

ADVENT

A Season of Preparation

Our Lady of the Pines Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2nd and 3rd December
2024

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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 car-
ing 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

SUMMER HOLIDAY BREAK

Bible Study Group

As the holiday season approaches,
our Bible study group will be taking
a break for Christmas and New Year.
We will reconvene in February
2024.

I'd like to express my appreciation
for your active participation during
our exploration of the Gospel of
Mark over the past months. It's
been a meaningful time of shared
learning.

Wishing you a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward
to reconnecting in February 2024!



Parish Fundraising Raffle

Tickets available after Mass until Christmas week.

Win one of 3 Christmas prizes. All preserves sold out last week, however the Fundraising team are busy gathering more for us to enjoy or gift for Christmas.

All proceeds go towards the Parish.

Thank You for your support



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>

A Helping Hand: Making a Difference for Nursing Home Resident through Shopping Companionship

Could you dedicate a couple of hours every one to two weeks to assist a nursing home resident in going shopping? This resident relies on a wheelchair and would appreciate your help navigating the shopping centre. Transportation to and from the aged care facility will be arranged for your convenience.



If you are able to assist, please contact Maria Carey on 0473873479 or donvale@cam.org.au

Heartfelt Thanks for Carol Singing Volunteers! And Christmas Eve Choir!

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the warm response from those who have generously volunteered to spread festive cheer by singing carols in the OLOP neighborhood on December 23rd. Your willingness to share the joy of the season is truly heartwarming.

A special thank you to those who have also stepped up to participate in our Christmas Eve choir – your commitment is greatly appreciated. However, we still need more voices to make the choir complete!

The songs performed on December 23rd will be the same tunes we'll share on Christmas Eve. We invite all parishioners to join the choir and make Christmas Eve an even more special celebration. Your voice is a gift that adds to the magic of this joyous occasion. Come, be part of our Christmas Eve choir, and let's create beautiful memories together!





The Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be held next weekend at both Masses. Vinnies provides material assistance, including food, clothing, rental assistance and financial support for families and households in need. With the current cost-of-living crisis, the assistance Vinnies provide to people experiencing hardship this festive season will be needed even more than ever.

Your donation this Christmas can help provide desperately needed food, clothing, living expenses and crisis support. Please support this appeal either via donation at the weekend masses or Direct Deposit to the Society's Bank Account.

Name: St Vincent de Paul Society of Victoria Gift Fund

BSB: 063 000 **Acct No.** 106607556 **Reference:**x23 + Conference ID 392

For a tax deductible receipt please email the fundraising team at donations@svdpvic-org.au, including donors contact details, amount and deposit date. For further information visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

Celebrating Christ the King, World Youth Day, and Feast of St John Berchmans

This past Sunday, our parish joyously celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, with our vibrant youth group leading a wonderful Mass. The festivities also embraced World Youth Day and the Feast of St John Berchmans the patron saint of Altar Servers.

The day was made even more special with a BBQ, hosted by our Youth Group, providing a fan-



tastic opportunity for our parish community to come together. A heartfelt thank you to our youth and everyone who contributed to making this day truly memorable.

Youth Group Christmas Celebration this Sunday!

This Sunday, December 3rd, marks a special gathering for our Youth Group as they come together to celebrate Christmas. The Youth Group convenes on the first Sunday of every month, 4:30 to 6:30pm. For those interested in becoming part of our vibrant Youth Group, please contact the Parish Office.



**9th and 10th December 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS: Mullane, Casey and Bonavia

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Rita Latimour and Trish Gurney

Sun 9.30 am: Natalie Chim and Mark Keating

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Jeanelle, Raphael, Lynette

9.30am: Ryan, Constance and Marcus

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Anna Basa, Vina Pena

MASS DRIVERS: Janet and Pat Goodwin

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS

Sat 5.00 pm: Lisa Bertuola

Sun 9.30am: Mark Cheng

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Rita Latimour

9.30 am: Corrine Ng & Suzanne Keating

MONEY COUNTING: GRP1— Teresina Yung and Vina Pena

PIETY STALL: 5.00pm : Anne Khoo **9.30am:** Mirella Drago

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Toan Nguyen

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First Sunday of Advent Year B

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Next Weekend Readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: [Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11](#)

Second Reading: [2 Peter 3:8-14](#)

Gospel: [Mark 1:1-8](#)

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

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	9.00am 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