



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 29th AUGUST & 30th AUGUST 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 REFLECTION

[Matthew 16:21-27](#)

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches that following him is not always easy. Peter struggles to accept that Jesus must suffer, but Jesus reminds him that God's ways are not always the same as our own. True discipleship means letting go of selfish desires, taking up our crosses and trusting God, even when the path is difficult. In our daily lives, we all carry crosses through disappointment, illness, family struggles, grief or uncertainty.

Jesus does not ask us to seek suffering, but to face life's challenges with faith, courage and love. We follow him whenever we put another person's needs before our own, forgive when it is difficult, stand up for what is right or make sacrifices for those we love. The Gospel also invites us to reflect on what truly matters. Success, possessions and recognition cannot bring lasting fulfilment if we lose sight of our faith, relationships and compassion. Jesus calls us to live less for ourselves and more for God and others. It is through giving, serving and loving that we discover the fullness of life he promises.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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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

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643843933

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Our Lady of the Pines Parish

BSB: 083 347

Act No:

647620921

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OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST CHILDREN

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the First Holy Eucharist of children from our parish and school communities. We ask all parishioners to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey and receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. May this special occasion be a source of great joy and blessing for the children, their families and our whole parish community. Please join us in praying for them as they continue to grow in faith and love of Christ.

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS HOLY COMMUNION SEASON

It's that special time of the year when our young parishioners celebrate their first Eucharist. The Piety Gift Stall has many gifts to help commemorate this special occasion. Visit before and after weekend masses. All proceeds go to our OLOP fundraising.



RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

The new season of RCIA will commence at Our Lady of the Pines at the end of September. RCIA is the pathway for adults who wish to explore the Catholic faith with a view to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation). RCIA also caters for adults who are already baptised in other Christian traditions and would like to become full sacramental members of the Catholic Church as well as Baptised Catholics who never received Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation. inquiries can be directed to Father Toan or Mary Ann Payne via the parish office. Don't miss out on the journey of a lifetime!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – TRIAL

Thanks to a parishioner passionate about getting Children's Liturgy up and running again, we will be trialling a new approach from **Sunday, 6 September at the 9:30am Mass**. Young children are invited to join us for a child-friendly version of the Sunday Gospel, followed by a colouring activity. The materials will be prepared and ready each week for two parishioners with a **current Working with Children Check** to lead the session.

There will be no formal roster—if you are available to assist on the day, we would love your help. We will see how the trial progresses based on participation and adjust as needed. Let's get it started and leave the rest in the dear Lord's hands!

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

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.

UPDATING THE VISIT OF SR TRUDY

Sr Trudy will visit Ss Peter & Paul's Parish on **Sunday, 27 September at the 8:00am Mass** to provide an update on the situation in Jerusalem. The One in a Hundred account currently holds **\$8,750**, with further contributions welcomed to help reach the annual goal of \$10,000 and support the Notre Dame Local Children's Education Fund. **Direct deposit:** BSB 083-347 | Account 473008563
Thank you for your ongoing generosity. God bless, Harry and Sr Trudy

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.

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.

PILGRIM STATUE PHOTOS

Josie and Silvanas house



Mariluz house



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

UPDATE TO OUR SICK & ANNIVERSARY LISTS FROM 6 SEPTEMBER

To ensure that our parish records remain accurate and up to date, we will be making a change to the way we display the names of those who are sick and those celebrating anniversaries at our weekly Masses. As you can appreciate, it has become increasingly difficult to keep these lists current. We have received several notifications advising us that parishioners who remain on our sick list have sadly passed away. At times, names have been allocated to the wrong month or week, while on other occasions, we have become aware that names have been inadvertently left off our anniversary list. **To help us maintain accurate records, we ask that you please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday each week with the name of anyone who is sick or whose anniversary is being remembered that week.** Going forward, names will no longer be displayed on the PowerPoint during Mass. Instead, the names will be included in the weekly Parish Newsletter. If you would like to offer a particular Mass for a loved one who is sick or being remembered on an anniversary, please let the Parish Office know. We will ensure that their name is included in the Prayers of the Faithful, and the Priest or Commentator will also acknowledge this at the beginning of Mass. We hope you understand and appreciate the reason for this change. This new approach will help us ensure that our lists are accurate, that those who have sadly passed away are respectfully removed, and that anniversaries are correctly acknowledged each week. Thank you for your understanding.

