



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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Tuesday to Friday

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 4th JULY & 5th 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 extends one of the most beautiful invitations found in Scripture: *"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* These words continue to offer comfort and hope to all who experience the pressures, anxieties and challenges of daily life. Many people today carry heavy burdens. Some struggle with illness, grief or loneliness; others face financial hardship, family difficulties or uncertainty about the future. Jesus does not promise a life free from suffering, but He does promise His presence. He invites us to bring our burdens to Him, trusting that His love will strengthen us and His grace will sustain us. May we accept the Lord's invitation this week to spend time in His presence through prayer, the Eucharist and acts of charity. In doing so, we will discover the peace that only Christ can give and find renewed strength to share His love with everyone we meet.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Maria C. & Orene M.

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OLOP: Peter Given

SSPP: Andres Isaza

School Principal

Brendan Keeling

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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

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

Upcoming Baptisms

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

* **Jordan, Jacob and Thomas Fisher** children of Joel and Amber with Godparents Trent, Natalie, Luke, Marie, Daniel and Jay

* **Adeline Osellame** child of Stefan & Victoria with Godparents Richard and Samantha

* **Leia Gargano** child of Jerard and Stefanie with Godparents Dominic and Jessica

OLOP SPORTS NIGHT

Join us on **Wednesday, 15 July** for a fantastic Sports Night featuring AFL stars Tom Hawkins, Luke Hodge and Marcus Bontempelli, hosted by comedian Lehmo. Tickets are \$85 per person and include a two-course meal. The event **starts at 6:45pm at Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale**. Guests must be 16 years or older. For bookings, contact David Sowersby (0419 311 775), Geoff Mullane (0409 148 144) or Roy Tavenor (0439 668 803).

MEET THE BIG BOYS AT OUR SPORTS NIGHT
OUR LADY OF THE PINES - WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY



Join us for a great night of footy with Geelong great - Tom Hawkins with Hawks champion - Luke Hodge & Bulldogs captain Marcus Bontempelli.

Book your table or seat by contacting these Social Committee members:-

David Sowersby Geoff Mullane Roy Tavenor	0419 311 775 0409 148 144 0439 668 803
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Hosted by comedian - Lehmo.

Our Lady of the Pines
Carbine Street, Donvale.

Wed 15th July - start time 6.45pm

Entry \$85 per person - price includes a 2-course meal. Beer, wine and soft drinks are on sale, plus you could win cash in our Post 13 Gold raffle.

No BYO please and you must be 16 years or older.

THE PIETY GIFT STALL

*The Piety Stall will not be open after Mass this weekend due to Baptisms taking place immediately afterwards. Parishioners wishing to purchase items are kindly asked to visit the stall before Mass.

To kick off our Christmas in July season we have another special visitor all the way from the North Pole. Come and visit Santa before and after weekend masses and see what other gifts he has brought to the Piety Gift Stall.

FILM NIGHT

Thanks to all who attended which was a very enjoyable night. We are happy to report a profit of **\$2,656**

Social/ Fundraising committee

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With a heart full of gratitude and joy, I extend my sincere thanks to **each and every one of you** for making our **Parish Feast, the renovation of our sanctuary, and the Dedication of our new stone altar** such a beautiful and faith-filled celebration.

These sacred milestones have been a true testament to the unity, generosity, and love that define our parish family. Together, we have not only renewed our church building but have also strengthened the bonds of our community and our commitment to Christ.

I offer my heartfelt appreciation to all our **benefactors and donors** whose generous financial support made the sanctuary renovation and the new stone altar possible. Your kindness and sacrifice have created a lasting gift that will serve generations of faithful worshippers.

To everyone who contributed food, prepared meals, donated refreshments, decorated the church and hall, provided flowers, music, liturgical ministries, hospitality, cleaning, technical support, and countless other services—**thank you**. Your generosity and willingness to serve brought warmth and joy to our celebration.

A special word of gratitude goes to our dedicated volunteers, combined choir, sacristans, servers, parish social committee members, office staff, especially **Greg Sleeth (Project Manager)** and **all who worked quietly behind the scenes before, during, and after the celebrations**. Your time, energy, and loving service were invaluable. Many acts of kindness may have gone unnoticed by others, but they are certainly known to God.

I also thank all who joined us in prayer and celebration, especially **Bishop Thinh Nguyen, priests, our families, friends, guests, and visitors**. Your presence made these celebrations even more meaningful and reminded us that the Church is truly a living community gathered around the altar of the Lord.

May our newly dedicated stone altar always remind us that Christ is the cornerstone of our lives and that every Eucharist celebrated upon it strengthens us to become living stones, building up God's Kingdom in love and service.

May the Lord bless each of you abundantly for your generosity, faith, and dedication to our parish. Through the intercession of **our Patron Saints Peter & Paul, whose relics had been embedded for ever in the new stone altar**, may your homes be filled with peace, good health, and countless blessings.

Thank you for your love for our parish and for all that you continue to do. Let us move forward together in faith, united as one family in Christ.

