



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 01st AUGUST & 02nd 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

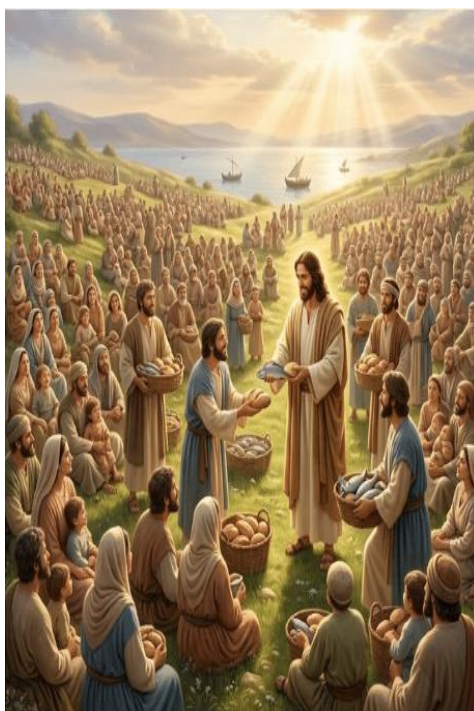
THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the beautiful story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. Faced with a hungry crowd, the disciples see only their limitations — five loaves and two fish. Yet Jesus takes what is offered, blesses it, and transforms it into an abundance that feeds everyone.

This Gospel reminds us that God can work through the gifts we bring, no matter how small they may seem. A simple act of kindness, a willingness to serve, a prayer offered for another, or a generous heart can become a blessing when placed in God's hands.

Jesus' words, "*You give them something to eat,*" are also an invitation to us. We are called to notice the needs of those around us and respond with compassion and generosity, trusting that God will multiply our efforts.

May we always be willing to offer what we have, knowing that with Christ, even the smallest gift can bring hope and nourishment to others.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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PARISH STAFF

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OLOP: Peter Given

SSPP: Andres Isaza

School Principal

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

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Our Lady of the Pines Parish

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Act No:

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OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

SYNODALITY PARISH GATHERING

Parishioners are invited to stay after mass this **Sunday, 2 August**, to discuss our Parish, our diocese, our church. The meeting will guide the 2 representatives of the Parish who will attend a diocesan meeting on 8 August in preparation for the Diocesan Synod in Dec. This meeting will now be held in the **MEETING PLACE**.

Please also note that morning tea will be held in the **MEETING PLACE** on this day too.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Join us at Our Lady of the Pines on Sunday, 16 August as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption with Adoration and Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by a shared morning tea. Everyone is invited. Please bring a plate to share. To celebrate our parish groups and ministries, a short presentation will be shown during morning tea. Group representatives are invited to submit a 10-second landscape video introducing their group by 9 August. Email your video to kylie@designedbyartisan.com.au or send it via WhatsApp to 0420 985 827. For enquiries, please contact Kylie Abbass. We look forward to celebrating this special feast day together.

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

From the same talented hands that created our cross keyrings come these beautiful handmade mini rosaries. They make the perfect First Holy Communion gift or travel rosary. Baptism stoles are also available. Both items can be viewed and purchased from the stall at weekend Masses.



SAVE THE DATE 🍀 IRISH MUSIC

AFTERNOON – SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER 🍀

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

BAPTISMS

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

- **Candice Lam** child of Vincent and Maria with Godparents Ellen and Albert
- **Ruth and Albert Latimour** children of Ian and Joanne with Godparents Esther and Andrew

Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

SS PETER AND PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week we received news of important developments regarding Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School. Our school and parish have a rich history that is deeply valued, and I am proud of the important role it has played in the lives of many families in Doncaster East.

At the same time, Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (MACS) operate within an evolving education landscape, where our shared responsibility is to ensure Catholic education remains sustainable, strong and responsive to the needs of families, now and into the future.

As a result, a review into the long-term sustainability of Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School has recently been completed.

This review considered a range of information, including local enrolment trends, demographic data, and future enrolment projections.

Following significant deliberation by MACS and further consideration by Archbishop Comensoli, it has been decided that it is no longer sustainable for Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School to continue operating into the future. Unfortunately, this means that Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School will be closing at the end of this school year.

Our students and families will be supported to transition into nearby Catholic schools, where there remains a strong Catholic education offering with sufficient capacity to accommodate our community. Transition planning is underway, with dedicated support being provided to students, staff and families. Students will continue their learning at Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School for the remainder of the 2026 school year.

