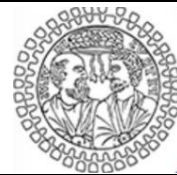




OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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1ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 11TH & 12TH JANUARY 2025

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



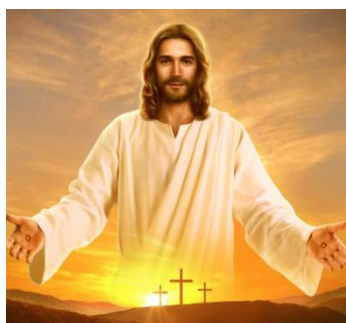
NEW YEAR BLESSING FOR OUR PARISH

As we welcome the New Year, let us reflect with gratitude on the blessings of the year past and look forward with hope and faith to the year ahead. May 2025 be a time of renewal, peace, and abundant grace for each member of our parish community.

We give thanks for the challenges that have strengthened us, the joys that have uplifted us, and the shared moments of faith that have deepened our bond as a parish. Together, we have grown in love and service, and we pray that this spirit continues to inspire us in the coming year. May God's love and mercy guide us in all we do, filling our hearts with compassion and our lives with opportunities to share His light. Let us embrace this New Year with a renewed commitment to our faith, reaching out to those in need and supporting one another on our journey with Christ.

May the light of Christ illuminate your path, bringing health, happiness, and abundant blessings to you and your loved ones. Let us move forward together in faith and love, trusting in God's divine plan for us all.

Wishing you a joyful, blessed, and grace-filled New Year!



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Maria Carey

Bookkeeping: Kristina Slavec

PPC Chairperson

OLOP: Peter Given

SSPP: TBA

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:

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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Our Lady of the Pines Parish

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2025 SACRAMENT DATES – OUR LADY OF THE PINES

At Our Lady of the Pines, we are excited to announce the dates for the Sacraments in 2025. These significant milestones in the faith journey of our children are moments of grace and celebration, and we invite all eligible children to take part in these sacred events.

Reconciliation

For children in Grade 3 and above, Reconciliation is the first sacrament of the year. The celebration will take place on **Wednesday, 19th March, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.**

Preparation classes will begin on **Monday, 3rd February, at 4:00 pm.** Parents are encouraged to ensure their child attends the classes, which will provide them with the guidance and understanding needed to participate fully in the sacrament.

Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, 22nd June at St. Patrick's Cathedral.** Classes for Confirmation preparation will commence on **Monday, 24th March.**

Confirmation is a special moment when our young people are sealed with the Holy Spirit and become more fully active members of the Church.

First Eucharist

For those preparing to receive their First Eucharist, the sacrament will be celebrated on either **Saturday, 30th August, or Saturday, 6th September, both at 5:00 pm.**

Preparation classes for First Eucharist will begin on **Monday, 23rd June.** This is a joyous occasion where the children will receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. If you wish to register your child for any of these sacraments, please contact the Parish Office at donvale@cam.org.au.



TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is developing *Take the Way of the Gospel*, including a Framework for Parish Renewal. This framework outlines three types of parishes:

- **Vibrant Parishes:** Flourishing communities with a strong focus on worship, evangelisation, formation, fellowship, and service.
- **Vital Parishes:** Purpose-driven with a shared missionary vision, excellent leadership, and collaborative efforts.
- **Viable Parishes:** Responsible stewards of resources, aligning decisions with their missionary vision.

We aim to assess where our parish fits within these categories through a SWOT analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

A workshop will be held in late February to gather your ideas, but in the meantime, please reflect over the holiday period on what we do well and what we can improve as a community. —Garry Nolan, on behalf of the PPC

LADIES LUNCH

Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, 12 February, at 12:30pm in the Drop-in Centre, where we'll share a bring-a-plate lunch and plan activities for the year ahead. If you're interested in joining, please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617.

ROSTERS

Updated rosters are available at the back of the church. Please take a moment to review them.

