



**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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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 5th SEPTEMBER & 6th 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

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

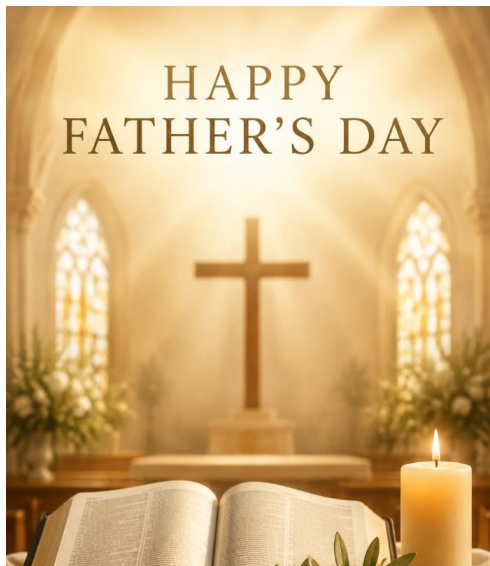
**Happy Father's Day to all Fathers
and Father figures in our parish
community!**

We give thanks for the love, guidance, strength and care they share with their families and loved ones.

Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,
bless all Fathers and Father figures with wisdom, patience and strength. May they be guided by Your love and be a source of comfort, encouragement and faith to those in their care. We remember with love and gratitude those fathers who are no longer with us. May their memory remain a blessing to their families, and may they rest forever in Your loving embrace. Bless also those who have lost their Fathers and those for whom this day may be difficult. May all Fathers be guided by Your example of unconditional love and may their families always know the warmth of their care.

Amen.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

Toan.nguyen@cam.org.au

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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

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Our Lady of the Pines Parish

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or QR Code:



OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

The gift stall has a beautiful array of Baptismal frames (pictured) that would make the perfect gift to display the memories of this special day. Visit the stall before and after weekend masses to view them. All sales go to our OLOP fundraising.



BAPTISM

We would like to welcome the following family who is having their child baptised this weekend

* Jasmine Christina Keating child of Christopher and Phonthip with Godparents Samuel and Maytharut

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

RCIA – A Journey of Faith

The new **RCIA program** will commence at Our Lady of the Pines at the end of September. It is a welcoming pathway for adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, as well as for those already baptised who wish to become fully sacramental members of the Catholic Church.

For more information, please contact **Fr Toan or Mary Ann Payne via the Parish Office.**

Come and explore the journey of a lifetime!

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

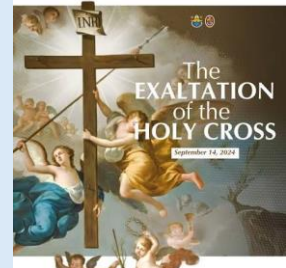
One of Australia's top Celtic festival bands to perform live - right here in Donvale

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**, reflecting on the Cross as a sign of Christ's love, sacrifice and our salvation.

A **Mass** will be celebrated at **9:00am** on this day at St Peter & Paul's Church. Please join us in prayer as we honour the Holy Cross and give thanks for the love of Christ.



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.

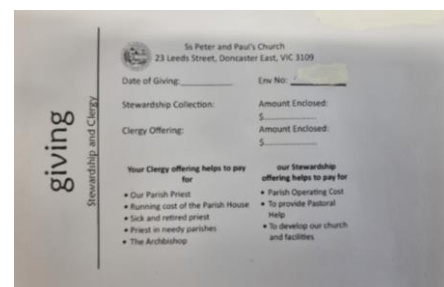
ANOINTING MASS

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.

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.



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

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.



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.

Catholic Theological College
Engaging Your Faith online presentations
in October 2026
From \$25 per session.
For more information:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith

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

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest

Every married couple and priest deserves to experience this very special weekend.

Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships.

You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep it alive.

No group sharing is required.

The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We have just one weekend remaining for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

November 6-8th, 2026

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

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nformation/Bookings:

Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email:

vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

<https://www.napcan.org.au/ncp>

6-12 Sept 2026

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS

SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

ROSTERS	
OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 12 th SEPTEMBER & 13 th SEPTEMBER	Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 12 th SEPTEMBER & 13 th SEPTEMBER
READERS: - Sat 5pm: James Beckford - Sun 9:30am: Juanita Monahan COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Mary Wynack - Sun 9:30am: Patrick Monahan AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Lisa & Jeanelle - Sun 9:30am: Bruce Stewart ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Lily, Alex & Emily - Sun 9:30am: Rosa, Zayne & Constance MONEY COUNTING: - Group 1: Mark Keating, Vina Pena & Teresina Yung WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Oswald Mendonca - Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago & Sue Separovic PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Gillian Beckford - Sun 9:30am: Sue Keating HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Haswell, Sowersby & Smith	READERS: - Sat 6pm: Diana Ting - Sun 8am: Stefanie Leman 11:15am: Elaine Chong COMMENTATORS: - Sat 6pm: Suzanna Pilon - Sun 8am: Greg Sleeth 11:15am: Anthony Ku AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 6pm: Diego Lamilla - Sun 8am: Michelle Kuek 11:15am: Maryanne Kuek ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 6pm: Sun 11:15am: ROSARY LEADERS: - Sat 6pm: Edward Sun 8am: Muriel 11:15am: Jacqui PILGRIM STATUE: - Amor MONEY COUNTING: - Group 2: George Cooper, Greg Sleeth & John Mirams COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Judith Clark Sun 8am: Barbara Gration - Sun 11:15am: Nicole Morabito & 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. 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> Paul O'Connor
WE PRAY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL & THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED	
<u>AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH</u> Tony Separovic, Irene Mendonca, Mario Minichilli, Antonia Bonello	<u>AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH</u>
MASS READINGS	
THIS WEEKEND READINGS 5th SEPTEMBER & 6th SEPTEMBER First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20	NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 12th SEPTEMBER & 13th SEPTEMBER First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35
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.	