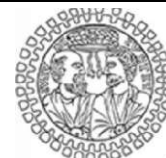




OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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Web: www.ourladyofthepineschurch.org

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS AT 23 LEEDS ST DONCASTER EAST, VIC 3109

Tuesday to Friday

9am—3pm

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E: doncastereast@cam.org.au

Web: www.sspp.org.au

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 22nd AUGUST & 23rd 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 16:13-20

In this week's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter responds with faith, declaring that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus then entrusts Peter with the responsibility of helping to build and guide his Church.

Jesus asks each of us the same question.

Our answer should be expressed not only through our words, but also through the way we live, love and treat others. Like Peter, we do not need to be perfect for God to work through us. This week, let us reflect on whether Christ is truly at the centre of our lives and ask God to strengthen our faith so that we may bring hope, kindness and love to those around us.



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:

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

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647620921

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OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you will have seen from our **Parish Feast Day** video, there are many different ministries that make up our parish, supported by our wonderful and dedicated volunteers.

We are blessed to have many long-standing volunteers who generously give their time and talents, and we would now love to welcome some **new faces to join our team**.

There are many ways you can get involved, including **Audio Visual, Readers, Communion Ministers, or bringing Holy Communion to the sick and elderly**.

If you feel called to volunteer or would like to find out more, **please contact the Parish Office**.

Your time and support can make a real difference!



PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

It's that special time of the year when our young parishioners celebrate their first Eucharist. The Piety Gift Stall has many gifts to help commemorate this special occasion. Visit before and after weekend masses. All proceeds go to our OLOP fundraising.



Sunday, 18 OCTOBER 🍀

Enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Irish music featuring a live band, while supporting our parish and sharing in an afternoon of music, laughter and good company.

Bring your family and friends and join us for a fun-filled afternoon as we come together to enjoy great Irish music and support our parish community.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and becoming part of the Church?

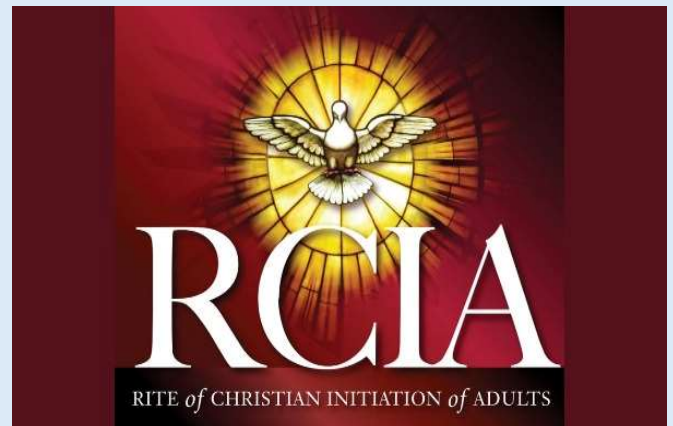
Ss Peter & Paul's Parish will be commencing our **RCIA Programme**, with an **Information Session on Sunday, 20 September at 9:30am**.

If you know someone who may be interested in exploring the Catholic faith, please encourage them to get in touch.

Please contact the Parish Office by Friday, 18

September if you or someone you know would like to attend or learn more.

We warmly welcome anyone who would like to take this opportunity to explore their faith and learn more about the Catholic Church.



A SPECIAL MILESTONE IN FAITH

This **Sunday, 23 August**, we joyfully celebrate the **First Holy Eucharist** of the children of our parish and school. We invite all parishioners to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they take this beautiful and important step in their faith journey. May they always cherish the gift of the Eucharist and continue to grow in their love for Jesus and our parish community.

Congratulations and God bless all our First Holy Eucharist children!



