



Epiphany of the Lord— 1st and 2nd of January 2022 Year C

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THE PINES CHURCH AND SS PETER AND
PAUL'S CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE
23RD OF DEC 2021 TO THE 5TH OF JANUARY
2022 INCLUSIVE.

Our Lady of the Pines Parish is a welcoming, inclusive community that aims to live our Christian faith by example in our daily lives.

Our Lady of the Pines Parish is committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person, ensuring they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment within our parish. Visit our parish website or contact our parish office for our child-safe policy."

We pray for Better Health:

Brian Sullivan, Kath Potger, Alden Ong, Lisa Dallow, Josephine Noli, Teresa Talia, Sharon Rodrigo, Laurel Wood, John Goold, Meredith Barnes, Judith Frood, Jean Rive.

Anniversary and Mass offering for :
Arthur and Lilian Strents

The Epiphany of the Lord

The feast of the Epiphany has a rich history, especially in the early centuries of Eastern Christianity. It was like a colorful tapestry woven of many strands; at one and the same time it commemorated the birth of Jesus, the visit of the Magi, his baptism in the Jordan, and the sign he gave at Cana when he turned the water into wine. All of these, it may be suggested are "epiphanies" or "Manifestations" of the divine – every one of them cause for joyful celebration.

In Western Christianity the focus of the feast has narrowed down to the visit of the wise men known as the Magi. Yet in itself this exotic story invites us to let our horizons be thrown wide open. Those who come searching for the Messiah are foreigners from afar, possible magicians and astrologers. They are sincere seekers for the truth who "divine the mystery" before them.

Happy New Year

Fr Jerald would like to wish you all a wonderful and Peaceful 2022.

Thank you

Fr Jerald, the Parish Council and the community of Our Lady of the Pines Would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who have done so much to prepare our liturgies and our church environments for Advent and the Christmas Masses. Our liturgies have been even more enriching due to your input. Thank you for all the time and effort that you have given us. Thank you.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2022 Columban Art Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall for \$10.00. When you purchase the calendar, featuring traditional art work, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor. Many thanks for your support.

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
The Baptism of the Lord**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS— Eileen, Dolly, Corrinne and Joanne Ng

READERS & COMMENTATORS

Sat 5.00 pm: James Beckford and Mary Wynack

Sun 9.30 am: Judy Brophy and Margaret Bentley

PROJECTOR OPERATORS

Sat 5.00pm : Ophelia

Sun 9.30am : Andrew Buchan

Covid Captain:

5.00pm : Oswald Mendonca

9.30am : Tricia Keley and Chris Healy

Money Counting Roster:

Group 9: Pat Goodwin, Martin Pirotta, Mark Keating and Godwin Bonavia.

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**Year C –The Baptism of the Lord —
9th of January 2022**

GOSPEL

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.' (Matthew 2:1–12)

Making Connections

- How strong is your own sense of being 'beloved' and 'favoured' by God?
- How much time do you spend alone 'at prayer'?
- Have you ever had an experience of being chosen, singled out for a special role or particular responsibility? How did you feel? Were you able to carry out the task? What challenges did you face? Share your recollections with others.
- Each day this week, take some time alone to pray; listen to the voice from heaven. Use your own name and repeat: ...N..., you are my child, my beloved, my favour
- Extract from "The Summit" Online

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

	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	No Mass	9.00am Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00am Zoom Mass	9.00am in person and Zoom Mass
Wednesday	9.00am in person and Zoom Mass Rosary after Morning Mass	9.00am Communion Service
Thursday	9.00am Zoom Mass	9.00am in person and Zoom Mass
Friday	9.00am in person and Zoom Mass Rosary after Morning Mass	9.00am Communion Service
Saturday	5.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Mass and 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.30am Morning Mass— Rosary after mass	8.00 and 11.15am Morning Mass