



SS PETER AND PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH,

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY 6.00PM.

SUNDAY 8.00AM AND 11.00AM

Our Vision

We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom the Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.

24th and 25th of February

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B

Observation on the Gospel

Just as we always hear the story of Jesus' testing on the first Sunday of Lent, so we always hear of his transfiguration on the second. One way of interpreting this choice is to see the story of the transfiguration as a source of encouragement for us on our Lenten journey. If we were disheartened by the challenge of last Sunday's Gospel, then we might be reassured today by the vision of Jesus' glory. The story of the transfiguration follows on from Paul's emphatic affirmation that God is on our side, a declaration that we might well welcome after the disturbing story of Abraham and Isaac. Appealing as it is, the gospel story makes it clear that we can't escape into an imaginary paradise as Peter was tempted to do. Jesus must come down from the mountain and continue on his way. This is the choice he makes.

PREPARATION FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – 2021

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has decided to hold a Plenary Council in 2020 and 2021. The Council will be about the Future of the Catholic Church in Australia. The Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge is the key spokesperson for the event. Archbishop Mark has said that we need to make important decisions for the future of our Church and "I hope that the agenda of our Plenary Council will be the result of genuine consultation within the Church, to be held between now and 2020. Anyone who wants to can have a say". He has clearly stated that everything is on the table and that this Plenary Council is a decision-making council. Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, the Plenary Council Facilitator, said "It's an opportunity to engage with all Catholics in Australia – those who lead, those who work in Catholic organisations, those who may feel they don't have a voice, those who feel they are outside the Church and those who show up every Sunday for Mass – a process inclusive of all". "It's about becoming the kind of Australian Catholic community which Pope Francis is calling us to be: "a community of communities..." she said.

The Vatican has yet to approve the holding of the Plenary Council, but this is expected to occur in the next few months. Given the enormity of the task, the Yarra Deanery, of which we are a part, has decided to commence the process by inviting each of the parishes in the Deanery to participate in a meaningful dialogue to focus on three key questions:

1. What do we want our Church to look like in 2025.
2. What does our Church look like now?
3. What do we need to do to bridge the gap?

Initially, we invite the Family Groups and School Staff to discuss these questions, provide feedback on their deliberations, and provide recommendations concerning the process going forward to involve the entire parish and the school community.

Narthex Kitchen Chest Freezer

Late last year we disposed of the old freezer which died from natural causes. While we are not keen to buy a new one it would be of interest if anyone has a small Chest Freezer they don't use and would like to pass on. Contact Harry on mob. 0421 770 498.

Passion Play

Ss Peter and Paul's School invite you to their Passion Play "That We Night Live" Thursday 29th March at 2.30pm in the Church. All Welcome.

Working Bee

We are endeavouring to start a working bee to take place one day during the week and one Saturday morning during the month. If you can spare a few hours once a month and would be willing to help keep our church and surroundings clean and tidy, please put your name down on the roster we are starting. Please ring or email the Parish Office.

Working with Children Check And Police Check

In accordance with Archdiocese requirements, it is now important for all those who regularly assist with duties around the church, members of committees, groups etc will now require either a Working with Children Check or a Police Check and depending on the activity, you could need both.

Below is a list of Groups and the required check needed:

	Working with Children Check	Police Check
Parish Office	Yes	Yes
Parish Council	Yes	
Finance Committee	Yes	Yes
Liturgy Committee	Yes	
Sacristans	Yes	
Music	Yes	
Children's Church	Yes	
Welcomers	Yes	
Communion to the Sick	Yes	
Baptism Preparation	Yes	
Catechetical Classes	Yes	
RCIA Team	Yes	
Visitation Group	Yes	
Piety Stall	Yes	Yes
Hospitality	Yes	
Money Counting		Yes

If you already have these, please let Liza have a copy. The Working with children check can be done online – the link is <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>.

It is free for a volunteer to apply but you will need a current/recent photograph.

The Police check does have a cost associated with this, and this will be paid for by the Parish. This can be done at the Parish Office, you will need a current passport and Drivers license in order to comply with the 100 point requirements.

In order to make this as easy and painless as possible, both applications can be done at the Parish Office for your convenience. You will need however to go to Doncaster Heights Post Office in Jackson Court to finalize your application for the Working with Children check as you will need to submit your photograph.

If you need more information, advice or help with this, please get in touch with Liza in the Parish Office. All applications can be done at the Parish Office.

We hope that you will be able to assist us in being compliant with the requirement and trust that you will understand the importance of getting this done.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Wednesday 21st March
School tours at 9.30 and 12pm



Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary School, East Doncaster

16 Beverley Street, East Doncaster

PHONE: 9842 2056

<http://www.sppdcstr.catholic.edu.au/>



Urgent Help Needed.

We urgently need help with our 6.00pm Roster for Commentators and Readers. For some time now, it has only been a few people who have been shouldering these roles and it is unfair to let this continue. From the few that we had, 2 have dropped out due to various reasons and now leaves us with only 3 people on the roster for Readers and Commentators.

It is imperative that we fill more of these spots up. Please, Please consider helping out with one of these roles. The more we have on the roster the better. We can provide help with training if provide. Please speak with Fr Jerald or Liza in the Parish Office.

Ss Peter & Paul's Playgroup

Toys, craft & morning tea
Friday morning 9.30-11.30

0-5 years old
\$35 per term

Contact Neroli 0407 200 220
Ss Peter & Paul's School
Doncaster East



Parish Office

Please note, Liza will be away from the 1st of March until the 12th of March inclusive.

Anything for the newsletter for the weekend of the 3/4th of March and the 10/11th of March needs to be submitted to the Parish Office by Tuesday the 30th of February at the very latest.