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

St David's Winter Warmer Concerts

Sway to The Music

Jacqueline, Jack & Irina

Sunday 30th August 2pm
(Tix \$40/\$30) Includes afternoon tea

1111 Doncaster Rd. (Tix) 9842 4115 Doncaster Eas

Healing Mass

"He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."
Mat 8:17

Come and join us
for **Mass and Confession**,
followed by **Eucharistic Adoration** with intention of
healing and **healing prayer ministry**

**SUNDAY, 30
AUG 2026
5:00 PM**

St Peter and Paul's Church
23 Leeds St, Doncaster East

INFO:
Bernadette 0407 007 708

HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY
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ARCHBISHOPS CAMPAIGN

Brochures can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously in the collection plate noting Archbishop Campaign.



COME AWAY DAY

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.

SPRING BOOK SALE

Mannix Library is holding its spring book sale from 24 August to mid-September or until stock runs out. It's a great opportunity to scoop up a range of books on theology, history, philosophy and religion at a fantastically good price. The opening hours for Mannix Library are 9-5 pm Monday to Friday.

Event Date

Monday 24 August 2026, 2.00pm

Friday 11 September 2026, 3.00pm

Venue

278 Victoria Parade
East Melbourne 3002



RCIA LEADERS GATHERING

RCIA Leaders Gathering: Navigating Pastoral Realities

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST • 7.30PM
ONLINE SESSION

For RCIA Coordinators and team members



Refer to the link below to register:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1623167>

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

We congratulate the children from our parish communities who will be celebrating their **First Eucharist** this month.

- **Ss Peter & Paul's:** Sunday, **23 August at 11:15am**
- **Our Lady of the Pines:** Saturday, **29 August at 5:00pm** and **Sunday 30th August at 11:30am**

We invite our parishioners to keep these children and their families in their prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

Please note that these celebrations are expected to be well attended. **Parishioners are encouraged to arrive early to allow sufficient time for parking and to be seated before Mass begins.**

Thank you for your understanding and support as we celebrate this special occasion with our children and families.

ROSTERS	
OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 29 th AUGUST & 30 th AUGUST	Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 29 th AUGUST & 30 th AUGUST
READERS: - Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne - Sun 9:30am: Anna Basa COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Jeanelle Mendonca - Sun 9:30am: Leonard Healy AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Jeanelle - Sun 9:30am: Lukas, Antony & Daniel ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Lily, Porscha & Zayne - Sun 9:30am: Marcus, Alden & Tiana MONEY COUNTING: - Group 8: Sue Separovic, Chris Healy & Bruce Stewart WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Gabrielle Collins & Mary Wynack - Sun 9:30am: Joanne Bonavia & Godwin Bonavia PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne - Sun 9:30am: Nan Perreau HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Aileen Ng, Dolly Ng, Corrinne Ng & Jo Ann Ng	READERS: - Sat 6pm: Katrina Chong - Sun 8am: Christine Boag 11:15am: John Mirams COMMENTATORS: - Sat 6pm: Josie Lim - Sun 8am: Muriel O’Gorman 11:15am: Tehani Fernando AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 6pm: Stefanie Leman - Sun 8am: Frank Smit 11:15am: Robert Suryaputra ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 6pm: - Sun 11:15am: ROSARY LEADERS: - Sat 6pm: Monica - Sun 8am: Vince 11:15am: Tehani PILGRIM STATUE ROSTER: - Teresina (OLOP) MONEY COUNTING: - Group 4: Cheryl Manders, Verna Carter & Bernard Morley COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Monica Chai - Sun 8am: Volunteer - Sun 11:15am: Nicole Morabito & Volunteer CLEANING ROSTER FOR 5th SEPTEMBER AT 10AM: Group 2: Vic Belmont, Ellis Fernandes, Doreen Fernandes, Kelvin Lim, Michael Chen & Robert Suyasaputra
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>	<u>AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH</u> Flora Santa Maria, Constance Dias and Myra Dias
MASS READINGS	
<u>THIS WEEKEND READINGS</u> <u>22nd AUGUST & 23rd AUGUST</u> First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20	<u>NEXT WEEKEND READINGS</u> <u>29th AUGUST & 30th AUGUST</u> First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27
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.	