



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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 11th JULY & 12th 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

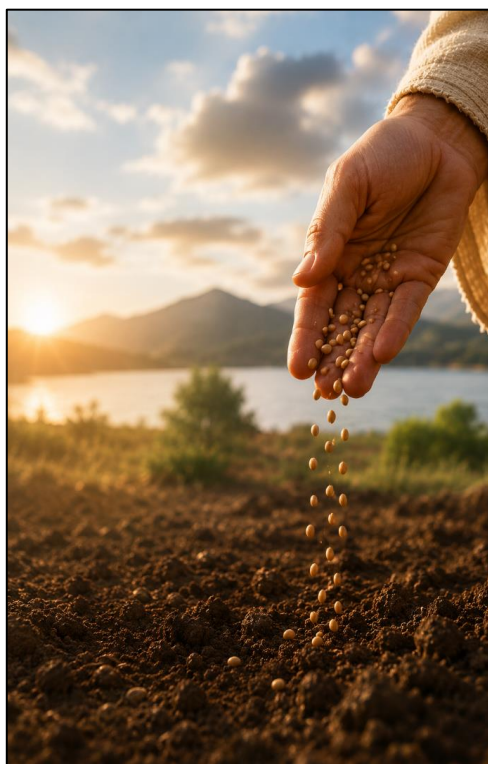
Tuesday: 7:00pm

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower, reminding us that God's Word is generously offered to everyone. Like the seed scattered across different types of soil, the message of the Gospel is received differently depending on the openness of our hearts.

Some hearts become distracted by the worries of daily life, others lose faith when challenges arise, while those who welcome God's Word with faith, perseverance, and understanding bear abundant fruit.

This Gospel invites each of us to reflect: *What kind of soil am I?* As we continue our journey of faith, may we ask God to soften our hearts, remove the obstacles that prevent us from hearing His voice, and help us become rich soil where His love can take root, grow, and bear fruit in our lives and in the lives of those around us.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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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:

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

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Our Lady of the Pines Parish

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647620921

or QR Code:



OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

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 0419 311 775
 Geoff Mullane 0409 148 144
 Roy Tavenor 0439 668 803



Hosted by comedian - Lehmo.

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 Pot 'O' Gold raffle.

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

Our Lady of The Pines
 Carbine Street, Donvale.

Wed 15th July - start time 6.45pm

OUR LADY OF THE PINES YOUTH MASS SUNDAY 9:30AM 26 JULY



If you would like to participate in the Youth Mass, ie. reading, offertory, collection or the band, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact the parish office at (03) 9842 1480 or email olopyouthdonvale@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT THE PIETY GIFT STALL

The Piety Gift Stall has a range of decorative items to help decorate your Christmas in July table. Come and see the Christmas themed decorations at the gift stall before and after weekend masses. All sales go to our fundraising.



Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

LADIES LUNCH, 8th July

What a wonderful time we had at our Ladies Lunch last Wednesday at Doncaster Hotel! We were delighted to **gather with more than 20 ladies (plus a priest)** for a time of great food, warm fellowship, and meaningful conversations. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make it such a special occasion. We look forward to seeing you at our next gathering!



What a wonderful celebration! SSPP young leaders: youth group, choir, Sacristans, altar servers and you all did a fantastic job making our parish feast so joyful and memorable. Thank you all for your dedication, enthusiasm, and generous service. May God bless each of you abundantly. The full video of the celebration is on the way—stay tuned!



FUNERAL NOTICE

Please pray for the soul of **Luciano Pellegrinni**, who has been called to eternal rest. **The Funeral mass for Luciano will be celebrated on Tuesday, 14 July at 11:00 am at SSPP church.** We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Luciano's family and loved ones. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and bring comfort and peace to all who mourn his passing.

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

Discerning together: next steps for the Melbourne Synod

Throughout the world, the synod journey has been embraced in a variety of ways, writes Cathy Jenkins. Here in Melbourne, with the release of the first two synod theme papers (*Missionary Leadership* and *Formation and Participation*), we now embark on the next step of our own local synodal journey, helping to shape our evangelical and missionary priorities for the years ahead.

