u> <u>11th JANUARY & 12th JANUARY</u>
HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Cruz, Silva & Perreau READERS & COMMENTATOR: - Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertuola & Vanessa White - Sun 9:30am: Anna Basa & Leonard Healy ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Porscha, Nick & Zayne - Sun 9:30am: Alden, Madelyn & Zach MASS DRIVERS: - TBC AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Lisa - Sun 9:30am: Keegan Lim WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Christine & Geoff Lowry - Sun 9:30am: Peter & Kath Given MONEY COUNTING: - Group 4: Brian Tooth, John Evans, John Brophy & Joanne Bonavia PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Vanessa White - Sun 9:30am: Nan Perreau	READERS - Sat 6pm: Diana Ting - Sun 8am: Michael Liddy 11:15am: Merlin Cugal COMMENTATORS - Sat 6pm: Josie Lim - 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: - Sun 8am: 11:15am: MONEY COUNTING: - Group 3: Angela Start, Bernadette Mithen, Dawn Pratley & Ann Wetherall COMMUNION MINISTER - Sat 6pm: Judith Clark - Sun 8am: Barbara Gratton - Sun 11:15am: Nicole Morabito & Volunteer CLEANING ROSTER FOR <u>10am SATURDAY 11th JANUARY</u> Group 1: Carissa Spadafora, Chris Boag, Eileen Fong & Zennie Brun
<u>WE PRAY FOR BETTER HEALTH:</u> Ss Peter & Paul's Parish Victor Manuel Calvijo	<u>WE PRAY FOR ANNIVERSARIES MEMORIAL:</u> Ss Peter & Paul's Parish & OLOP Tony Calcagno, Rose Ling & John Ling
<u>WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR</u>	