



**OUR LADY OF THE
PINES, DONVALE**



**Ss PETER & PAUL,
DONCASTER EAST**



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Tuesday to Friday

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 12th SEPTEMBER & 13th SEPTEMBER 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

Matthew 18:21-35

"I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven."

In this week's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive someone who has wronged him. Jesus replies, "not seven, but seventy-seven times," teaching that forgiveness should not be counted or limited. He then tells the story of a servant whose enormous debt was completely forgiven, yet the same servant refused to forgive a much smaller debt owed to him.

Jesus reminds us that God shows us endless mercy and forgiveness, and He asks us to offer that same mercy to others. Forgiving can be difficult, especially when we have been deeply hurt, but holding onto anger can prevent healing. We learn that forgiveness does not mean the hurt did not matter; it means choosing to let go of resentment and allowing God to bring peace to our hearts.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

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PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Maria C. & Suzanna P

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OLOP: Peter Given

SSPP: Andres Isaza

School Principal

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

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Our Lady of the Pines Parish

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OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

The gift stall has some new colourways of our handmade prayer quilts. Each prayer quilt comes with the following prayer:

I am a little prayer quilt to hold in your hand,
To help when trouble arises, those things you did not plan.
When your fingers touch the cross, remember that God is
always by your side. Hold me tight in your fist,
if it helps to calm your fears. And don't be afraid to use
me, to wipe away your tears.

The prayer quilts make a perfect gift to include in a sympathy or get-well card which are also available at the stall.

There are also blank cards for other occasions.

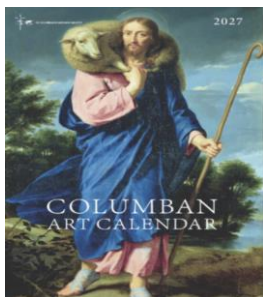
STEWARDSHIP & CLERGY ENVELOPES

The printing of all parish envelopes has now been completed. They are available for collection from the **Narthex**. If you are unable to locate your envelope, please contact the **Parish Office** and we will be happy to assist you.

2027 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The new **2027 Columban Calendars** have arrived and are now available for purchase from the Piety store.

\$12 each Calendars are limited, so please purchase yours early to avoid missing out.



Damian Howard and the Ploughboys

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

1 pm start
Our Lady of the Pines
Carbine St. Donvale

\$50 per head
BYO food & nibbles
Drinks at bar prices
No BYO liquor - 18+ only

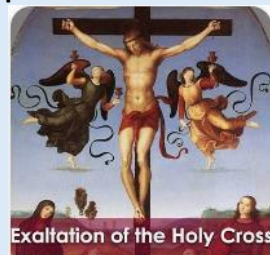
To book contact:
David Sowersby 0419311775
Geoff Mullane 0409148144
Roy Tavenor 0439668803

One of Australia's top Celtic festival bands to perform live - right here in Donvale

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

On **Monday 14 September**, we celebrate the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, a special feast day in the Church that invites us to reflect on the Cross as a sign of Christ's love, sacrifice and salvation. **Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on Monday 14 September at St Peter & Paul's Church.**



RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

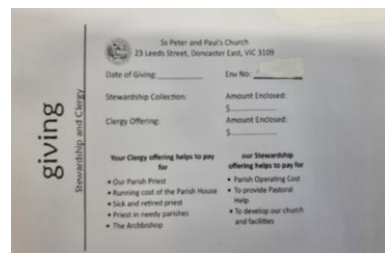
Ss Peter & Paul's Parish will begin its **RCIA Programme** with an information session on **Sunday, 20 September at 9:30am**. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming part of the Church is warmly invited. Please contact the Parish Office by **Friday, 18 September** to attend or learn more.

ANOINTING MASS

An Anointing Mass will be held on Tuesday 15th September at 11am followed by a light luncheon in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PARISH ENVELOPES – STILL AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

The printing of all parish envelopes has now been completed, and there are still many envelopes waiting to be collected. If you use parish envelopes, please take a moment to check the Narthex and collect yours. If you are unable to locate your envelope or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office, and we will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



LADIES LUNCH

Due to the Anointing Mass, our next Ladies Lunch will now be held on Wednesday 23rd September at the Templestowe Hotel at 12.30pm. Come and meet the ladies of the Parish and enjoy a good chat and a lovely lunch. To make a booking, contact Muriel on 0417 055 617. Bookings close on Monday 21 September.

