



# OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



# Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 11:15am @Ss Peter & Paul  
**Youth Coordinator:** Sharon Yeo

### FUNERALS & WEDDINGS

By Appointment

### CONFESSION

#### Our Lady of the Pines Parish

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: 4:30pm

#### Ss Peter and Paul Parish

Saturday: After 9am mass &

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11am

#### Ss Peter and Paul Parish

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 12:30pm

### SSPP BIBLE SHARING

Wednesday: 10:15am

### SSPP CHARISMATIC GROUP

Tuesday: 7:00pm

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Fifth Sunday of Easter draws us deeper into the mystery of the Resurrection through the call to remain in Christ's love. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of Himself as the true vine, reminding us that we are the branches, invited to stay connected to Him so that our lives may bear lasting fruit.

This Sunday encourages us to reflect on what it means to abide in Him: to live in a relationship rooted in trust, prayer, and love. Apart from Him we can do nothing, but with Him our lives become fruitful and full of purpose. It also challenges us to consider whether our actions reflect that connection. Are we living in a way that shows His love to others?

In this Easter season, we are invited to remain close to Christ, allowing His life to flow through us, so that everything we too may bear witness to the joy and renewal of the Resurrection.



### 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:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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

### MUSIC AFTERNOON

We're so pleased to share that not only did everyone enjoy a wonderful afternoon, but we also raised an amazing \$5,918. Thank you to everyone who made it possible!

– *Social/Fundraising Committee*

### MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

The Fund-Raising Committee is holding a Raffle which will be drawn on Mother's Day Morning after 9.30am Mass. 5 beautiful Hampers have been donated - filled with gifts!

Tickets on sale after Mass.

Be in it to win it!

### 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 the greatest Mother of all, our beloved Our Lady of The Pines. If you need to update your rosary, come and see the beautiful new collection of rosaries and rosary pouches at The Piety Gift Stall before and after weekend masses. There are still Mother's Day cards and gifts available. All profits go to our parish fundraising.



### BAPTISMS

We would like to welcome the following families who are having their children baptised this weekend:

- Phoenix Cardamone, child of Michael and Elissia with Godparents Janice & Jake
- Aisha Caparello, child of Anthony & Jenna-Filomena with Godparents Paul & Vanessa
- Samuel Withanaarachchi, child of Dylan & Cherise with Godparents Caitlyn & Rowan
- Charlotte and Harry Courtis, children of Stephen & Grace with Godparents Krystin, Gavin and Kaytlin
- Hugo and Penelope, children of Gavin & Krystin with Godparents Stephen and Grace

## Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

### BERNARD FERRE FUNERAL MASS

As a parish community, we continue to remember with gratitude the life of Bernard Ferre, a long-standing and loved member of our parish. Bernard's Funeral Mass will be held here at our parish, with the date and time currently being finalised. We hold Kathy and the Ferre family in our prayers during this time of sorrow, entrusting Bernard to God's loving care. Further details will be shared with the parish as soon as they are confirmed.

### FUNERAL NOTICE: ROBERT BERTIERI

The Funeral Mass for Robert Bertieri will be celebrated in our parish on **Thursday 7 May at 10:30am**. Please note that there will be **no 9:00am Mass** on this day. We keep Robert, Anna and his family in our prayers during this time.

### PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – REMINDER

**Location:** Ss Peter & Paul's Church

**Date:** Sunday, 24 May **Time:** 9:00am – 10:30am

### STS PETER & PAUL'S PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA! CHURCH TO HOME VISITATION - MOTHER MARY COMES TO US!

**Have the Pilgrim Statue visit your home!**

**When?** May to October 2026

**Who?** Pray with it in your household whether it's just you or your whole clan! Student, working, married, single, take Our Lady home!

**How?**

1. Make sure to put your details on the roster in the narthex.
2. Host Family collects the statue on a Sunday and keeps it for 7 days, returned back to the church the following weekend.
3. If you would like to host a group of prayer warriors from our parish to pray with you whilst you have the statue, that can be organised too (1 day of the week).
4. Let's rekindle family and group prayer!