Ss Peter & Paul's parishioners, we would like to let you know of a small change to the way we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word. From **Sunday, 6 September**, we will be having the Scripture readings proclaimed without displaying the full readings on the PowerPoint. This is intended to encourage us to pause, listen and reflect on the **Word of God as it is proclaimed**.

We appreciate that having the readings displayed on the screen has been helpful for some parishioners, particularly those who find it difficult to hear. We trust that, with our upgraded audio system, the readings will be clearer and easier to hear. Thank you for your support and understanding.

ARCHBISHOPS CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2026 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating, or you can use the campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN FOR THE WORLD APPEAL

Safe childbirth shouldn't depend on luck. But in Papua New Guinea, many women still face pregnancy and childbirth without access to the care, equipment and support they need. Health centres are often under-resourced, and distance, cost and extreme weather can make reaching care a challenge. By supporting Caritas Australia's Women for the World appeal, you can help upgrade rural health centres, giving women a safer chance to bring new life into the world. Your gift today can help support safer pregnancies, safer births and healthier futures for mothers and babies. Learn more or donate today at www.caritas.org.au/wftw



CATHOLIC EARTHCARE SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026 - FINAL CHANGE TO REGISTER!

The **Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act** is a national online event exploring faith, ecology and justice. Featuring keynote presentations, practical workshops and community resources, it offers ways for individuals, parishes, schools and organisations to care for creation and respond to today's social and environmental challenges.

Dates: 3–4 September

Time: 10:00am–4:30pm AEST

Location: Online

Cost: \$20 per person for both days
Auslan interpretation will be available for all Day 1 keynote sessions.

To learn more and register, visit www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY

Comprehensive and engaging online training opportunity for anyone wishing to serve as an *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion* in the parish or any currently serving ministers who are interested in deepening their understanding of this wonderful ministry. Commitment involves five x 1 hour live Zoom classrooms per week (on a Monday evening starting 26 October), plus additional study done in your own time with material hosted online. Cost is \$110. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. For more information, see www.acu.edu.au/pastoral.

Do you want to learn how to proclaim the Word of God at Mass with confidence, skill and conviction? Join the online training program which starts on Wednesday evening, 7 October at 7pm. Includes four 1 hour Zoom classes with extra work done in your own time over four weeks. Cost is \$90. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. For more information, see www.acu.edu.au/pastoral.

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 5th SEPTEMBER & 6th SEPTEMBER

READERS:

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

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Vanessa White
- Sun 9:30am: Mark Keating

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

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

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Nick, Porscha & Zayne
- Sun 9:30am: Rosa, Zach & Meagan

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 9: Pat Goodwin, Martin Pirotta & Godwin Bonavia

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Monica Luttick & Jill Howell

PIETY STALL:

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

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Mullane, Casey & Bonavia

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 5th SEPTEMBER & 6th SEPTEMBER

READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon
- Sun 8am: Paul O'Connor
- 11:15am: Tehani Fernando

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Marie De Krester
- Sun 8am: Saliya Gurusinghe
- 11:15am: Carmel Nigro

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Nick Soo
- Sun 8am: Frank Smit
- 11:15am: Amor Grabkowski

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 6pm:
- Sun 11:15am:

ROSARY LEADERS:

- Sat 6pm: Marie
- Sun 8am: Sheryl
- 11:15am: Vince

PILGRIM STATUE ROSTER:

- Marlina

MONEY COUNTING:

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

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 5th SEPTEMBER 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

Cameron Merrett

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

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 29th AUGUST & 30th AUGUST

First Reading: [Jeremiah 20:7-9](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 12:1-2](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 16:21-27](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 5th SEPTEMBER & 6th SEPTEMBER

First Reading: [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 13:8-10](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

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.