Roster

The New Money Counting Roster is now available for collection in the Narthex together with a temporary Roster for Readers and Commentators until we can fill more spots in.

Thank you for your help with these important ministries.



PowerPoint

Urgent Help Needed.

In Addition to the urgent help that we need for our 6.00pm Roster for Commentators and Readers we also need urgent help to fill the roster for our PowerPoint Operator Roster for all masses. Again it has been a few that have been shouldering these roles and a few have now dropped off. It is not a difficult role to fill , and training can be provided. If you are already at mass, please consider helping out with this role. It is imperative that we fill more of these spots up. Please, Please consider helping out with one of these roles. The more we have on the roster the better. Please speak with Fr Jerald or Liza in the Parish Office.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE –
Friday March 2nd**

This year's services comes to us from Suriname
Theme "All God's Creation is very Good"

Morning service

10am
Templestowe Baptist Church
103 Anderson Creek Rd, E. Doncaster
Speaker: Cristine Cuthbertson
Missionary surgeon, recently returned from Nepal

Evening service

8.00pm
St Mark's Anglican Church
Cnr High St & Dellfield Drive Lower Templestowe
Speaker: Trevor Parton
Centre for Ecology & Spirituality

All are welcome. Refreshments served
Contact: 9850 1150 9842 2995

There is also at Evening Service at

St Clare's Church at 7.00pm
St Clare Church, 138 Woodhouse Grove, Box Hill
North



**2nd Sunday of Lent
25th February 2018**

Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby. Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity. A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Parish Groups.

<p>VISITATION GROUP The next Visitation Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, 2nd of March at 10.15am in the Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.</p>	<p>ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th March at 9.30am. New members always welcome.</p>
<p>SUPPORT GROUP- for widows, widowers and separated The next Yarra Deanery Parish Support Group Gathering will take place in the Narthex of our Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th March. For enquiries, please contact Peter - 0413 015 061 or 9840 6248 or padess53@gmail.com</p>	<p>MEN'S COFFEE CLUB Men of the parish who are shift workers or have retired, on holidays or simply have time on their hands, are invited to meet for a Men's Coffee Club Gathering. camaraderie! Meetings are held every Tuesday at 9.30am in the Drop In Centre. Tel: Kevin on 9848 7858.</p>
<p>1 in a 100 Appeal The next collection is due on Sunday the 25th of March for the Sisters of Our Lady of Zion Jerusalem and the Palestinians.</p>	<p>DROP-IN CENTRE Open every Monday morning from 11.00am - 2.30pm except during school holidays. Craft group gathers on Wednesdays from 11.00am - 3.00pm. Contact Pauline 9848 6735 or Carole 9848 2478.</p>
<p>Knights of the Southern Cross Meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Drop in Centre from 7.30 – 9.30pm. New members always welcome.</p>	

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Parish Priest: Fr Jerald Mariadas
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Chairman of Parish Pastoral Council:
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 Principal: Anita Kelliher

Rosary: Monday to Saturday after Mass/Communion Service

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after morning Mass until 10.30am
Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30am and 5.30pm and any weekday after Mass

Baptisms: On 2nd and 3rd Sundays of every month at 12.30pm by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be held in our Church on Friday 2nd March from 7.30-8.30pm. There will be Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Reconciliation.

**3rd and 4th of March
 3rd Sunday of Lent**

Exodus: 20:1-17 I Corinthians 1:22-25 John 4:5-42		Projector Operators
6.00pm Readers Commentator	Nina Tan Josie Lim	Nick Soo
8.00am Readers Commentator	Paul O'Connor Diane Neubecker	Frank Smit
11.00am Reader Commentator	Carmel Nigro Suzanne Marshall	Volunteer Please
Altar Servers	6.00pm 8.00am 11.00am	BJ and Alex Volunteers Please Joreen and Amelia
Money Counters	Group 9: Pauline and Brian Donovan	Jim Harrison
Our Next Children's liturgy Masses	18th Mar, 15th Apr, 17th of June	20th May and 17th of June

Our Prayers are asked for those **who died recently: John Verspay and Mary Brady** and for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time:  Kathleen Doria, Grady Valdes, Francis Dwyer, Fr Paul Maher, Fr John Shanley, Thomas Owens, Harry Baulings, Lucia Corda, Vito D'Abaco, Tom Ahern, Siew Kim Siow, Terry Lynch, Vito D'Abaco, Damond Hawes, Patrick Kearney, Madeleing Chung, Maria Sciubba, Bernad Mpurhy, Rebecca Wise, Rosa Vasarellim Esmond Sowney, Maria and Gion Borsato
For those who are sick: Madeline Gilmore, Brenda McMahan, Dan McMahan, Ava Pelikan, Teresita Leung, June Webster, Ann Tobin, Joel Pemberton, Angela Selva, Anthoula Miras, Danny Zanon, Margaret Jansen, Teresa Talia, Gaetano and Inez Paolini and Mong Kee Lim, Cyril Taya, Mary Ritus, Desiree Du Sart, Lois Norton Old, Su Deo, Leigh McArthur, Caroline Tang, Salaka Hewamadduma, Priyanthi Perera, Elena Toh, Josh Davis, Maree Spinks and Graham Holme

**MASS TIMES for partner Parishes of
 Our Lady of The Pines, Donvale
 & Ss Peter & Paul, East Doncaster**

NB. "CS" indicates Communion Service only

	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	-	9am CS
Tuesday	-	9am Mass
Wednesday	9.15am	9am CS
Thursday	9am CS	9.00 Mass The Chair of St Peter
Friday	9am Mass	9. am CS 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	6pm VIGIL (1st Sat of Month ONLY)	9am Mass- 6pm VIGIL
SUNDAY	9:30am	8am, 11am

**February 25, 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
 "Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11**

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.