



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A, 16th MAY & 17th MAY 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 7:35am & 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

SSPP CHARISMATIC GROUP

Tuesday: 7:00pm

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of the Lord reminds us that Jesus, risen from the dead, returns to the Father in glory, while entrusting

His disciples with the mission to continue His work on earth. In the Gospel, Jesus sends His followers to be witnesses, promising them the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we celebrate this great feast, we are encouraged to lift our hearts to heaven while living faithfully here on earth. Through Christ's Ascension, may we be strengthened in hope, guided by the Holy Spirit, and inspired to share the Good News with courage, joy, and love.



SACRAMENTAL COMMITMENT THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, we warmly welcome the children from Our Lady of the Pines Primary School and Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School who will make their Sacramental Commitment for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. This important step marks the beginning of a special journey of faith as these children prepare to encounter God's mercy in Reconciliation and to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. As parish communities, we are invited to support these children and their families with our prayers, encouragement, and example of Christian living. May they grow in their love for the Lord and come to know the peace, joy, and grace that flow from these beautiful Sacraments. We ask our loving God to bless each child and their family as they continue their journey of faith, trusting always in the guidance and presence of our dear Lord Jesus Christ.

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

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to Our Mother's Day Raffle Winners!
The prize winners are;

1st: Mary Furnay 2nd: Vena Pena
3rd: Ann Sette 4th: Pamela McConchie
5th: Corinne Ng 6th: Rita Latimour

Our thanks to everyone who supported the Raffle, which raised \$815. This will go to the ongoing church fundraising requirements.

The Social Committee.

FUNERAL NOTICE FOR EMMY OAKLEY

Family and friends are warmly invited to attend the Funeral Mass for Emmy Oakley, a valued parishioner who dedicated so much to our parish community. Emmy was a beautiful soul whose kindness, faith, and generosity touched the lives of many. The Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Pines Church on Monday, 18th May at 11:00am, with a Rosary to be recited beforehand at 10:30am. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. May Emmy rest in peace and remain forever in our hearts.



FILM NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a special Film Night on Friday, 19th June. A wonderful evening to relax, connect, and enjoy a great film together. More details coming soon!

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

The month of May celebrates our Mother Mary. The Piety Gift Stall has a wonderful array of rosaries, rosary pouches and icons for all your pray needs. Open before and after weekend masses. All proceeds go to our OLOP fundraising.



RECYCLING PROGRAM

Please be advised that the recycling program has now been cancelled until further notice. We thank everyone for their support and participation throughout the program.

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

SANCTUARY RENOVATION UPDATE

Sanctuary renovation works will commence this Monday, 18 May. It is expected to take approximately 2 weeks to complete. Weekend Masses will continue as normal. We thank everyone who has contributed to this project and appreciate your patience as we undertake these improvements. **Father will require assistance with moving pews in preparation for the works. If you can help, please arrive at 11:00am this Monday.**

For further contributions please use:

Name: Archdiocese of Melbourne Catholic Development Fund

BSB: 083-347 **Account:** 691 943 787



ANOINTING MASS

On Tuesday, we celebrated a beautiful Anointing Mass, during which members of our parish community received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It was a prayerful and grace-filled time of support, healing, and comfort for all who attended. Following Mass, we gathered for a shared lunch. Thank you to all who assisted in preparing and supporting this special mass.



PILGRIM STATUE

The pilgrim statue of Fatima is continuing in her pilgrimage. Helping celebrate a 1st Birthday. Sign up on the roster located in the narthex, if you would like her to visit your home!

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

Location: Ss Peter & Paul's Church

Date: Sunday, 24th May

Time: 9:00am – 10:30am

LADIES LUNCH GATHERING

Our next luncheon will be on **Wednesday 20th May**. The lunch will take place at East Alley Restaurant, Shop 30, Tunstall Square at **12.30pm**. Everyone is welcome. If you wish to attend, contact Muriel on 0417 055 617.

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS – SUNDAY 24 MAY

All are warmly invited to our Monthly Youth Mass next Sunday, 24 May, at 11:15am. Our young people will take an active role in the liturgy through reading, music, offertory, and other ministries.

