



**OUR LADY OF THE
PINES, DONVALE**



**Ss PETER & PAUL,
DONCASTER EAST**



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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C, 7th & 8th DECEMBER 2024

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

Sunday: 9am

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

Weekday: Following 9am Mass

BAPTISM

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

1st Sunday at 11am

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

2nd Sunday at 12:30pm

SSPP BIBLE SHARING GROUP

Every Wednesday at 10:15am



LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE THE CANDLE OF PEACE

The second Advent candle, the **Candle of Peace**, holds special meaning in Catholic tradition, symbolising Christ as the Prince of Peace who reconciles humanity with God. Lighting this candle recalls the angels' message: *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will"* (Luke 2:14). It invites us to pause amidst the season's busyness and reflect on the true meaning of peace—not just the absence of conflict, but a deep sense of harmony and wholeness found in Christ. In Catholic teaching, this peace is nurtured through prayer, the Sacraments, and acts of forgiveness, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It also challenges us to live out Christ's peace by being peacemakers, as taught in the Beatitudes: *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God"* (Matthew 5:9). As we light the Candle of Peace, its soft glow reminds us of Christ's light breaking through the darkness. May it inspire us to embrace His peace, foster reconciliation, and share His love with a world in need of hope and unity.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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Parish Secretary: Maria Carey

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OLOP: Peter Given

SSPP: Ravi Kamath

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Brendan Keeling

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MASS TIMES

Ss Peter & Paul's Parish

Tuesday, Thursday: 9am

Mon, Wednesday & Friday:

Communium 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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643843933

or QR Code



Our Lady of the Pines Parish

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or QR Code





THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL HAMPER MASS AND BBQ

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I wish to acknowledge and thank all involved in the last weekend's Hamper Mass and BBQ. OLOP greatly appreciate the efforts of Janet Goodwin and Clare Williams in the organization and facilitation of the Hamper Mass. The effort and commitment required to ensure this very practical ministry is so successful, is certainly recognised.

Thank you to all who assisted to convey the hampers from The Worship Centre for loading, ensuring a timely and effective operation.

To all who contributed to the many tasks required to ensure the BBQ was a success - from ordering, pick-up of supplies, set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up – your time and input is greatly appreciated.

It was a very busy morning – Hamper Mass, logistical requirements, the BBQ and baptisms. Again, it reflected the community spirit and “can do” attitude of the OLOP community.

PIETY STALL CHRSTIMAS GIFTS

The OLOP Piety Stall now offers a delightful selection of Christmas cards and gifts. Discover Nativity-themed Christmas tree ornaments, beautiful notebooks, perpetual calendars, and Bible Blessing Boxes—both featuring inspiring messages to brighten the day of your loved ones.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This Christmas help make a difference by supporting those in need. Donation envelopes will be on chairs in the church this weekend. For EFT donations, refer to the following banking details:

BSB: 083 347 Account number: 473008563.

Please ensure that you refer to 'Vinnies Christmas Appeal'. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this Christmas brighter for others.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DALE GORDON STEWART

This month marks the 12-month anniversary of the passing of Dale Gordon Stewart, a soft and kind soul who was a true blessing to our Ss Peter and Paul's parish community. We remember Dale with love and gratitude, holding his family and friends in our prayers during this time of reflection. May he rest in peace. Masses will be held for Dale at Ss Peter and Pauls Church at 8am and 11:15am this weekend.



SsPP ONE IN A HUNDRED UPDATE

Thank you to all who supported the Appeal after Sr Trudy's visit to the 8:00 am Mass on the 17th. We've now surpassed \$9,000, nearing our \$10,000 goal.

Donation envelopes are available at the church exits with direct deposit details. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

LADIES LUNCH - DECEMBER PLANS

Our final event for the year is on the 11th of December at 12:30pm at the Templestowe Hotel. December bookings are filling fast. Contact Muriel on 0417 055 617 ASAP to join!



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are seeking new members for our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). If you feel called to contribute to the life of our parish and would like to nominate yourself, we encourage you to come forward. Please see Father or contact the Parish office for more information.



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

We're seeking volunteers to assist a parishioner with transport to church each week. With more help, the load is lighter for everyone. If you can lend a hand, please get in touch. Your support makes church accessible to all!



FATHER KEVIN'S MEMORIAL MASS

Join us at Ss Peter and Paul's Church on Monday, 16th December at 7:30pm for Father Kevin's Memorial Mass. This special service offers a heartfelt opportunity to remember and honor our loved ones.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This Christmas, families like Sakhina's are facing the devastating risk of disease due to a severe lack of clean water and proper sanitation in the world's largest refugee camp.

But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. As part of the second-largest humanitarian network in the world, Caritas Australia and our partner Caritas Bangladesh are on the ground, ready to act. Together, we can improve access to clean water, provide better sanitation, and help reduce the spread of deadly waterborne diseases this Christmas.

Donate today at caritas.org.au/Christmas



2024 CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE



	SS PETER & PAUL 23 Leeds St, Doncaster East	OUR LADY OF THE PINES 77 Carbine St, Donvale
2 nd Rites of Reconciliation		7:00pm Tuesday 17 th December, 2024
CHRISTMAS EVE	5:30pm: Carols & Children Nativity Play 6:00pm: Family Mass (Children dress up) 11:30pm: Carols & Midnight Mass	5:30pm: Carols 6:00pm: Mass
CHRISTMAS DAY	10:30am Carols 10:45am Mass	8:45am: Carols 9:00am: Mass



OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
14th DECEMBER & 15TH DECEMBER

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Evans, Spence & Given

READERS & COMMENTATOR:

- Sat 5pm: James Beckford & Mary Wynack
- Sun 9:30am: Maya Chhajer & Margaret Bentley

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Jasmine, Zayne & Nick
- Sun 9:30am: Samantha, Ryan & Marcus

MASS DRIVERS:

- Jill Howell

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa
- Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Oswald Mendonca
- Sun 9:30am: Joanne & Godwin Bonavia

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 9: Pat Goodwin, Martin Pirotta & Godwin Bonavia

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Gillian Beckford
- Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
14th DECEMBER & 15TH DECEMBER

READERS

- Sat 6pm: Patrick Soosay
- Sun 8am: Muriel O'Gorman
- 11:15am: Vince Taranto

COMMENTATORS

- Sat 6pm: Nikki Jansson
- Sun 8am: Frank Smit
- 11:15am: John Mirams

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS

- Sat 6pm: Andrew/Lia Du Marzio
- Sun 8am: Ravi Kamath
- 11:15am: Boon Tan

ALTAR SERVERS

- Sat 6pm:
- Sun 8am:
- 11:15am:

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 5: Cheryl and Rose Miras

COMMUNION MINISTER

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

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 10am Saturday 14th December:

Group 5: Judy/Pat Abbott, Alfredo Lucena, Shonita Naneo & Daniella Taranto

WE PRAY FOR BETTER HEALTH:



Our Lady of the Pines Parish
Teresa Talia
Bruno Primerano

WE PRAY FOR ANNIVERSARIES MEMORIAL:



Ss Peter & Paul's Parish
Dale Gordon Stewart
Albert Giuliani

READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS:

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

NEXT WEEKEND READING:

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

FOR MORE READINGS:

<https://universalis.com/mass.htm>



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