The school and parish community will work together to celebrate the legacy of Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School in the coming months.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SATURDAY EVENING MASS MINISTRY

Our parish is seeking volunteers to assist with **Commentating and the AV Desk at our Saturday evening 6:00pm Mass**. These ministries play an important role in supporting our liturgical celebrations and ensuring that parishioners can fully participate in the Mass. If you can help, or would like more information about what is involved, please contact the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT SUNDAY MASS

We would like to recommence our **Children's Liturgy program at the 11:15am Sunday Mass** and are currently seeking volunteers to assist our younger parishioners to engage with the Sunday Gospel in a welcoming and age-appropriate way. All that is required is a current **Working with Children Check**. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Office.

DROP-IN CENTRE – VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

The Drop In Centre needs volunteer drivers to be rostered on to assist with transporting people to or from the centre on the first and third Mondays of each month at either 10.30am or 2.30pm. If you can assist in this matter, please contact **Pauline Donovan on 0407 328 425** Thank you

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



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

National Vocations Awareness Week

2 - 9 August 2026

NVAW Week - 2 August

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



COME CLOSER
TO JESUS THIS YEAR

SCHOOL OF *Adoration*

Talk * Adoration * Supper

➤ 3 MAR	➤ 11 AUG
➤ 31 MAR	➤ 15 SEP
➤ 5 MAY	➤ 13 OCT
➤ 9 JUN	➤ 10 NOV
➤ 14 JUL	➤ 8 DEC

TUESDAYS
7:45 PM – 9:30 PM

Let's fix our eyes on Him.

*Come as you are
— supper's on us!*

Event run by the Emmanuel Community



ST. ROCH'S CHURCH
200 Burke Rd, Glen Iris



Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Have you, or someone you know, felt God calling you to explore the Catholic faith? St Peter & Paul's Parish will soon be commencing our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program—a welcoming journey for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Whether you are just beginning to ask questions about the Catholic faith or are ready to take the next step, we warmly invite you to join us. If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Office. We would be delighted to welcome you and accompany you on this faith journey.



TRUE, GOOD, BEAUTIFUL TALK SERIES How Strong Marriages Form Faithful Children

Friday, 14 August 2026 | 6.30pm

St Damian's Parish, Bundoora | \$10 (includes light dinner)



SPEAKER

Matt MacDonald

Counsellor, Psychotherapist,
Masterpiece Counselling and Education



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ROSTERS	
OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 8 th AUGUST & 9 th AUGUST	Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 8 th AUGUST & 9 th AUGUST
READERS: - Sat 5pm: James Beckford - Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera COMMENTATORS: - Sat 5pm: Mary Wynack - Sun 9:30am: Corrine Ng AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: - Sat 5pm: Lisa & Jeanelle - Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera ALTAR SERVERS: - Sat 5pm: Alex, Emily & Lily - Sun 9:30am: Constance, Tiana & Meagan MONEY COUNTING: - Group 5: Geoff Mullane, David Sowersby & Claire Davis WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Sat 5pm: Nicole Cordeiro & Carlos Cordeiro - Sun 9:30am: Chris Healy PIETY STALL: - Sat 5pm: Gillian Beckford - Sun 9:30am: Sue Keating HOSPITALITY TEAMS: - Williams, Symons & McBride	READERS: - Sat 6pm: Diana Ting - Sun 8am: Suzanna Pilon 11:15am: Diego Lamilla 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: ROSARY LEADERS: - Sat 6pm: Edward - Sun 8am: Muriel 11:15am: Vince OUR LADY'S PILGRIM STATUE: - Serene MONEY COUNTING: - Group 1: George Cooper, Greg Sleeth & John Mirams COMMUNION MINISTER: - Sat 6pm: Judith Clark - Sun 8am: Barbara Gratton - Sun 11:15am: Nicole Morabito & Volunteer CLEANING ROSTER FOR 8th AUGUST AT 10AM: Group 6: Julian Siame, Monica Chai, Patrick Martin, Sebastian Fernando, Ann Fernando, Kim & Hans Osorio
WE PRAY FOR THE SICK	
AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH Jackie Marks	AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH Olivia Jill McKay
WE PRAY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL & THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED	
AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH	AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH Maria Casamento
MASS READINGS	
THIS WEEKEND READINGS 1st AUGUST & 2nd AUGUST First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3 Second Reading: Romans 8:35. 37-39 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21	NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 8th AUGUST & 9th AUGUST First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9.11-13 Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33
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.	