



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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Tuesday to Friday

9am—3pm

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A, 28th FEBRUARY & 1st 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

Sunday: 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

INTERNATIONAL HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION — SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026

As part of the preparations for the **54th International Eucharistic Congress**, to be held in **Sydney in 2028** and attended by **Pope Leo**, every parish across the country is invited this weekend to host a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. This is a special opportunity for us to gather in prayer, deepen our faith, and reflect more profoundly on Christ's real presence in the Eucharist as we journey together toward this significant moment for the Church.

Join us for Adoration at our Parishes:

- **Our Lady of the Pines:**
Saturday, 28 February at
4:00 - 5:00 pm
- **St Peter & Paul's** Sunday,
1 March after the 8am Mass

We hope you can join us in this special hour of prayer and devotion.

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

Lenten Program for 2026 is underway and takes place each **Tuesday at 7:00 pm** in the Parish. Each week we read and reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday (this Tuesday we will reflect on the 3rd Sunday of Lent).

Although the group last week was small, our reflection on the Transfiguration was a very prayerful and enriching experience.

If you would like to attend, please let the parish office know or just turn up. The weekly readings will also be sent with the emailed newsletter. There is no need to attend every session — come whenever you can and share in this special Lenten time.

PALMS REQUEST

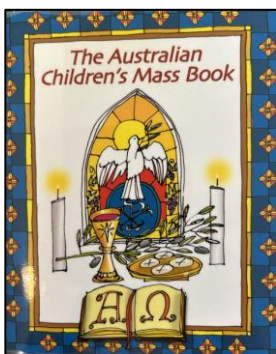
OLOP is seeking assistance from the community for the supply of long, palm tree branches for the Palm Sunday masses – Saturday 28/3/26 & Sunday 29/03/26.

On Friday, 27/03/26 the branches can be delivered to OLOP or we can arrange pick-up if necessary.

If you can supply branches, please contact the parish office (donvale@cam.org.au or [03 9842 1480](tel:0398421480)) and leave your name, address and phone number – we will be in contact re arrangements.

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

The Australian Children's Mass book is back in stock at the Piety Gift Stall along with a new selection of Baptism gifts and rosaries. Visit the stall after weekend masses. All sales go to OLOP fundraising.



FREE GIVEAWAY

MAGNESIUM FACTOR MUSCLE BESTIE GEL

A generous parishioner has sold her business and has excess Magnesium Factor Muscle Bestie Gel, ideal for mild muscle or joint discomfort. Packs are free for parishioners and can be collected from the Parish foyer this weekend.



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**.



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.

Ladies Luncheon

DO YOU HAVE WOOL TO SPARE?

The ladies from the Drop In Centre require wool to continue their work of supplying blankets/rugs to people in need.

If you have any wool to spare, especially 8ply, would you please leave it at the Drop In Centre, which is open on 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, or at the Parish office.

It will be put to very good use.

Thank you



**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>Sts 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)



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday
14–15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



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.

**World Day of Prayer
Friday March 6th**

10.00am



Doncaster Church of Christ

680 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Speaker Rev'd Peter Young
Who spent many years in Nigeria

All welcome

Refreshments served

Contact 0438 034 739

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 7th MARCH & 8th MARCH

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne
- Sun 9:30am: Kathy Stewart

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Jeanelle Mendonca
- Sun 9:30am: Geoff Mullane

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Maria & Lyn
- Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Nick, Tiana & Emily
- Sun 9:30am: Zayne, Madelyn & Porscha

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 1: Mark Keating, Vina Pena & Teresina Yung

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Christine Lowry
- Sun 9:30am: Joan McDonald

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Vanessa White
- Sun 9:30am: Nan Perreau

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Williams, Symons & McBride

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 7th MARCH & 8th MARCH

READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Diana Ting
- Sun 8am: Suzanna Pilon
- 11:15am: Merlin Cugal

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:
- Sun 11:15am:

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 4: Cheryl Manders, Verna Carter & Bernard Morley

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Judith Clark
- Sun 8am: Barbara Gratton
- Sun 11:15am: Nicole Morabito & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 7th MARCH 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

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

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH

Saviour Pirotta

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

Vincentius Freddy & Tina Buccello

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 28th FEBRUARY & 1st MARCH

First Reading:

[Genesis 12:1-4](#)

Second Reading:

[2 Timothy 1:8-10](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

NEXT 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](#)

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.