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Toan Nguyen



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

CARITAS AUSTRALIA UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Caritas Australia is urging the Australian community not to look away as the war in Ukraine continues for a fifth straight year. As violence escalates in other parts of the world, Ukraine is slipping from headlines, but for millions of people the suffering has not stopped. In 2026, an estimated 10.8 million people in Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance. Caritas Australia's local partners in Ukraine are providing emergency shelter, water, food assistance, psychosocial support and cash assistance to displaced families.

Learn more or make a donation today at

www.caritas.org.au/ukraine

Funeral Notice

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Teresa Soccio**, who has been called to eternal rest.

The Funeral Mass for Teresa will be celebrated on Tuesday, 7 July at 12:30pm at SSPP.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Teresa's family** and loved ones. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and bring comfort and peace to all who mourn her passing.

"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace. Amen."



Ukraine's humanitarian needs continue as support remains vital.

DONATE NOW –
caritas.org.au/ukraine



EUCCHARISTIC *Walk* for JESUS

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SATURDAY 4 JULY



STARTING POINT:
Tunstall Square Shopping Centre



TIME:
11:00am



The procession will make its way along **Doncaster Road** to **Devon Plaza**, offering prayer, praise, and a visible witness to Christ present in the Eucharist.

All are warmly invited to participate in this joyful expression of faith.



Enquiries: Bernadette | 0407 007 708

SSPP LADIES LUNCHEON

The next luncheon will take place on **Wednesday 8 July at 12.30 pm** at the **Doncaster Hotel**. **Bookings essential.** Contact Muriel on 0417 055 617 if interested.

2026 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

Sunday 5 July 2026
11.00am–12.00pm

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and spirituality of our First Nations peoples, and the contributions they make the life of ...

Pope Leo appoints Archbishop Comensoli to Dicastery for Evangelisation

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Archbishop Peter A Comensoli to the Dicastery for Evangelisation, Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelisation in the World. The appointment was announced on Saturday 27 June.

Continue reading: [Pope Leo appoints Archbishop Comensoli to Dicastery for Evangelisation](#)

SSPP One in Hundred Appeal News from Sr Trudy in Jerusalem

The best news is that Trudy had a successful knee replacement and is gradually returning to her duties. She is also confident of making the trip back to Melbourne on either 8th or 9th September when she can greet and meet with all of us. Before the operation she referred to the need for funding assistance for the work of supporting families from Jerusalem and the West Bank, through contributions to the Notre Dame De Sion Education Fund. The SsP One in a Hundred Appeal has a current balance of **\$A7,435** and I will ensure it reaches **\$7,500 or more**. The need for you to support this project is as great as ever (20 years plus) and we thank all of you who have been with us all the way. To Take the Appeal to the next level we need more contributors, recognising that times are difficult, but growing our base is a logical way to grow the fund. Trudy needs this to succeed to help meet the demands of funding the new financial year.

You can pay into our Social Justice Account via the following: **BSB 083-347 Account 4730008563**. There are no printed envelopes, but you can make your own with your details and insert in any Parish Collection, of course naming the Appeal. **Thanks, and God Bless, Harry and Sr Trudy**

ROSTERS	
OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 11 TH JULY & 12 TH JULY	Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 11 TH JULY & 12 TH JULY
READERS: - Sat 5pm: Maria Carey - Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Peter Given - Sun 9:30am: Mark Keating AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Lisa & Jeanelle - Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Nick, Marcus & Meagan - Sun 9:30am: Constance, Zach & Madelyn MONEY COUNTING: - Group 1: Mark Keating, Vina Pena & Teresina Yung WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Gabrielle Collins & Mary Wynack - Sun 9:30am: Monica Luttick & Jill Howell PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertuola - Sun 9:30am: Janet Goodwin HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Christensen, Nolan & McDonald	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 2: Imelda Sutanto, Elaine Edwards & Patrick Martin COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Volunteer - Sun 8am: Barbara Gration - Sun 11:15am: Nicole Morabito & Volunteer CLEANING ROSTER FOR 11th JULY AT 10AM: Group 4: Diane Neubecker & Nancy Yeo
WE PRAY FOR THE SICK	
<u>AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH</u>	<u>AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH</u>
WE PRAY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL & THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED	
<u>AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH</u> Mary Stella Pirota	<u>AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH</u> Antonio Morabito
MASS READINGS	
<u>THIS WEEKEND READINGS</u> 4 th JULY & 5 TH JULY First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 Second Reading: Romans 8:9.11-13 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30	<u>NEXT WEEKEND READINGS</u> 11 th JULY & 12 th JULY First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11 Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23
SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY	
List your business in our parish newsletter. Contact (03) 9842 1480	
<u>Mark's Gardening Service:</u> Weeding, Mowing, Mulching, Hedging – All your garden needs. Pension Discounts Call Mark: 0456 166 860	<u>Fabris Electrical Contractors:</u> Electrical services and Data or Phone system installation. Call Marco: 0421907112 or Mario: 0421 907 061
<u>Drypt - Automotive Detailing</u> 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.	