**PARISH MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY**

Join us on *Sunday, 23rd February* after the 11:15 am Mass for a joyful celebration featuring a Lion Dance, Tai Chi, and Fireworks.

Share a favourite dish with the community by selecting from the suggested menu in the church foyer. To confirm your dish or register attendance, contact doncastereast@cam.org.au. Baking trays will be provided, and please note any allergens in your dish.

If cooking isn't possible, donations are welcome via the foyer donations box. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A big thank you to the volunteers of the Hospitality Group who have helped with Sunday morning teas over the past twelve months. Your service has been wonderful and greatly appreciated. We are currently looking for more volunteers to assist at either the 8am or 11:15am Mass. If you are able to help, please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617.

Please note, this ministry will resume on Sunday, 2 February 2025.

"One in a Hundred" Appeal – New Year 2025 Update

Thank you from Sr Trudy and me to all "One in a Hundred" contributors for supporting the Notre Dame de Sion Local Children's Education Fund, Jerusalem, in 2024. We're close to our \$A10,000 goal, with \$A9,371 raised so far. Help us reach the target by January's end to fund 2025 school fees.

To Donate:

- **Direct Deposit:** SsPP Social Justice Account BSB: 083-347 | A/C: 47300 8563
- **Envelopes:** Available at Church entrances – place in the collection.

Blessings and best wishes for the New Year!

Harry Martin

Appeal Coordinator

Mobile: 0421 770 498

OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH AND Ss PETER AND PAULS CHURCH

PARISH SECRETARY AWAY: 14 JANUARY TO 22 JANUARY

Maria Carey will be away from 14 January and return on 22 January. During this period, our wonderful volunteers will be assisting with office phone calls. Please note that non-urgent matters may need to wait until Maria's return. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you notice 'volunteers needed' while reviewing the rosters for the upcoming three weeks, please consider attending that Mass if you can assist. Your help is greatly appreciated.

<u>THIS WEEKEND READINGS</u>	<u>NEXT WEEKEND READINGS</u>	<u>WEEKEND READINGS</u>	<u>WEEKEND READINGS</u>
First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7 Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 Gospel: Luke 3:15-16. 21-22	<u>18th & 19th JANUARY:</u> First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Gospel: John 2:1-11	<u>25th & 26th JANUARY</u> First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Gospel: Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21	<u>1st & 2nd FEBRUARY</u> First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

FOR MORE READINGS: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

AS PARISH SECRETARY IS ON LEAVE THIS NEWSLETTER WILL INCLUDE ROSTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING 3 WEEKS.

<u>OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>	<u>Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>
<u>18th & 19th JANUARY</u>	<u>18th & 19th JANUARY</u>
HOSPITALITY TEAMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evans, Spence & Given READERS & COMMENTATOR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: James Beckford & Mary Wynack • Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim & Mark Keating ALTAR SERVERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Samantha, Eva & Jasmine • Sun 9:30am: Marcus, Nick & Porscha MASS DRIVERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill Howell AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Lisa • Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera WELCOMING COMMITTEE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Oswald Mendonca • Sun 9:30am: Joanne & Godwin Bonavia MONEY COUNTING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 9: Pat Goodwin, Martin Pirotta & Godwin Bonavia PIETY STALL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Gillian Beckford • Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim 	READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Patrick Soosay • Sun 8am: Muriel O'Gorman • 11:15am: Vince Taranto COMMENTATORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Nikki Jansson • Sun 8am: Frank Smit • 11:15am: John Mirams AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Andrew/Lia Di Marzio • Sun 8am: Ravi Kamath • 11:15am: Boon Tan ALTAR SERVERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Mitchell & Nikita Pereira • Sun 8am: • 11:15am: MONEY COUNTING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 4: Cheryl Manders & Bernard Morley (Ailen away) COMMUNION MINISTER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Loraine Lednar • Sun 8am: Muriel O'Gorman • Sun 11:15am: Albert Ling & Volunteer CLEANING ROSTER FOR 10am SATURDAY 11th JANUARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Group 1: Carissa Spadafora, Chris Boag, Eileen Fong & Zennie Brun