Continue reading: [Discerning together: next steps for the Melbourne Synod](#)



Ukraine's humanitarian needs continue as support remains vital.

DONATE NOW –
caritas.org.au/ukraine



PERSECUTION & FAITH: A WITNESS OF COURAGE AND FORGIVENESS FROM PAKISTAN

Twenty-year-old Akash Bashir was serving as a volunteer security guard at his parish in Lahore, Pakistan, when a terrorist with explosives tried to enter the church. Akash said, "I would rather die than let you in," and then gave his life to prevent a massacre. In the years since, his parents have offered an extraordinary witness of Christian faith. Asked whether they had forgiven those responsible for their son's death, they replied: "Yes, we have forgiven them and pray that they may find the right path to God." Their example reminds us that the Gospel calls us not only to courage, but also to forgiveness. Reflection: Where may God be asking you to make a sacrifice out of love, or to forgive an injustice against you?

Read more testimonies of faith from *Aid to the Church in Need* at: aidtochurch.org/welcome



Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The Combined Societies of Mary Welcomes You to a Special Celebration



3 First Class Relics of Carmelite Doctors for Veneration



St Therese of Lisieux



St John of the Cross



St Therese of Avila

Sunday 12th July, 2026

Holy Cross Church 707 Glenhuntly Rd Caulfield Sth

1:30 pm Adoration Prayers, Enlightening Talk,

Benediction Holy Mass Veneration of First Class Relics

Enrollment in the Scapular Free Scapulars

Inquiries: Joy Hunt, 95092207 www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com

WEBINAR INVITATION – IS THERE DIVERSITY IN CHAPLAINCY?

"IS THERE DIVERSITY IN CHAPLAINCY?" DISCOVER MORE ... A webinar in two parts 23 July & 30 July 7.00-8.30pm. During these two webinars, experienced Chaplains will explore their varied roles and discuss the broad scope of their ministry. Organised by The Association of Pastoral Ministry Leaders Melbourne (APMLM) and Garratt's Publishing. Registration details available at www.garrattpublishing.com.au/event/is-there-diversity-in-chaplaincy-webinar-series/



PROPAGATION OF THE MIRACULOUS MANTLE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AT ST PETERS AND PAUL'S CHURCH DONCASTER

When: Saturday, 1st August at the 6 pm Mass.

The Virgin of Guadalupe Apostolate of the Rosary and Mantle, founded by Naty de Anda, is a global Initiative. Its mission is to bring the physical replica of the sacred mantle to those who cannot travel to the original site in Mexico.

This initiative was endorsed by His Excellency Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iñiguez, Archbishop of Guadalajara, Mexico.

The Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe wants to cover us with her Mantle, take us into her hands and put us in the arms of her beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Miraculous Mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be blessed.

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18th JULY & 19th JULY

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Juanita Monahan

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Trish Gurney
- Sun 9:30am: Patrick Monahan

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Carlos
- Sun 9:30am: Bruce Stewart

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Lily, Porscha & Zayne
- Sun 9:30am: Rosa, Alden & Meagan

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 2: Peter Johnston, Bob O'Halloran, Monica Luttick & Jill Howell

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

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

PIETY STALL:

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

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Davis & Lazzari

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18th JULY & 19th JULY

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: Lia/Andrew Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- 11:15am: Volunteer

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 6pm: Adrian & Ambrose
- Sun 11:15am: Aloysius & Adele

MONEY COUNTING:

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

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Loraine Lednar
- Sun 8am: Muriel O'Gorman
- Sun 11:15am: Albert Ling & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 11th JULY AT 10AM:

Group 4: Lucille Young, Diane Neubecker, Anniesha Silva & Nancy Yeo

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH
Peter England

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

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

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH
Naim Abasszade

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH
Luciano Pellegrinni

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 11th JULY & 12th JULY

First Reading:

[Isaiah 55:10-11](#)

Second Reading:

[Romans 8:18-23](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 13:1-23](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 18th JULY & 19th JULY

First Reading:

[Wisdom 12:13.16-19](#)

Second Reading:

[Romans 8:26-27](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 13:24-43](#)

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.