



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

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9am—3pm

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A, 14th MARCH & 15th 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

Weekends: Sat: 4:30pm & Sun: 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, known as *Laetare Sunday*, invites us to rejoice as we continue our journey toward Easter. In the midst of Lent's call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the Church reminds us of the joy that comes from God's mercy and the promise of salvation in Christ. The Scriptures, especially the Gospel of the man born blind (Year A), reveal Jesus as the Light of the World who brings spiritual sight to those who believe. Through the grace of Christ, we are called to move from darkness to light, from sin to new life. This Sunday encourages us to open our hearts to God's grace through prayer, the Sacraments, and conversion of life, trusting that Christ leads us into the fullness of truth and the joy of Easter.



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



PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

The Piety Gift Stall has a new range of rosaries and rosary bracelets. They are available to see before and after weekend masses. All sales go to our OLOP fundraising.



CLEANING & GARDENING HELP NEEDED

Regular home cleaning and gardening services required for elderly man in Park Orchards. If anyone can help, either voluntarily or for a reasonable fee, please contact Paul on 0401386034 for more information.

PALM SUNDAY - PALMS NEEDED

Thank you to those who have already responded to our request for **palm branches for Palm Sunday**. We have received a few offers; however, are still hoping for more. If you can assist by providing palm branches, please contact the **Parish Office**. With **Palm Sunday only two weeks away**, your help would be greatly appreciated. 🌿

AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS – SUNDAY MASSES

We are currently seeking **Audio Visual (AV) operators for the Sunday 9:30am Mass**. Several of our volunteers have recently stepped back, which has placed additional pressure on those who continue to serve in this ministry.

If you can assist, we would greatly appreciate your support. **Training will be provided**, and the role is an important way to contribute to the smooth running of our liturgies.

If you are interested, please **contact the Parish Office**.

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

YOUTH MASS – SUNDAY 22 MARCH 11:15AM

We are pleased to announce that our Youth Mass will resume on Sunday, 22 March at 11:15am. Moving forward, the Youth Mass will take place every fourth Sunday of the month. This Mass is a wonderful opportunity for our young parishioners to be actively involved in the liturgy and for families to come together in faith and community. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend and support our youth as they participate in the life of the parish. If you would like to be involved, please contact Sharon on 0401 292 911 or the Parish office.



PIETY STALL – OPEN EVERY SUNDAY

Our Piety Stall is open every Sunday before and after the 11:15am Mass. Please feel free to stop by and browse the range of lovely religious gifts, devotional items and greeting cards for sacramental celebrations and special occasions. Your support is always appreciated.

PIETY  STALL

AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking **Audio Visual (AV) operators to assist at our weekend Masses**. If you can assist, your support would be greatly appreciated. **Training will be provided**, and it is a wonderful way to contribute to the life of our parish.

HOLY CROSS CENTRE

Individual / Personal Retreats at Holy Cross Retreat Centre - Special Rate Available

As we journey through Lent toward Easter, we invite you to Holy Cross Retreat, Templestowe for quiet reflection and renewal. Enjoy comfortable ensuited rooms with continental breakfast included (\$149 per night or \$125 BYO linen), access to the Chapel, meditation room, and peaceful grounds. Catering (for 3+ nights) and Spiritual Direction are available. **To book, call (03) 9846 6014 or email hcc@passionists.com**.



**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>Ss 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**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
14–15 March 2026**

Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.



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.*

Healing Mass

"He took our illnesses and bore our diseases." Mat 8:17

**Sunday,
22 March 2026
5:00 PM**

**Ss Peter and Paul's Church
23 Leeds St, Doncaster East**

Come and join us for **Mass**, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration** with intention of healing and **healing prayer ministry**

INFO:
Bernadette 0407 007 708
Adi 0424 800 804



COME AWAY DAY

The first Come Away Day for 2026 will be held at Holy Cross on Wednesday 25 March. The theme, "Call to Life...", reflects on the Annunciation and Mary's "Yes", inviting us to pause, pray, and reflect on our own life journey and response to God. The day includes prayer, silent reflection, and group interaction in the peaceful grounds of Holy Cross. Registration from 9.30am, concluding with Eucharist at around 3pm. BYO lunch. Suggested donation \$30. For details or to register contact Sr Brigid CP – bridget.m64@gmail.com.

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st MARCH & 22nd MARCH

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: James Beckford
- Sun 9:30am: Anna Basa

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Mary Wynack
- Sun 9:30am: Leornard Healy

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Carlos
- Sun 9:30am: Bruce Stewart

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Nick, Tiana & Lily
- Sun 9:30am: Marcus, Zayne & Madelyn

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 3: Anna Basa, Arthur Williams & Janet Goodwin

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Gill Beckford & James Beckford
- Sun 9:30am: Monica Luttick & Jill Howell

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Gill Beckford
- Sun 9:30am: Sue Keating

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Evans, Spence & Given

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st MARCH & 22nd MARCH

READERS:

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

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Larra Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- 11:15am: Youth Mass

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Andrew Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Greg Sleeth
- 11:15am: Youth Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

MONEY COUNTING:

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

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Loraine Lednar
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- Sun 11:15am: Anna Fabris & Verna Carter

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 21st MARCH AT 10AM:

Group 2: Vic Belmont, Ellis Fernandes, Doreen Fernandes, Kelvin Lim, Michael Chen & Robert Suyasaputra

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

Adrian Aloï

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 14th MARCH & 15th MARCH

First Reading:

[1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13](#)

Second Reading:

[Ephesians 5:8-14](#)

Gospel:

[John 9:1-41](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 21st MARCH & 22nd MARCH

First Reading:

[Ezekiel 37:12-14](#)

Second Reading:

[Romans 8:8-11](#)

Gospel:

[John 11:1-45](#)

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.