



OUR LADY OF THE PINES - CHRISTMAS DAY 2023

Christmas Message From Fr Toan

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Our Lady of the Pines,

At this special and sacred time of the year, I wish to extend to you and your loved ones Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I am grateful to God for all the blessings He has given me to be among you this year as a friend and an instrument of God, especially celebrating my first Christmas here with you.

The best Christmas gift we can give each other is to share our faith with loved ones and strangers alike, proclaiming the joyous tidings that 'God is with us.' And we should not just share our faith, but we should reach out to one another with all the blessings God has given us, especially the gift of peace.

May each of us be blessed during this joyous time of the year, and may we acknowledge with gratitude our Heavenly Father's incomparable gift to us — his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace of God and the joy of the season illumine your heart and lead you to the heart of God, who has chosen to become one of us as Emmanuel — God with us.

The gift of love. The gift of peace. The gift of happiness. The gift of Joy. May all these be yours at Christmas.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Parish staff and myself we would like to wish a Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones. We pray that the New Year will be wonderful for us all, but most importantly that it brings stability and peace to all.

Merry Christmas Fr. Toan Nguyen

Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is awarded to

Our Lady of the Pines Donvale Parish

in recognition of your donation of
Christmas hampers for families and individuals in need.

*Thank you for helping us to build thriving communities
by disrupting disadvantage.*

December 2023



Thank you from Catholic Care

Thank you very much again for the generous donation from Our Lady of the Pines Parish, and for coordinating the donations every year.

The hampers have all been delivered to the families that were nominated and were very well received. A message we received from one of the families – “Please pass on a big thank you to the church community from me. It was such a lovely surprise to receive such a lovely gift for myself and my child after a hard year”.

From the bottom of our hearts – thank you very much and we wish you and the Our Lady of the Pines community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Upcoming Mass Times

Date	Mass	Location
Wed 27th Dec	No Mass	
Thurs 28th Dec	9am	SsPP
Fri 29th Dec	No Mass	
Sat 30 Dec	5:00PM	OLOP
Sun 31 Dec	9:30AM	OLOP
Mon 1st Jan	10AM	SsPP
Wed 3 Jan	Resume Normal Mass Times	
Fri 5 Jan		

Christmas Raffle

Our grateful thanks to everyone who supported the parish fund raising efforts.

Prize winners were:

- 1st Prize: Garry Nolan
- 2nd: Judy Brophy
- 3rd: David Sowersby
- 4th: Denise Clevon
- 5th: Tony Tome.

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

The Fund Raising Committee.

30th and 31st of December 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Christensen, Nolan and McDonald

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Loarraine Chia and Maria Carey

Sun 9.30 am: Suraj Perera and Corrinne Ng

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Jeanelle, Lynette and Emily

9.30am: Jasmine, Maya and Nick

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Holidays

MASS DRIVER: Suzanne and Mark Keating

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Carlos Cordeiro

Sun 9.30am: TBA

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Rose & Roy Tavenor

9.30 am: Joanne & Godwin Bonavia

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 4

Brian Tooth, John Evans, John Brophy, Joanne Bonavia

PIETY STALL:

5.00pm : Gillian Beckford

9.30am: Sue Keating

PARISH OFFICE HOURS—CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

The Parish Office will be closed starting at 12 noon on Friday, December 22, and will resume normal operations on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Warm wishes for a joyous Christmas and a Blessed 2024!

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