

# Advent

*A Season of Preparation*

ST PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 18TH AND 19TH OF DECEMBER 2021

## Christmas Mass times at

### Ss Peter and Paul's Church

**Fri 24th of Dec: Christmas Eve Mass -**

- 6.30pm Carols - 7.00pm Family Christmas Vigil Mass  
- 11.45pm Carols - 12.00pm Midnight Mass

**Sat 25th of Dec: Christmas Day Mass**

10.00am Christmas Day Mass



## Thank you from St Vincent De Paul

St Vincent De Paul—Doncaster East Conference would like to express their gratitude to the community of SS Peter and Paul's Church for your extraordinary generosity. The response to our Christmas tree appeal has been tremendous and the amount and quality of presents is amazing. These have all been sorted and have been distributed to those who need our helping hand.

The response to our Christmas Appeal is still ongoing. Funds are still trickling in for this, so at this point, we are unable to give you an update on the amount received. As soon as this figure is available we will advise you. Thank you all once again for your ongoing support in spite of another difficult year for everyone. We would like to wish you all joyful Christmas and peaceful new year.

### Parish Office

Please note, the Parish Office will be closed from the 23rd of December until the 5th of January 2022 inclusive. Please email the parish on [doncastereast@cam.org.au](mailto:doncastereast@cam.org.au) in case of emergencies.

### 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.

### Ss Peter and Paul's Church

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**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:**

**Mon and Thu 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.**

**Tue and Wed 9.00am to 3.30pm**

**Fri : 9.00 to -4.00pm**

## Update to guidelines– 18th/19th of December 2021.

- **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. 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 MASKS IS NOT MANDATORY BUT A SUGGESTION ONLY.** Thank you.
- **VACCINATION STATUS:** With effect from 11.59pm on the 15th of December, the vaccination rule was removed for places of worship, weddings and funerals now that 92 per cent of the state's eligible population is double-vaccinated. Our Church's are now fully opened to all once again.
- **CHECKING IN IS STILL A REQUIREMENT:** could we kindly remind everyone to continue to check on arrival using our Service Victoria QR code . There is no longer the need to show your Vaccination Certificate to the Covid Marshall on entry, although they just might remind you to check in.
- **IF YOU HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS** or if you have been advised to get tested by a contact, workplace or school, get a COVID-19 test and isolate until you get a negative result.

**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

### Coping with Christmas - a guide for separated parents

Christmas can be a tricky and often stressful time of year for separated families – particularly for those who are spending their first Christmas apart. Conflict and disagreements between co-parents can also put a lot of stress on the kids, and can remove the joy and fun children usually associate with Christmas time.

CatholicCare Shepparton Family Relationship Centre (FRC) team support families through separation and help parents to focus on the kids during separation. As a way to support separated families this Christmas, the FRC team have produced a free guide for co-parents to help improve communication, reduce conflict, and respectfully negotiate Christmas holiday arrangements for the kids. This a wonderful resource to have and the pdf is on the link below.

Please go to [https://ccamcatholiccare.blob.core.windows.net/assets/news\\_htmlcontent/Coping%20with%20Christmas%20-%20A%20guide%20for%20separated%20parents%20-%20CCV%20and%20FRC%202021%20-%20Final.pdf](https://ccamcatholiccare.blob.core.windows.net/assets/news_htmlcontent/Coping%20with%20Christmas%20-%20A%20guide%20for%20separated%20parents%20-%20CCV%20and%20FRC%202021%20-%20Final.pdf)

### Archdiocesan Carols Special

We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the joy of Christmas with our Archdiocesan Carols Special, Jesus is Christmas, to be broadcast Monday 20 December at 7.30pm on Community TV Channel C31 (Channel 44 on digital TV) and streamed live on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel. Presented in partnership with Mercy Health and VMCH, the one-hour carols special will feature Christmas favourites such as O Come, O Come, Emmanuel by the celebrated opera tenor Michael Petrucelli and various other singers.

As the year comes to a close, we hope you can join us for an evening of songs old and new, and be reminded of the true Hope that Christmas brings—Jesus—who is our Hope and Light now and always!

### Message from Sister Trudy

To our Friends at Ss. Peter and Paul's.