Ladies Luncheon

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



Safeguarding Sunday 2026

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September each year – at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

On Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities.

We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

This year the theme is Love Protects and the readings show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA: NEPAL FLOODS APPEAL

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support. Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families. Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.



Come Away Day

The **Come Away Day program** is a long - time retreat and reflection ministry at Holy Cross. The next **Come Away Day** for 2026 will be held at Holy Cross on **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16th**. The theme of the day is '**COME TO THE WATERS ...**' After our Winter break, we are invited to celebrate the coming of the Spring Season and all that this evokes in us physically, emotionally and spiritually. We have an opportunity to rest, reflect and focus on the deeper meaning, changes, and movements of growth in our own life journeys and how we respond. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. Just come as you are. **BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am in the Holy Cross Main Dining Room.** The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around **3pm**. The suggested cost is \$30.00 or a donation according to your means. Registration is helpful for planning purposes. For any further details contact Sr Brigid cp on bridget.m64@gmail.com . Please put this Date in your Diary and consider inviting a friend along to share the Come Away Day experience. Everyone is welcome.
Thank you & God bless,
Kay Lewis

ROSTERS		
OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19 th SEPTEMBER & 20 th SEPTEMBER		Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19 th SEPTEMBER & 20 th SEPTEMBER
READERS: - Sat 5pm: Maria Carey - Sun 9:30am: Juanita Monahan COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Peter Given - Sun 9:30am: Vince Taranto AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Carlos - Sun 9:30am: Leonard Healy ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Nick, Emily & Alex - Sun 9:30am: Zayne, Porscha & Rosa MONEY COUNTING: - Group 2: Peter Johnstone, Bob O'Halloran, Monica Luttick & Jill Howell WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Rose Tavenor & Roy Tavenor - Sun 9:30am: Joan McDonald & Luzanne Argæet PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertoula - Sun 9:30am: Janet Goodwin HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Cruz, Silva & Perreau		READERS: - Sat 6pm: Denise - Sun 8am: Muriel O'Gorman - Sun 11:15am: Vince Taranto COMMENTATORS: - Sat 6pm: Katrina Chong - Sun 8am: Frank Smit - Sun 11:15am: John Mirams AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 6pm: Felin Siamir - Sun 8am: Volunteer - Sun 11:15am: Volunteer ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 6pm: Sun 11:15am: ROSARY LEADERS: - Sat 6pm: Monica - Sun 8am: Sheryl - Sun 11:15am: Vince PILGRIM STATUE: - Lisa G MONEY COUNTING: - Group 3: Angela Stuart, Bernadette Mithen, Dawn Pratley & Ann Wetherall COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Loraine Lednar - Sun 8am: Muriel O'Gorman - Sun 11:15am: Albert Ling & Volunteer CLEANING ROSTER FOR 19th SEPTEMBER AT 10AM: Group 3: Tessie Anderson, Maebelle Rechtman, Tessa Leung, Joyce Lee, Anita Ting & Tim Ting
PLEASE NOTE: From 6 September, the Sick and Anniversary Lists will be included in the weekly Parish Newsletter instead of the Mass PowerPoint. To ensure the lists remain accurate, please advise the Parish Office by Wednesday of the week you would like a name included. Anniversary names will not be carried forward unless we are advised to do so.		
WE PRAY FOR THE SICK		
<u>AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH</u>		<u>AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH</u> Henry Shakoory, Paul O'Connor, Cameron Merrett
WE PRAY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL & THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED		
<u>AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH</u> Jenny O'Halloran, Therese Liddell , Ryan J Kim		<u>AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH</u> Camillo Tarquinio, Kumar Fernando, Sixto Escalante, Metaxia Handolias, Renata Persi
MASS READINGS		
<u>THIS WEEKEND READINGS</u> <u>12th SEPTEMBER & 13th SEPTEMBER</u> First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35		<u>NEXT WEEKEND READINGS</u> <u>19th SEPTEMBER & 20th SEPTEMBER</u> First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16
SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY - List Your Business in our Parish Newsletter. Contact (03) 9842 1480		
<u>Mark's Gardening Service:</u> Weeding, Mowing, Mulching, Hedging – All your garden needs. Pension Discounts Call Mark: 0456 166 860	<u>Fabris Electrical Contractors:</u> Electrical services and Data or Phone system installation. Call Marco: 0421907112 or Mario: 0421 907 061	<u>Drypt - Automotive Detailing</u> 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.		