



OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHRISTMAS DAY - 25TH OF DECEMBER 2022

Dear Parishioners,

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. During this Advent Season, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on our advent theme of Welcome with your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

Christmas has a way of bringing to Church, our lives and our families those who for various reasons, have not been to Mass or kept in touch for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and family. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you, your family and our beloved community always.

Merry Christmas to you all.

On behalf of all our Parish Council, Staff and myself, we wish you all a blessed and peace-filled Christmas and a holy New Year! I do not know what will be in store for us in 2023, but I trust that God knows what is truly best for us all.

Happy Christmas, Fr Jerald

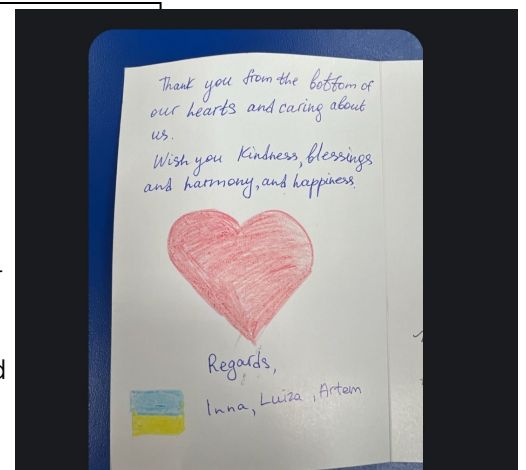
Thank you from Catholic Care

Thank you once again to the Our Lady of the Pines community for your generosity with the hampers.

They have all been delivered to the families and many have requested for us to extend their thanks and gratitude to the church.

Attached is a picture of a card that one of the families have sent to their case manager.

Thank you once again and hope you have a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Fr Jerald and the Parish Council, would like to wish all of you, our fellow Parishioners, a blessed and peaceful Christmas. We have so much to celebrate, and so much to be thankful for at Our Lady of the Pines Church.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to all of our Parish activities so energetically and enthusiastically in 2022. May it continue, and improve.

We would also like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who put so much into the running of this parish and the preparation of our liturgies every weekend. Thank You.

We would like to wish each of you a wonderful New Year.

Christmas Raffle

Our grateful thanks to everyone who supported the Raffle - by purchasing tickets or by donating items towards the prizes.

The combined Raffle and sale of preserves raised approx \$1250 by the Fund Raising Committee for ongoing Parish needs.

Prize winners were:

1st: Katherine Lim
2nd: Nan Perreau
3rd: Frank Caritelli
Mystery Prize: Garry McBride

Hoping everyone has a Happy and Safe Christmas, together with family and loved ones!

The Fund Raising Committee.

31st of December 22 and 1st Jan 2023 New Year Weekend

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Payne, Delzoppo, Keating and Yang

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Margaret Hughes and Vanessa White

Sun 9.30 am: Patrick and Juanita Monahan

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Jeanelle, Andre and Emily

9.30am: Daniel, Jerry and Tiana

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Holidays

MASS DRIVER: TBC

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Carlos Cordeiro

Sun 9.30am: Suraj Pereira

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Christine and Geoff Lowry

9.30 am: Peter and Kath Given

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 6

Marie Christensen, Chris Haswell and Joan McDonald

PIETY STALL:

5.00pm : Vanessa White

9.30am: Sue Keating

Parish Office

Please note, the parish office will be closed from Monday the 26th of December to the 6th of January. The Parish Office will reopen on Monday the 9th of December at SSPP. For emergencies please call the parish mobile on 0473 873 479 or email donvale@cam.org.au

MASS TIMES FOR THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF THE PINES & Ss PETER & PAUL'S, DONCASTER EAST

	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	No Mass	9.00 am Mass—Communion Service
Tuesday	No Mass	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary at 9.30am	9.00 am Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	9.00 am Mass
Friday	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary at 9.30am	9.00 am Communion Service followed by Adoration
Saturday	5.00pm Mass	9.00am Morning Mass 6.00pm Mass
Sunday	9.30 am Mass	8.00am and 11.15am Mass