If you or your child would like to participate, please contact the Parish Office. We encourage everyone to attend and support our young parishioners as they share their gifts with the community.

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



Southern Stars And Young Stars Social Club Party Night

Party For Single Catholics In The 28 To 60

Age Group

Saturday 23rd MAY

Starting at 7.30pm

Location : St Benedict's Parish Hall

Central Ave Burwood , Melway Map 60 H 6

Cost : \$13.00, Members \$7.00 Includes Supper
And Lucky Door Prizes.

Enquiries : Peter 9885 2167



St. Francis of Assisi

♪ SHOWCASE ♪

Calling all performers!

To celebrate the **Franciscan Jubilee Year**, COG Theatre is hosting a musical showcase highlighting the life of St Francis of Assisi.

Expressions of interest welcome!

If you are a performer, technician, administrant or are just eager to get involved, please contact
cogtheatregroup@gmail.com OR
0413 398 528.

Auditions, interviews and workshops to follow in June.

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Franciscus

CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS WILL BE HOSTING A

2-DAY CONFERENCE

TO CELEBRATE THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS
TO REFLECT UPON AND SHARE ABOUT THE AMAZING LIFE
AND ENDURING LEGACY OF THIS GREAT SAINT.

30-31
MAY
2026

ST ANTHONY'S
CAPUCHIN FRIARY
CHURCH
182 POWER STREET
HAWTHORN VIC
3122

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver Annual Mission Dinner 2026

Sunday 14th June at 1 pm

VENUE AT:

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER HALL
154 Cotham Road, Kew

Phone (03) 9817 3715

THERE WILL BE TRADING TABLES WITH LOTS OF FINE ITEMS FOR SALE.

Adults \$50.00 each
Children under 10 yrs. \$20.00 each

To secure a seat, please purchase your ticket(s) no later than

FRIDAY 5th JUNE 2026

Please complete the slip below and return it to our address or feel free to call in at the Convent.

We look forward to seeing you.

NET MINISTRIES RECRUITING CAMPAIGN 2027 – ON MISSION

Are you interested in 10 months of mission across Australia & New Zealand? NET Ministries have been inspiring young people to follow Jesus and find a home in the Church for over 38 years, and we'd love to have you on board for 2027! Express your interest via the QR Code now!



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Founded in 1947, ACN is a pontifical foundation and provides vital aid for pastoral projects, religious education, and emergency relief in areas affected by conflict and poverty.

Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith. **Watch John's moving testimony** and **download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card** to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world. Scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26



7-10 July 2026

WINTER PROGRAM

A four-day residential program to experience uni life at Campion College – sample lectures, conversations with current students, shared meals, and time to connect with like-minded peers.

Learn more and register: www.campion.edu.au/events

CAMPION COLLEGE AUSTRALIA

13-17 July 2026

CAMPION COLLEGE EARLY SCHOLARS INTENSIVE

- Complete a first-year philosophy unit at Campion College
- Open to students in Year 11 and 12
- Experience university study and gain academic credit

Learn more and enrol:
www.campion.edu.au/events/

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 23rd MAY & 24th MAY

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertuola
- Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne
- Sun 9:30am: Mark Keating

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Gabrielle & Ryan
- Sun 9:30am: Bruce Stewart

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Alex, Tiana & Rosa
- Sun 9:30am: Porscha, Zayne & Zach

MONEY COUNTING:

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

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Gabrielle Collins & Mary Wynack
- Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago & Sue Separovic

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Vanessa White
- Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Baird, Stewart and Separovic

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 23rd MAY & 24th MAY

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: Adrian & Ambrose
- Sun 11:15am: Nicole

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 5: Joy Cormack, Lorraine Lednar & Muriel O'Gorman

COMMUNION MINISTER:

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

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 30th MAY 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

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

Tommaso Casamento, Maria Casamento, Angelo Casamento,

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 16th MAY & 17th MAY

First Reading:

[Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11](#)

Second Reading:

[Ephesians 1:17-23](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 28:16-20](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 23rd MAY & 24th MAY

First Reading:

[Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11](#)

Second Reading:

[1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13](#)

Gospel:

[John 20:19-23](#)

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.