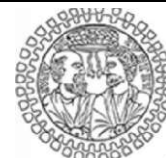




OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS AT 23 LEEDS ST DONCASTER EAST, VIC 3109

Tuesday to Friday

9am—3pm

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 18th JULY & 19th JULY 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

SSPP CHARISMATIC GROUP

Tuesday: 7:00pm

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches through three parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. In the first, a farmer sows good seed, but an enemy secretly plants weeds among the wheat. Rather than pulling the weeds out immediately and risking damage to the wheat, the farmer waits until the harvest, when the wheat and weeds will be separated. Jesus explains that this is a reminder that good and evil exist together in the world for now, but God, in His perfect justice, will bring about the final judgment at the right time. Jesus then compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and to yeast that transforms an entire batch of dough. These images remind us that God's Kingdom often begins in small, humble ways but grows to have a powerful and life-changing impact.

This Gospel encourages us to remain faithful, patient, and hopeful. Even when we see evil or hardship around us, God is always at work. Our small acts of faith, kindness, and love help build His Kingdom, and we trust that, in the end, goodness will triumph through God's perfect plan.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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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

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OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

Finance Update – Expenditure

The Finance Committee would like to advise parishioners of recent necessary expenditure in the parish. Your contributions to the parish and your support of the Social/Fundraising events have made this possible.

- A new refrigerator and a professional speed washer have been purchased for The Worship Centre kitchen. Both were unserviceable and needed to be replaced. The combined cost for both was approximately \$4,000.
- Replacement lighting will be installed in the Chapel. The current lighting is insufficient for the need. Approximate cost - \$1000.
- Men's Toilet - We are awaiting a decision from our insurer as to whether our claim for the repairs and replacement will be accepted. This is major works, involving plumbing, carpentry, tiling, painting and electrical trades. An approximate cost is \$18,000, however if our claim is accepted, the excess will be \$5,000.

The Finance Committee



SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS

Do you enjoy spending time with children and sharing your faith? We are looking for a few more volunteers to re-start our Children's Liturgy ministry at the 9.30 am Sunday Mass. Children's Liturgy provides primary school-aged children with the opportunity to hear and explore the Gospel in a way that is engaging, age-appropriate and meaningful. During the Liturgy of the Word, the children leave the church with the leaders and return in time to join the congregation for the Creed. The commitment is minimal—just once every two months—and because you are already attending Mass, there is no additional time required beyond leading the session. This is a wonderful opportunity to nurture the faith of our youngest parishioners and help them develop a deeper understanding of God's Word in a welcoming and supportive environment. No teaching experience is necessary. We will provide guidance and support. The only requirement is that you hold a current Working with Children Check. If you have ever felt called to share your faith and make a positive difference in the lives of our children, we would love to hear from you. **For more information or to express your interest, please contact the Parish Office.**

Melbourne Synod preparation - OLOP discernment:

Parishioners are invited to stay **after Mass on Sunday 2 August** to discuss our Parish, our diocese, our church. **Two representatives of the Parish** will attend a diocesan meeting on 8 August in preparation for the Diocesan Synod in December. Diocesan synods are being held throughout the world to discern the needs of our Church. This is our opportunity to contribute to a synodal culture endorsed by Pope Leo and his predecessor Pope Francis - inclusive, accountable and transparent leadership involving all the People of God.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT THE PIETY GIFT STALL

The Piety Gift Stall has a range of decorative items to help decorate your Christmas in July table. Come and see the Christmas themed decorations at the gift stall before and after weekend masses. All sales go to our fundraising.

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

SUNDAY 26 JULY

All are warmly invited to our Monthly Youth Mass next Sunday, **26 July, 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.



Parish Feast Celebration – Full Video Now Available

It was a wonderful occasion of faith, fellowship, and thanksgiving for our parish community.

We are pleased to let you know that the **full video of the Parish Feast Celebration** has now been uploaded to **our parish website**. If you would like to recall the celebration or were unable to attend, you are warmly invited to watch it online.

Please use the links below to access the videos:

- **Parish Feast Celebration:**

<https://youtu.be/vK10FoFncC4> (Highlight Video)

https://youtu.be/Eivgh0EK_eM?si=46Mj_X0H2e5LaxtM (Full Video)

We hope these recordings will be a blessing to you and your family. Thank you once again for being part of this special celebration, and may God continue to bless our parish community.



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

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE 2026 OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE WEEKEND

Catholic Theological College is once again participating in Open House Melbourne 2026, welcoming visitors to explore its unique campus on Saturday, 25 July 2026, from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Located at 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, the College showcases the seamless integration of its historic William Wardell-designed bluestone building with a contemporary addition by Gregory Burgess. Visitors can enjoy a free self-guided tour and discover the rich history and award-winning architecture of this remarkable site. Admission is free, and no bookings are required. Entry is via the reception/foyer at Catholic Theological College.



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Melbourne synod 2026 – Theme Paper Release

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

We pray for the Melbourne Synod:

That our preparations will be marked by wisdom in decision-making, courage in leadership, and humility in listening to one another. May the Spirit guide our every conversation and action. Amen.

Further details can also be accessed via: [Melbourne Synod 2026 | Melbourne Catholic](#)



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WEBINAR INVITATION

IS THERE DIVERSITY IN CHAPLAINCY?

"IS THERE DIVERSITY IN CHAPLAINCY?" DISCOVER MORE ... A webinar in two parts 23 July & 30 July 7.00-8.30pm. During these two webinars, experienced Chaplains will explore their varied roles and discuss the broad scope of their ministry. Organised by The Association of Pastoral Ministry Leaders Melbourne (APMLM) and Garratt's Publishing. Registration details available at www.garrattpublishing.com.au/event/is-there-diversity-in-chaplaincy-webinar-series/

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Our Lady of
Guadalupe

TO INTRODUCE THE MIRACULOUS
**MANTLE OF OUR LADY
OF GUADALUPE**
WHICH HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY
Bishop His Excellency
Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez,
ARCHBISHOP OF GUADALAJARA, MEXICO

WHEN
1ST OF AUGUST
SATURDAY AT 6PM
AFTER THE 6 PM HOLY MASS
BLESSING OF
MIRACULOUS MANTLE

WHERE
SS PETER & PAUL
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DONCASTER EAST
23 LEEDS ST.
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ROSTERS	
OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25 th JULY & 26 th JULY	Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25 th JULY & 26 th JULY
READERS: - Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne - Sun 9:30am: Youth Mass COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Jeanelle Mendonca - Sun 9:30am: Youth Mass AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Gabrielle & Ryan - Sun 9:30am: Youth Mass ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Alex, Emily & Lily - Sun 9:30am: Marcus, Tiana & Zayne MONEY COUNTING: - Group 3: Anna Basa, Arthur Williams & Janet Goodwin WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Oswald Mendonca - Sun 9:30am: Joan McDonald & Luzanne Argæet PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne - Sun 9:30am: Nan Perreau HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Luttick, Howell, Argæet & Mack	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 4: Cheryl Manders, Verna Carter & Bernard Morley COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Loraine Lednar - Sun 8am: Volunteer - Sun 11:15am: Anna Fabris & Verna Carter CLEANING ROSTER FOR 25th JULY AT 10AM: Group 5: Bernard O'Halaran, Alfredo Weeny, Shonita Naneo & Daniella Taranto
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 Joseph Lim, Anna Paron, Lorenzo Fatigati
MASS READINGS	
THIS WEEKEND READINGS 18 th JULY & 19 th JULY	NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 25 th JULY & 26 th JULY
First Reading: Wisdom 12:13.16-19 Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30	First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12 Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52
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