

Advent

A Season of Preparation

ST PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 4TH AND 5TH OF DECEMBER 2021

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE VOLUNTEER

5TH DECEMBER

Sunday the 5th of December is international day of the Volunteer. So this weekend, I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the many volunteers we have at Ss Peter and Paul's Church.



I never cease to be amazed at the willingness of SSPP Parishioners to step up and get involved whenever there is a need. We all live very busy lives and have many outside pressures and yet, all of you are so pro-active inputting your parish community first whenever you are asked (and quite often without being asked!). I feel very privilege to be supported by such a warm, friendly and giving community.

It's true that there are some uncertain changes on the horizon which we are trying to navigate through, however I have every confidence that if we continue to be there for one another, the spirit of Ss Peter and Paul's will thrive.

I will keep you all in my prayers and I thank you once again for your generous support.

God Bless you all. Fr Jerald.

Our Vision

We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom the Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.

Child Safety Policy

Ss Peter and Paul's 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-safe policy."

Acknowledgement to Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, Ss Peter and Paul's parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land we all now share. For thousands of years they raised their families, maintained their culture and sustainably managed this sacred land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Funeral—Carol Mernagh

It is with sadness that we advise the community that Carol Mernagh, went home to God on Tuesday the 30th of November. Carol and Barry Mernagh, long standing members of our community have both gone home to God within a few months of each other. We offer our condolences to their children.

Carol's funeral will be held here at SSPP on Thu the 9th of Dec at 10.30am.

Christmas Mass times at Ss Peter and Paul's Church

Masses for the Vaccinated

Thu 16th of Dec: Reconciliation - 7.30pm Mass

Fri 24th of Dec: Christmas Eve Mass -

- 4.30pm Carols - 5.00pm Family Christmas Mass

- 11.45pm Carols - 12.00pm Midnight Mass

Sat 25th of Dec: Christmas Day Mass

-10.00am Christmas Day Mass

Mass for the Unvaccinated

24th of December : Christmas Eve Mass : 7.30pm Mass

Advent Reflection Program

Our Advent Reflection Program continues this week in person on Tues at 10.15am in the church foyer, and a repeat session on Wed 7.30pm on Zoom. Please use this link to access the Zoom session <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09>

Volunteers Appreciation Weekend 18th & 19th Dec at All Masses

We will be thanking and appreciating all our parish volunteers at mass over the above-mentioned weekend. A light refreshment will be served after every mass. We invite all our volunteers to be at one of the masses on that weekend where possible, and stay for refreshments in the church foyer after.

Update to guidelines—5th of December 2021

Following a Covid incident on the 28th of November at OLOP—please note the following.

- **Face covering—whilst face coverings is no longer a requirement within the Church setting, we would like to encourage all parishioners to continue to wear a face covering within our Church setting. Please also continue to socially distance whilst seated. We thank you all for your patience with this. Fr Jerald's priority is the well being and safety of all, and if we can continue to wear a face covering and socially distance, we can do our bit to help keep everyone safe.— PLEASE NOTE, THE WEARING OF FACE MASK IS NOT MANDATORY BUT A SUGGESTION ONLY. Thank you.**
- **Fully Vaccinated 12 years + 2 months and over:** Places of worship may open for all celebrations for the fully vaccinated with no capacity or density limits.
- **Unknown Vaccination Status:** For all of our unvaccinated masses, the mass is restricted to one person per 4sqm up to a maximum of 50 parishioners.
- **Community (Parish) Facilities:** Is limited to the fully vaccinated only and no limits will apply.

Weekday zoom masses will continue for the time being on our normal zoom details as follows :- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 259 756 4312—Password: 689922

Weekday Masses (Tue, Thu and Sat 9.00am) Up to 50 people may attend, Vaccinations is not required. Bookings are not required.

Weekend Masses (Sat 6.00pm and Sunday 8.00am and 11.15am) No limits apply. All attendees aged 12+ must be fully vaccinated. Bookings are not required. Please arrive early to allow time to check-in and show your Vaccination Certificate to the Covid Marshall.

5pm Sunday Mass for those not fully vaccinated. If you have had only one dose of the vaccine or prefer to remain unvaccinated, there will be an extra Mass each Sunday at 5.00pm at Ss Peter and Paul's Church for both SSPP and OLOP parishioners only. 50 people are permitted. Bookings are no longer required.

