



**OUR LADY OF THE PINES - 30TH AND 31ST OF DECEMBER 2023  
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH**

As we reflect upon the closing moments of 2023 and step into the embrace of a new year, I am filled with immense gratitude and joy for the wonderful first Christmas celebration we shared together as a parish family.

Our church was aglow with the spirit of Christmas, adorned with the warmth of familiar faces and the addition of new ones. It was heartening to see our parish full of visitors and existing families, creating unity and love that truly defines the essence of this sacred season.

The Christmas celebration was made even more special with the beautiful performances by our Choirs and band during the Christmas masses. The singing and music creating an atmosphere of reverence and joy. Special mention must be made of the solo performances by our talented singers and the lovely sounds of the Saxophone, which added a beautiful touch to the celebration, resonating with the true spirit of Christmas.

Beyond the church walls, our Christmas Carollers took to the streets of Donvale, serenading our neighbours with traditional carols. The joy they brought not only to our neighbourhood but to all those involved was very special. It was a fabulous sight to witness the streets filled with music and the infectious spirit of Christmas, spreading cheer far and wide.

As we bid farewell to 2023, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks, on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), the Finance Committee (FC), and myself, for your support. Our Lady of the Pines is a parish that thrives on the dedication and commitment of its volunteers, and I am sincerely grateful for your contributions.

As we embark on the journey into 2024, may the coming year be filled with joy, good health, and prosperity for you and your loved ones. May our parish continue to be a beacon of faith, love, and community, and may each day be a blessing for all of us.

Wishing you a very joyous, healthy, and prosperous New Year and a blessed 2024.

With gratitude

Father Toan

## Upcoming Mass Times

Date	Mass	Location
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 Celebrations



## 6th and 7th January 2024

### The Epiphany of the Lord

#### HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Davis and Oakley

#### READERS & COMMENTATORS:

**Sat 5.00 pm:** James Beckford and Mary Wynack

**Sun 9.30 am:** Kathy Stewart and Geoff Mullane

#### ALTAR SERVERS:

**5.00pm:** Jeanelle, Lynette and Nick

**9.30am:** Samantha, Emily and Jeremy

#### CHILDRENS LITURGY: Holidays

**MASS DRIVER:** John and Judy Brophy

#### PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Maria and Lyn

**Sun 9.30am:** Suraj Perera

#### WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

**5.00 pm:** Nicole & Carlos Cordeiro

**9.30 am:** Chris Healy

#### MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 5

Geoff Mullane, David Sowersby, Anna Basa and Clare Davis

#### PIETY STALL:

**5.00pm :** Rita Latimour

**9.30am:** Mirella Drago

## 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