

# ADVENT

A Season of Preparation

Our Lady of the Pines Church

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9th and 10th December 2024

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TUES—FRI 8:30AM—3:00PM

We may also be contacted at Ss Peter and Paul Parish, on 9842 1480 on Tuesday—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, Josephine Noli, Sharon Rodrigo, Meredith Barnes, John Yates, Belinda Swan, Lina Sopagnol

Christmas Mass Times for Our Lady of the Pines and our partner Parish, Saints Peter and Pauls



MASS	Our Lady of the Pines	SS Peter and Pauls Church
Joint Parish Reconciliation Service	19th December 2023—7:30pm at St Peter and Pauls Church	
Family Christmas Eve Mass		Carols/Nativity at 4:30pm Mass at 5:00pm
Christmas Vigil Mass	Carols at 6:30pm Mass at 7:00pm	
Midnight Mass		Carols at 11:30pm Mass at 12:00pm
Christmas Day Mass	Carols at 8:30am Mass at 9:00am	Carols at 10:30am Mass at 10:45am

### Parish Fundraising Raffle

Tickets are available after Mass.

There are 3 hampers to be won, including a mystery prize and a children's prize. You've got to be in it to win it!

**The Raffle will be drawn on Sunday, 17th December following 9.30am Mass.**





## Embrace Reconciliation: Joint Service on December 19th

A reminder of this years joint Reconciliation Service on December 19th at 7:30 pm at Ss Peter and Paul's Parish.

Let's come together, seek forgiveness, and prepare our hearts for Christmas. It's a perfect time to experience God's mercy.

Details: - Date: December 19th - Time: 7:30 pm

- Location: Ss Peter and Paul's Parish

### Finance Administrator Role- St Simon's Parish Rowville & St Jude's Parish Scoresby

St Simon's Parish in Rowville & St Jude Parish, Scoresby (working across two parishes) are seeking to hire a Finance Administrator to actively take responsibility for the day to day financial and asset management tasks and the management of the payroll for the Parish. This will be a part-time role, working 3 days per week (days and times are flexible). For a position description and to apply visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/stewardship-administrator-st-simons-parish>

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Next Sunday, 17th December at 9:30am Mass, this years RCIA Baptised Candidate, Anita Skok, will be welcomed to the Catechumenate and will pledge to continue her journey in faith through RCIA as she prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024. Anita will also be presented with a bible, God's Word, written for each of us.

Since 2005, RCIA has been a source of blessing and joy for our parish. The faith journeys of participants have been captured digitally to provide a special memory of the RCIA experience. To enhance their understanding of RCIA, parishioners may want to take a closer look at the RCIA photo display at the back of the church. We are currently in need of a volunteer photographer/videographer to support the RCIA Ministry in our parish. If you are able to assist, please contact Mary Ann Payne c/o the parish office for more information..

### Christmas Caroling and Christmas Vigil Choir Rehearsals

This Christmas, the OLOP community shines even brighter thanks to the wonderful parishioners who have volunteered to spread joy through song. A heartfelt thank you to those carolers that will be gracing the OLOP neighborhood with Christmas melodies, filling the air with the spirit of the season.

Special appreciation also goes to those who have lent their voices to our Christmas Vigil Mass choir.

Rehearsal Details are as follows:

Christmas Carolers: 21 Dec at 7:30pm

Christmas Vigil Choir: Saturday 9th Dec at 10am and 15th and 18th Dec at 7.30pm for the musicians and singers to practice.

To all participants, your time and talents make this season memorable.

May the joy you share come back to you tenfold.



## Acknowledgement from Sultanpet Diocese - Proceeds from Bollywood Night

We received warm greetings and heartfelt prayers in a letter from Bishop Peter Abir, the Bishop of Sultanpet. In the letter, Bishop Abir expressed gratitude to Father Jerald and our Parish for the generous donation of \$665, raised during the Bollywood night event. This contribution will go towards supporting the education of less privileged children in the Diocese of Sultanpet. The Diocese extends its appreciation and thanks to all those who contributed to this fundraising effort.



### Donating to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2023

Your support for this Christmas Appeal will help provide food, clothing, living expenses, rental assistance, assistance with utilities accounts and crisis support for vulnerable people, both locally and in South Melbourne, who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

The following are your options for making a contribution:

- Use an envelope on the chairs for either a cash or credit card donation. If you require a tax deductible receipt for a donation of \$2 or more, be sure to include your contact details

- Direct deposit to the Society's bank account

Name: St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Gift Fund

BSB: 063 000 A/c no: 1060 7556

Reference: X23 + Conference id 444

For a tax deductible receipt, please email the Fundraising Team at [donation@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:donation@svdp-vic.org.au), providing donor name, deposit date, donation amount, contact phone no and address details.

- Donate by phone by calling 13 18 12. Please ask for your donation to be allocated to the Donvale Conference ID 444.

Thank you for your support of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

**16th and 17th December 2023  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**

**HOSPITALITY TEAMS:** Haswell, Sowersby and Smith

**READERS & COMMENTATORS:**

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Mary Ann Payne and Ophelia Wong

**Sun 9.30 am:** Juanita and Patrick Monahan

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5.00pm:** Jerry, Jasmine and Eva

**9.30am:** Daniel, Maya and Nick

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:** Tracey Baxter and Suzanne Keating

**MASS DRIVERS:** Suzanne and Mark Keating

**AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS**

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Carlos Cordeiro

**Sun 9.30am:** Loenard Healy

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE:**

**5.00 pm:** Rose and Richard Chapman

**9.30 am:** Joan McDonald & Luzanne Argaeat

**MONEY COUNTING: GRP2—** Peter Johnstone, Bob O'Halloran, Monica Luttick and Jill Howell

**PIETY STALL: 5.00pm :** Vanessa White **9.30am:** Nan Perreau

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**Second Sunday of Advent Year B**

**Gospel**

**Mark 1:1-8**

*Make straight the paths of the Lord.*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

**Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.**

**A voice cries in the wilderness:**

**Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'**

**Next Weekend Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent Year B**

First Reading: [Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11](#)

Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#)

Gospel: [John 1:6-8. 19-28](#)

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.*

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

	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>SsPP</b>
Monday	No Mass	9.00 am Communion Service
Tuesday	No Mass	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00 am Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	9.00am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00am Communion Service
Saturday	5.00pm Mass	9.00am Mass and 6.00pm Mass
Sunday	9.30am Mass followed by Rosary	8.00am and 11.15am Mass