### ANOINTING MASS

The Anointing Mass will be held on **Tuesday 12 May at 11:00am**, followed by a light lunch in the narthex. There will be **no 9am Mass** on this day.

### LADIES LUNCH GATHERING – DATE RESCHEDULED

Due to the Anointing Mass being on 12th May, our next luncheon will now be deferred from 13th May to **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.

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

### On the appeal weekend



#### CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.

**Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope.**

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate:

- Using the appeal envelope available in our parish
- Online - [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)
- Phone - (03) 9967 2515
- Scan the QR Code



All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

*"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)*

### Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal

The situation in Lebanon remains extremely fragile – over 1.1 million people displaced nationwide. Stand with the people of Lebanon today.

**DONATE NOW**  
[caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://caritas.org.au/lebanon)



Photo: Caritas Lebanon

### MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit

[www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal](http://www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal)



## MOTHER'S DAY

WITH BENEDETTA WOMEN

Celebrate motherhood and the women who inspire us through prayer, reflection, and creativity. Bring your kids, your mum or a friend to fill your cup in this uplifting space.



HAP CAFE  
CARLTON NORTH  
SATURDAY 9TH MAY  
3:30PM - 5:30PM

*love, the  
Benedetta team*



BY @MEDITATIO X REN

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER !

@BENEDETTAWOMEN

### ANNUAL MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), parishes, communities, families and all are invited to join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession as the Archdiocese of Melbourne publicly and joyfully journeys with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

### MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 7 June 2026

Begins 1.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral

Concludes at Federation Square.

Like those disciples who recognised Jesus on the journey to Emmaus, this afternoon will be a wonderful opportunity for the whole Archdiocesan community to bear witness to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, our light and hope, into the heart of the city.

What to bring:

- Wear warm layers and bring a jacket or umbrella in case of rain.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a water bottle to stay hydrated.

## ROSTERS

### OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 9<sup>th</sup> MAY & 10<sup>th</sup> MAY

#### READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Jo Ann Ng

#### COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Trish Gurney
- Sun 9:30am: Rosanne Croker

#### AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa & Jeanelle
- Sun 9:30am: Lukas, Antony & Daniel

#### ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Rosa, Emily & Alex
- Sun 9:30am: Marcus, Zayne & Madelyn

#### MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 1: Mark Keating, Vina Pena & Teresina Yung

#### WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Gill Beckford & James Beckford
- Sun 9:30am: Joanne Bonavia & Godwin Bonavia

#### PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago

#### HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Luttick, Howell, Argæet & Mack

### Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 9<sup>th</sup> MAY & 10<sup>th</sup> MAY

#### READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Diana Ting
- Sun 8am: Suzanna Pilon
- 11:15am: Volunteer

#### COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Stefanie Leman
- Sun 8am: Greg Sleeth
- 11:15am: Michelle Kuek

#### AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Elaine Chong
- Sun 8am: Anthony Ku
- 11:15am: Maryanne Kuek

#### ALTAR SERVERS:

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

#### MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 3: Angela Stuart, Bernadette Mithen, Dawn Pratley & Ann Wetherall

#### COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Judith Clark
- Sun 8am: Barbara Gratton
- Sun 11:15am: Nicole Morabito & Volunteer

#### CLEANING ROSTER FOR 16<sup>th</sup> MAY AT 10AM:

Group 6: Julian Siame, Monica Chai, Patrick Martin, Sebastian Fernando, Ann Fernando, Kim Osorio & Hans Osorio

### 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

Kate Rukavina

#### AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

Bernard Ferre, Robert Bertieri

### MASS READINGS

#### THIS WEEKEND READINGS 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY & 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY

#### First Reading:

[Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7](#)

#### Second Reading:

[1 Peter 2:4-9](#)

#### Gospel:

[John 14:1-12](#)

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#### First Reading:

[Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17](#)

#### Second Reading:

[1 Peter 3:15-18](#)

#### Gospel:

[John 14:15-21](#)

### 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.