



2nd Sunday of Advent

3rd and 4th of December

Year A

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Tues: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm.

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We may also be contacted at Ss Peter and Paul Parish, on 9842 1480 on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

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 Safety Policy.

We pray for Better Health:

Brian Sullivan, Kath Potger, Alden Ong, Lisa Dallow, Josephine Noli, Sharon Rodrigo, Meredith Barnes, John Yates, Fiona Faulkner, Melvin Rodrigo, Sharon Hill, Angela Daffey, Marlene Delzoppo, Keith Delzoppo, Dominic Cruz, Belinda Swan.

Anniversary:

WELCOME TO THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Second Sunday of Advent inspires us to repentance. A simple act of contrition is not enough, however, for we must go and sin no more (John 8:11). Only through active forgiveness, where we purposefully change the direction of our lives toward

God, can we be fully present to the gift before us - the loving gift of life.

FAREWELL TO OUR PARISH BAND "ARKAIOS"

It is with much sadness we advise that our Parish Band, "Arkaeos" will be disbanding at the end of the year. Their last official performance will be at the Christmas Vigil Mass. The band comprises, Andrew Buchan, Fiona Buchan, Patrick Monahan, Rochelle Buckley and Roger Gurney. They have provided wonderful singing and music for the parish for many years and we will be very sorry to see them go. Please join us at the 9.30 am Mass next Sunday, 11th December, where we will be giving them an official farewell.

THANK YOU FROM VINNIES

The Donvale Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society thanks parishioners for your generous support of the Victorian Flood and Christmas Appeal that we conducted on 19/20 November. We have received \$2,581.25 to date, for which we are very appreciative. Your donations will help people in regional and rural Victoria who suffered damage and loss from the recent floods, as well as supporting our companions in need this Christmas in our local area and in South Melbourne. Donations can still be made by phone (13 18 12) using your credit card. Thank you for your generous support, again.

Michael Liddy, Vinnies Donvale Conference.



Christmas Raffle

Our Fundraising Committee is holding a Christmas Raffle in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Tickets are now on sale and the raffle will be drawn just prior to Christmas. The prizes are on display in the church foyer. All proceeds will go to the parish.

"You have to be in it to win it!"



Unfortunately we advise that we have no RCIA candidates for this year, and there have been no expressions of interest in the RCIA Co-ordinator role. However, it is important to point out that a large number of parishioners are committed to the RCIA Ministry in our parish. This means that much of the co-ordinator role is already covered by volunteers. It also means that candidates would be made welcome at any time and their faith journey would be encouraged. In addition, it is important to thank those parishioners who have supported the RCIA Ministry at OLOP with great enthusiasm, many of whom have participated since RCIA recommenced at OLOP in 2005: Rita Latimour, Shinta Sugeng, Mary Wynack, Xiao Yang, Shireen Seah, Ron Choong, Nan Perreau, Suzanne Conway, Vince Taranto, Steve Kay, Neal Murphy, Peter Johnstone, John Evans, Tricia Keley, Trish Gurney, Margaret Bentley, Margaret Hughes, Emmy Oakley and Judy Brophy.

Persons who are interested in learning more about our Catholic tradition, with a view to becoming a full Sacramental Member of the Catholic Church, are welcome to contact Father Jerald or Mary Ann Payne to learn more about the vibrant RCIA Ministry at OLOP. Our enthusiastic volunteer parishioners will be pleased to open up the treasures of our Catholic faith and spirituality for you. RCIA offers an opportunity to privately explore your faith journey. Making a commitment is always a personal choice.

Mary Ann Payne



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN WHO ATTEND NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Registrations are now open for children attending non-Catholic schools who wish to make the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. The Sacrament will be held on Thursday, 30th March, 2023 and compulsory catechist classes will be held each Thursday from 2nd Feb to 23rd March at 4.00 pm. Registrations close on 27th January, 2023. To obtain a registration form please visit <https://www.ourladyofthepineschurch.org/sacramental-programme-for-children/> or email trish.keley@cam.org.au.

PHOTOS FROM OUR ALTAR SERVERS' MASS HELD SATURDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER

Thanks to all those who attended our Altar Servers' Mass last weekend and once again a huge thank you to all our wonderful Altar Servers. Below are some photos taken at the Mass.





Cast 1:
Tuesday
Dec 6th

invites you to our...

Journey to Bethlehem

Cast 2:
Wednesday
Dec 7th

Session Times

1: 5:00pm-5:45pm

2: 6:00pm-6:45pm

3: 7:00pm-7:45pm



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

**Performed by the students of
Our Lady of the Pines Primary School**

**All parishioners, families and friends are
warmly invited.**

**There are three sessions to choose from
on 6th & 7th December.**

THE FIRST NOEL

LUKE 1:46-55

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT OLOP

**Reconciliation 20th Dec 2022 7.30pm at
Our Lady of the Pines**

Christmas Eve 24th Dec 2022 6.00pm Mass

Christmas Day 25th Dec 2022 9.30am Mass

Mass for Protection of the Family

**Thursday 8 December - 7 pm to 8.30 pm
(Feast of the Immaculate Conception)**

**St Peter and Paul's Catholic Church
23 Leeds Street, Doncaster East**

Celebrant: Fr Jerald Mariadas



**Holy Rosary (7pm) Divine Mercy Chaplet
Confessions Pope John Paul II's Prayer
Mass (7.30 pm) for Families**

**10th and 11th of December 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Christensen, Nolan and McDonald

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: James Beckford and Mary Wynack

Sun 9.30 am: Anna Basa and Leonard Healy

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Andrè, Jose & Raffael

9.30am: Maya, Daniel & Marcus

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Trish Keley and Stefanie Leman

MASS DRIVER: Jill Howell

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Ophelia Wong

Sun 9.30am: Andrew Buchan

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Rose and Roy Tavenor

9.30 am: Joanne and Godwin Bonavia

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 3

Keith Delzoppo, Arthur Williams, Janet Goodwin and Noranda Lai

PIETY STALL:

5.00pm : Gill Beckford

9.30am: Nan Perreau

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CHAIR OF PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Liza Jansz - Wed 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

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11th December 2022

Gospel

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.' **(Matthew 11:2-11)**

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Word Messiah means 'anointed one' in Hebrew. The word Christ means the same thing in Greek.
- *The healing of those who are afflicted was one of the signs given in the Hebrew Scriptures that the Messiah had come. When the blind see and the deaf hear; when the downtrodden are raised up and the lame walk, the reign of God will have come.*

Extract from "The Summit" Online.

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 Communion Service
Tuesday	No Mass	9.00 am 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	5.00 pm Vigil Mass	9.00 am Weekday Mass and 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.30 am Mass followed by Rosary	8.00 am and 11.15 am Masses