Check in Requirements. Please ensure you check in on arrival using the Service Victoria App. For all weekend masses except for the Sunday 5.00pm mass at SSPP, you will also need to show Proof of Vaccinate to the Covid Marshall.

Participation in Christmas Eve Youth-Led Mass on 24th Dec 4.30pm

We would like to invite children and youths to participate in our youth-led mass on Christmas Eve. Children from kinder to Grade 4 can participate in our nativity procession, and those Grade 4 and above can participate as readers, choir, money collectors, covid marshals, welcomers etc. Please contact Cheryl at cheryl.tay@cam.org.au or text 0478 256 363 by 12 Dec to register interest or obtain more information.

St Vincent De Paul News

- 1. SVDP Christmas cards and calendars will be on sale after each Mass on Sundays;*
- 2. Thank you to all those who contributed to our Christmas Appeal. If you still have any envelopes at home, please bring them back to Church or hand them in to the Parish Office as soon as you can. Thank you again for your support of this appeal.*
- 3. With Christmas nearly upon us, SVDP would be most grateful for donations of non-perishable food - please check dates of goods before donating.*

Thank you all for your continued support of St Vincent De Paul.

SSPP COMMUNITY CAROLS NIGHT -

WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 6:00PM

On Wednesday 8th December Ss Peter and Paul's School will have their SSPP Community Carols event. Students will be performing some carols that they have been learning in Performing Arts as well as presenting some of the items from our concert. The event will take place on the oval with families encouraged to bring along a picnic blanket to sit on for the night. Picnic chairs can be brought along also, however these will need to be positioned at the back of the audience area.

Please note this is an event for those who are vaccinated. Guests will need to provide their vaccination status to staff upon arrival.

Prayers of the Community : Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently especially Carol Mernagh, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Aldo Caruana, Chris Liew, Keith Hartley, Matthew Sims, Lindsay Paynting, Anacleto Fabrizi, Francesco Fabrizi, Charlie Sammut, Joseph De Costa, Alloy Fernando, Yuet Mui Tang, Stanis Mulas, Eline Mimons, Maria Vincitoria, Fr Peter Tsang, Paulo Messina, Olive Crosby, William Findlay

For those who are sick Pietro Ciccotelli, June Webster, Patrick and Rhonda McMahon, Emily Patrikis Julia Smith, Ann Weerappah, Tai Thomas, Ann Burke, Wen Jiang, Deborah Jansz, Thomas Torre, Arthur S. and Donald Pinnock

If you would like to have a loved one's name added to the sick list, please let the Parish

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

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Rosary: After Mass/Communion Service

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30am and

5.30pm and any weekday after Mass

Baptisms: On 2nd and 3rd Sundays of every month at 12.45pm by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

MASS TIMES for partner Parishes of SSPP and OLOP

	OLOP	SSPP
Mon	-	9.00am Communion Service
Tue	No Mass	9.00am in Person Mass
Wed	9.00am In person followed by Rosary	9.00am Communion Service
Thur	No Mass	9.00am In person
Fri-	9.00am In person followed by Rosary after mass	9.00am Communion Service
Sat-	5.00pm In person Mass	9.00am and 6.00pm Vigil Mass—in person
SUN	9.30am in person Mass	8.00 am and 11.15am Mass - 5.00pm Mass for the Unvaccinated

Rosters for the 3rd Sunday of Advent – 11th and 12th of December 2021

First Reading	Zephania	3:14-18		
Second Reading	Phillippians	4:4-7		
Gospel	Luke	3:10-18		
Readers: 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am	Diana Ting Harry Martin Maja Jansson		Communion Ministers 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am	Judith Clark Michael Liddy Maria Ryan and Verna Carter
Commentator: 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am	Marie de Kretser Michael Liddy Maria Ryan		Money Counters: Group 5	Cheryl and John Manders, Jim Seymour
Projector Operator 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am	Nick Soo Josh Sykes Nikki Jansson		Altar Servers 6.00pm 11.15am	Riley Lee and Valeria Isaza Gabriel Kok and Dhevin Fernando
Sacristans	6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am	Vincent Lam/Kenneth Ting Nelson Lee Vincent Lam		

Covid Roster

6.00pm
8.00am
11.15

Nevisa D'Souza and Glisam Lusbo
Julie Sykes and Rosanna Merriweather
John Mirams and Amor Grabkowski