<p align="center"><u>OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR 25th & 26th JANUARY</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR 25th & 26th JANUARY</u></p>
<p>HOSPITALITY TEAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aileen Ng, Dolly Ng, Corrinne Ng & Jo Ann Ng <p>READERS & COMMENTATOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Maria Carey & Peter Given • Sun 9:30am: Juanita & Patrick Monahan <p>ALTAR SERVERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Jeanelle, Emily & Jeremy • Sun 9:30am: Ryan, Zayne & Zach <p>MASS DRIVERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne & Mark Keating <p>AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Lisa • Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera <p>WELCOMING COMMITTEE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Rose & Roy Tavenor • Sun 9:30am: Chris Healy <p>MONEY COUNTING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Mark Keating, Vina Pena & Teresina Yung <p>PIETY STALL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne • Sun 9:30am: Sue Keating 	<p>READERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Lia Di Marzio • Sun 8am: Sheryl Kamath • 11:15am: Volunteer Needed <p>COMMENTATORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Larra Di Marzio • Sun 8am: Michael Liddy 11:15am: Volunteer Needed <p>AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Andrew Di Marzio • Sun 8am: Michael Liddy 11:15am: Volunteer Needed <p>ALTAR SERVERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Amelia & Zach Tan • Sun 8am: 11:15am: <p>MONEY COUNTING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 5: Joy Cormack, Lorraine Lednar & Muriel O’Gorman <p>COMMUNION MINISTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Loraine Ledner • Sun 8am: Michael Liddy • Sun 11:15am: Anna Fabris & Volunteer <p>CLEANING ROSTER FOR <u>10am SATURDAY 25th JANUARY</u> Group 2: Vic Belmont, Ellis Fernandes, Doreen Fernandes Kelvin Lim & Michael Chen</p>
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<p>HOSPITALITY TEAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haswell, Sowersby & Smith <p>READERS & COMMENTATOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour and Trish Gurney • Sun 9:30am: Maya Chhajed and Margaret Bentley <p>ALTAR SERVERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Porcha, Alex & Zayne • Sun 9:30am: Lily, Ryan & Madelyn <p>MASS DRIVERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC <p>AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Maria & Lyn • Sun 9:30am: Ryan <p>WELCOMING COMMITTEE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Gill & James Beckford • Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago & Sue Separovic <p>MONEY COUNTING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 3: Anna Basa, Arthur Williams & Janet Goodwin <p>PIETY STALL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 5pm: Mary Ann Payne • Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago 	<p>READERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Paul O’Hanlon • Sun 8am: Paul O’Connor • 11:15am: Tehani Fernando <p>COMMENTATORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Marie De Krester • Sun 8am: Harry Martin 11:15am: Carmel Nigro <p>AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Nick Soo • Sun 8am: Frank Smit 11:15am: Amor Grabkowski <p>ALTAR SERVERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: • Sun 8am: 11:15am: Kayan Fernando <p>MONEY COUNTING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: George Cooper, Greg Sleeth & John Mirams <p>COMMUNION MINISTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 6pm: Paul O’Hanlon • Sun 8am: Harry Martin • Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro & Volunteer <p>CLEANING ROSTER FOR <u>10am SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY</u> Group 3: Yerrie Anderson, Maebelle Rechtman, Tessa Leung & Joyce Lee</p>
<p><u>WE PRAY FOR ANNIVERSARIES MEMORIAL:</u> Our Lady of the Pines Parish Noemi Grasso, Michelle Hardwick & Christian Antoine</p>	<p><u>WE PRAY FOR ANNIVERSARIES MEMORIAL:</u> Ss Peter and Pauls Parish Quintus & Monica Fernando</p>

