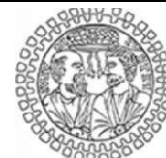




OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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Tuesday to Friday

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 08th AUGUST & 09th 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 14:22-33

"Command me to come to you over the water."

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples are caught in a frightening storm when Jesus comes toward them, walking on the water. Peter courageously steps out of the boat at Jesus' invitation, but when he becomes distracted by the wind and waves, fear takes over and he begins to sink. Jesus immediately reaches out His hand and saves him. This Gospel reminds us that we, too, face storms in our everyday lives. Worry, uncertainty, illness, family difficulties and moments when our faith feels weak. Like Peter, we are invited to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus rather than allowing fear to overwhelm us. We can do this through daily prayer, trusting God with our concerns and asking for His guidance before making decisions. When we begin to feel overwhelmed, we can simply pray, "Lord, save me," knowing that Jesus is always near and ready to take our hand.



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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OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee, on behalf of the community of OLOP, sincerely thank **Garry McBride** and **Arthur Williams** for their commitment and efforts in their service on the Finance Committee and the PPC. In the restructure of the two committees, Garry and Arthur have vacated their positions to allow for new members to join same.

Arthur will be supporting Geoff Symons as our maintenance and OH&S troubleshooters.
Fr Toan

REMINDER: OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION FEAST DAY

A reminder to all parishioners that we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption next **Sunday, 16 August**. The celebration will commence at **9:30am** with **Adoration** and **Solemn Mass**.

Following Mass, we will gather for morning tea.

Parishioners are warmly invited to **bring a plate to share** as we come together and enjoy some fellowship as a parish community. We look forward to celebrating this special feast with you all!

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

This week the gift stall is showcasing the lovely blue beaded Mary Help of Christians' rosary. Mary Help of Christians is Patroness of Australia. Visit the stall after weekend masses to see the beautiful glow of the blue beads (pictured) and the Australian themed medallions.



MELBOURNE SYNOD – PARISH CONSULTATION

Thank you to everyone who attended our Synodality Parish Meeting last Sunday and shared their thoughts and suggestions. We greatly appreciate everyone who took the time to participate and contribute to the discussion. **Peter Given** and **Peter Johnstone** will now take our parish's reflections and contributions and represent our parish at the upcoming Diocesan meeting on the **8th of August** in preparation for the Diocesan Synod in December. Please continue to pray for the Synod process as we listen, discern and seek new ways to enliven the Church in Melbourne.

SAVE THE DATE

IRISH MUSIC AFTERNOON – SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER

Enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Irish music featuring a live band! More details coming soon.

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

ST PETER & PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

As this announcement was included in last week's newsletter, we would like to remind our parish community that, following a review by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), it has been decided that **Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School will close at the end of the 2026 school year**.

Students will continue their learning at the school for the remainder of this year, with support being provided to students, families and staff as they transition to nearby Catholic schools. We keep the entire school community in our prayers during this time of change and give thanks for the school's long and valued contribution to our parish and the wider community.

BAPTISMS

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

- Isla Campbell child of Bennett and Ashleigh with Godparents Rachel & Pieter

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AV AND COMMENTATOR MINISTRIES

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with our **AV** ministry at all Masses on the **3rd Sunday of each month**, as well as a **volunteer commentator and AV operator for the 6:00pm Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month**.

These ministries play an important role in helping our liturgies run smoothly and ensuring all parishioners can participate fully in Mass. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office.

Training will be provided where required. The AV role is very straightforward and involves following the Mass, pressing enter on the keyboard, and adjusting the volume up or down as needed.

We would be very grateful for your support.

CAN YOU HELP BRING CHILDREN'S LITURGY BACK?

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help recommence Children's Liturgy at the 11:15am Sunday Mass. It's a wonderful opportunity to help our younger parishioners explore the Sunday Gospel in a fun and age-appropriate way. No teaching experience is required — just a willingness to help and a current Working with Children Check. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP

Please note our change of venue due to our original choice only serving evening meals. Our next function will be at the Shopping town Hotel at 1pm on Wednesday 12 August. Everyone Welcome. Please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617 if you intend to join us. Bookings close on Friday 7 August.

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

IMPORTANT – NO WEEKDAY MASSES AT SSPP & OLOP NEXT WEEK

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses from Tuesday 11 August to Friday 14 August, as Fr will be attending a Clergy Conference. Communion Services, will however, be held during this time.



SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026

Listen • Reflect • Act

Event Details

3-4 September 2026

- Online
10 – 4:30 pm (AEST)
- Registration:
\$20 per person / \$100 per parish

www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering



ARCHBISHOPS CAMPAIGN 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

SIMPLICITY SEPTEMBER

This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters. Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for Palms International Volunteering, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering. Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific.

02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567

www.simplicityseptember.org.au



PAUSE – A RETREAT FOR WOMEN

16–18 October 2026 | Holy Name Spirituality Centre, Cheltenham

Pause is a small-group retreat for women seeking prayer, stillness and reflection amidst life's transitions. Through Scripture, silence and spiritual accompaniment, discover God's presence, wisdom and invitation to transformation and flourishing.

When: Friday 16 October, 10am – Sunday 18 October, 4pm

Where: Holy Name Spirituality Centre, 40 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham

Cost: \$825, including accommodation, meals, retreat materials and spiritual accompaniment

Bookings close: Thursday 1 October

Facilitated by **Belinda Chapman**, an experienced Ignatian Spiritual Director and Giver of the Spiritual Exercises.

Come and rest, rejuvenate and discover God's love and call for you.

<https://book.venue.life/pch/register/pause-retreat-for-women-melbourne-october-2026>

SUPPORTING THE PERSECUTED: HELP REBUILD A CATHEDRAL IN THE PHILIPPINES

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed. Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region. To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject
Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.



ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 15 th AUGUST & 16 th AUGUST		Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 15 th AUGUST & 16 th AUGUST	
READERS: - Sat 5pm: Maria Carey - Sun 9:30am: Kathy Stewart COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Peter Given - Sun 9:30am: Geoff Mullane AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Carlos - Sun 9:30am: Bruce Stewart ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Marcus, Lily & Zayne - Sun 9:30am: Rosa, Alden & Madelyn MONEY COUNTING: - Group 6: Marie Christensen, Chris Haswell & Joan McDonald WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Gill Beckford & James Beckford - Sun 9:30am: Corrine Ng & Suzanne Keating PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertoula - Sun 9:30am: Janet Goodwin HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Stewart & Separovic		READERS: - Sat 6pm: Patrick Soosay - Sun 8am: Muriel O’Gorman 11:15am: Vince Taranto COMMENTATORS: - Sat 6pm: Katrina Chong - Sun 8am: Frank Smit 11:15am: John Mirams AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 6pm: Volunteer - Sun 8am: Volunteer 11:15am: Volunteer ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 6pm: - Sun 11:15am: ROSARY LEADERS: - Sat 6pm: Monica - Sun 8am: Sheryl 11:15am: Vince PILGRIM STATUE ROSTER: - Josie S MONEY COUNTING: - Group 1: Imelda Sutanto, Elaine Edwards & Patrick Martin COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Loraine Lednar - Sun 8am: Muriel O’Gorman - Sun 11:15am: Albert Ling & Volunteer CLEANING ROSTER FOR 22nd AUGUST 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 Rhonda McMahon, Mike Yamboa	
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 8 th AUGUST & 9 th AUGUST First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9.11-13 Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33		NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 15 th AUGUST & 16 th AUGUST First Reading: Isaiah 56:1.6-7 Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15. 29-32 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28	
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.			