We bring you wishes of deep inner peace and joy this Christmas. May you be able to gather as a family and celebrate Christmas together!

We pray that 2022 will be a better year for ALL in our world, with health and opportunities for "life".

With our sincere gratitude for your faithful, committed, generosity in difficult times to help those with little opportunity.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Sion-Ecce Homo, Jerusalem.

Bernadette, Rita, Wafaa, Trudy

### Reflection on this weeks readings

A phrase in the second reading suggests itself as appropriate for this liturgical period of preparation for Christ's birth: "You... prepared a body for me". The original line in the Hebrew Psalm 40:6 (LXX 39:7), with which some Greek texts agree, reads "you opened/prepared my ears", a reference to hearing and obeying. Most Septuagint manuscripts have the same reading as Hebrews, in which *ōtia* [ears] appears by scribal error, adding the final S from the preceding word, to have been read as *sōma* [body]. However, study across ancient Jewish and Christian texts reveals that this verse was an object of much interpretation, including interactions with other passages, such that the Greek form cannot be dismissed as a simple error. One interaction is with a phrase two verses later in the same psalm, literally, "Your law is within my abdomen", usually translated as heart.

The gospel's account of the visitation continues the theme of the preparation of Christ's body, for he is in utero as Mary journeys from Galilee to Judah to visit her cousin Elizabeth, then six months pregnant. There John the future Baptist, key character of the previous two Sundays and himself now in formation in the womb, already jumps for joy, perhaps we may say in anticipation of seeing the Lord face to face. But there is more to this preparing of a body. In Christian faith, recollection of the reality of the human body of Jesus is always accompanied by awareness of the mystical body of Christ, represented in Church members who joyfully anticipate that day when they will see his face and truly know him as their salvation.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C

**Prayers of the Community** : Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Katerina Wakeling, Graham McMahon, Tomasso Cessuti, Pietro Pellegrina, Viti Larkin, Eileen and Edward Callanon, Antonio Gais, Eugenia Gostkowska, Peter Scoleri, Lucy D'Souza, Jandyra Rufatto Bannaccorsa, Angelino Taliana, Frank Pellegrini, John James Kennedy, Maureen Brann, Alfred Oosterwenghel, Maria and Gino Borsato, Antonio Chiodo, Santo Costanzo **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 , Artthur S. and Jamie Yarnold

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

### SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

**Parish Priest:** Fr Jerald Mariadas

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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 Our Lady of The Pines, Donvale & Ss Peter & Paul, East Doncaster

	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 <b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b> 6.10pm Carols , 6.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Communion Service <b>Christmas Family Vigil Mass</b> 6.30pm Carols , 7.00pm Vigil Mass <b>Midnight Mass</b> 11.45pm Carols and 12.00pm Midnight Mass
Sat-	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b> 9.10am Carols , 9.30am Mass	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b> 10.00am
SUN	9.30am Family Mass	8.00 am and 11.15am Mass -

### Rosters for the Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph – 26th of December 2021

<b>First Reading</b>	Ecclesiasticus	Sir3:2-6,12-14		
<b>Second Reading</b>	Colossians	Col 3:12-21		
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke	2:41-52		
<b>Readers:</b> 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am	No Mass Sheryl Kamath Wendy Davis		<b>Communion Ministers</b> 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am	No Mass Sheryl Kamath Wendy Davis Verna Carter
<b>Commentator:</b> 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am	No Mass Harry Martin Maria Ryan		<b>Money Counters:</b> <b>Group 7 and 8</b>	Noel Spinks, Lucia Dorissa, Lorraine Lednar, Muriel O'Gorman, Pauline and Brian Donovan, Rose Miras and Boris Dias
<b>Projector Operator</b> 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am	No Mass Greg Sleeth Natalia Jasinka-Walisz		<b>Altar Servers</b> 6.00pm 11.15am	No Mass Amelia Tan and Mitchell Pereira
<b>Sacristans</b>	6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am	Vincent Lam/Kenneth Ting Nelson Lee Vincent Lam		

### **Covid Roster**

6.00pm  
8.00am  
11.15

No Mass  
Ravi Kamath and Frank Smit  
Sharon Yeo and Maryanne Kuek