



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 26th SEPTEMBER & 27th 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

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

[Matthew 21:28-32](#)

"He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God."

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of two sons. One refuses to work in his father's vineyard but later changes his mind and goes. The other says he will go but never does. Jesus asks us to consider which son truly did his father's will. The parable reminds us that faith is shown through our actions, not only our words. We may intend to be patient, generous or forgiving, yet find it difficult when the moment comes. At other times, we get things wrong, recognise it and choose to do better. God welcomes that change of heart. In everyday life, this might mean apologising after an argument, helping when it is inconvenient, or returning to prayer after drifting away. Jesus' message is full of hope: our past mistakes do not prevent us from responding to God today. What matters is that we listen, turn back to Him and take the next step.

This week, let us ask ourselves: Is there something I have been saying "yes" to in words that I need to put into action?



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

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PARISH STAFF

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OLOP: Peter Given

SSPP: Andres Isaza

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Brendan Keeling

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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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OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

New to the Piety Gift Stall are St Christopher keyrings, the perfect gift for someone learning to drive or taking a holiday.

The stall also has various medals of our favourite saints (pictured) including St Jude, St Joseph, St Francis and St Anthony and the very special Miraculous Medal.

They make a great gift to include with our sacramental cards. The stall is open before and after weekend masses.



ENGAGING YOUR FAITH – SYNODALITY IN THE CHURCH

Catholic Theological College invites you to an **online presentation with Rev Dr Max Vodola**, exploring the history of synodality in the Church – from the early councils and Vatican II through to Pope Francis, the Australian Plenary Council and Pope Leo XIV.

Part of the **Engaging Your Faith** series, these short online sessions offer an opportunity to reflect more deeply on our Catholic faith in today's world.

Cost: \$25 general audience | \$40 teachers
Registration is essential and closes at 5:00pm, two business days before the session.

For session details and registration, visit the **Catholic Theological College website: ctc.edu.au** and search "Engaging Your Faith."

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

2027 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The new **2027 Columban Calendars** have arrived and are now available for purchase from the Piety store.

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, 4 OCT 2026 5:00 PM

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

INFO:
Bernadette 0407 007 708

WOMEN'S CRAFT & ACTIVITIES GROUP

Come along to our Women's Craft & Activities Group, held every Monday from 10.30am–2.00pm at the Ss Peter & Paul's Drop-In Centre. Enjoy a relaxed time of craft, mixed activities, friendship and good company. Bring along your current project or simply come along and join in — all are welcome! **For more information, please contact the Parish Office.**



SR TRUDY VISITS SS PETER & PAUL'S THIS SUNDAY

A reminder that **Sr Trudy will be joining us at the 8:00am Mass this Sunday, 27 September**, to speak about the **One in a Hundred Appeal** and provide an update on the current situation in Jerusalem and the work of the **Notre Dame de Sion Local Children's Education Fund**.

Over the past nine years, our parish community has contributed an extraordinary **\$98,000** through the Appeal — a wonderful reflection of the generosity of our parishioners and supporters.

We warmly encourage those able to attend the **8:00am Mass** to come along, welcome Sr Trudy and hear firsthand how your support is making a difference.

We thank Sr Trudy for visiting our parish and thank all who continue to support the One in a Hundred Appeal.

Harry Martin
Appeal Co-ordinator

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

A JOURNEY OF HOPE: CATHOLICS AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

The Vatican has released a new document marking 60 years since *Nostra Aetate*, the Second Vatican Council's declaration on the Church's relationship with other religions. Titled *A Journey of Hope*, it encourages Catholics to build relationships of respect, understanding and cooperation with people of other faiths, particularly in a world affected by conflict and religious intolerance. Interreligious dialogue does not mean putting aside our Catholic faith or believing all religions are the same. The Church continues to proclaim Jesus Christ as the one Redeemer and Saviour, while recognising the importance of treating people of other faiths with dignity and respect. Catholics are called to remain firmly rooted in Christ while working with others for peace, justice, human dignity and the common good. Dialogue therefore complements the Church's mission of evangelisation, allowing us to witness to Christ through both our words and our actions. Firm in our faith. Respectful of others. United in our desire for peace.

Read more: Melbourne Catholic – "Vatican document affirms interreligious dialogue as common journey of hope".



PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV:

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying
"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio



112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

On September 27, 2026, the Church marks the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with the theme *"Even Just One of These Children."* Pope Leo XIV calls on all faith communities and civil institutions to protect and welcome displaced youth fleeing war, violence, and hardship. Reminding us that every child possesses infinite dignity and represents the presence of Christ, the message urges parishes to go beyond basic assistance to build meaningful integration, friendship, and long-term support for young migrants.



OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is traditionally dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, a special time when we are invited to turn to Mary and, through her intercession, draw closer to her Son, Jesus.

Throughout October, we invite parishioners to join us in praying the Rosary together:

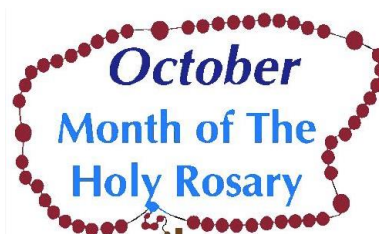
Our Lady of the Pines

- Following the **9:00am weekday Masses**
- **Sunday at 9:00am**

Ss Peter & Paul's

- Following the **9:00am weekday Masses**
- **Saturday at 5:35pm**
- **Sunday at 7:35am and 10:50am**

Whether you pray the Rosary regularly or have not prayed it for some time, you are warmly encouraged to join our parish community during this special month as we entrust our families, our parish and the needs of our world to Our Lady's intercession.



ROSTERS		
OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3 rd OCTOBER & 4 th OCTOBER		Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3 rd OCTOBER & 4 th OCTOBER
READERS: - Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne - Sun 9:30am: Kathy Stewart COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Jeanelle Mendonca - Sun 9:30am: Geoff Mullane AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Maria & Lyn - Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Nick, Marcus & Tiana - Sun 9:30am: Porscha, Constance & Meagan MONEY COUNTING: - Group 4: Brain Tooth, John Evans & Joanne Bonavia WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Gill Beckford & James Beckford - Sun 9:30am: Chris Healy PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne - Sun 9:30am: Nan Perreau HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Davis & Lazzari		READERS: - Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon - Sun 8am: Volunteer - Sun 11:15am: Tehani Fernando COMMENTATORS: - Sat 6pm: Marie De Krestser - Sun 8am: Saliya Gurusinghe - Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 6pm: Nick Soo - Sun 8am: Frank Smit - Sun 11:15am: Amor Grabkowski ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 6pm: Sun 11:15am: ROSARY LEADERS: - Sat 6pm: Marie - Sun 8am: Sheryl - Sun 11:15am: Vince PILGRIM STATUE: - Tessa MONEY COUNTING: - Group 4: Cheryl Manders, Verna Carter & Bernard Morley COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon - Sun 8am: Volunteer - Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro & Volunteer CLEANING ROSTER FOR 3rd OCTOBER AT 10AM: Group 4: Lucille Young, Diane Neubecker, Anniesha Silva & Nancy Yeo
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. Anniversary names will not be carried forward unless we are advised to do so.		
WE PRAY FOR THE SICK		
AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH		AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH Judith D'Silva, Paul O'Connor
WE PRAY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL & THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED		
AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH Ryan J Kim		AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH Peter Chin, Giovanni Spadafora & Divina Maria Spadafora
MASS READINGS		
THIS WEEKEND READINGS 26th SEPTEMBER & 27th SEPTEMBER First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32		NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 3rd OCTOBER & 4th OCTOBER First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43
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.		