



## SS PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS DAY - 25TH OF DECEMBER 2022

Dear Parishioners,

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. During this Advent Season, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on our advent theme of Welcome with your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

Christmas has a way of bringing to Church, our lives and our families those who for various reasons, have not been to Mass or kept in touch for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and family. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you, your family and our beloved community always.

***Merry Christmas to you all.***

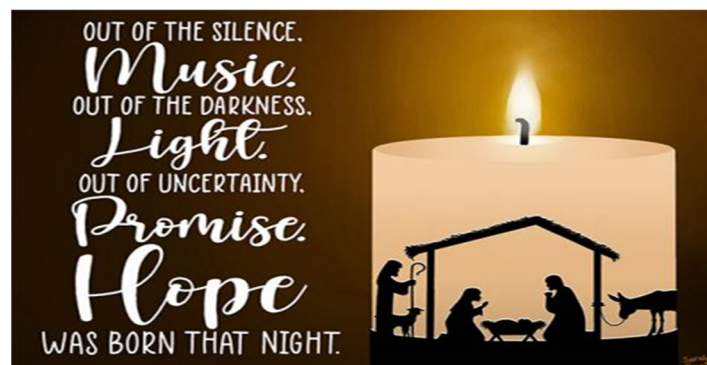
On behalf of all our Parish Council, Staff and myself, we wish you all a blessed and peace-filled Christmas and a holy New Year! I do not know what will be in store for us in 2023, but I trust that God knows what is truly best for us all.

Happy Christmas, Fr Jerald

**May the Prince of Peace bring Peace into our world.**

Peace, and Joy to you and your families this Christmas, and abundant blessings for 2023. May you all keep well. With thanks for your loving support especially to all in "One in a Hundred". You will be remembered in Bethlehem this Christmas!

**The sisters of Notre Dame de Sion, Ecce Homo community, Jerusalem.**



| <b>Rosters for the 31st of Dec 22 and 1st Jan 23</b> |  |
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|  | <b>First Reading:</b> Nm 6:22-27<br><b>Second Reading:</b> Gal:4:4-7<br><b>Gospel:</b> Lk 2:16-21                                    |
| Readers  | <b>6.00pm:</b> Paul O'Hanlon<br><b>8.00am :</b> Paul O'Connor<br><b>11.15am:</b> Tehani Fernando                                     |
| Commentator  | <b>6.00pm:</b> Mare De Kretser<br><b>8.00am :</b> Harry Martin<br><b>11.15am:</b> Carmel Nigro                                       |
| Date Projector                                       | <b>6.00pm:</b> Nick Soo<br><b>8.00am :</b> Frank Smit<br><b>11.15am:</b> Amor Grabkowski   |
| Communion Ministers                                  | <b>6.00pm:</b> Paul O'Hanlon<br><b>8.00am :</b> Barbara Gratton<br><b>11.15am:</b> Nicole Morabito and Volunteer                     |
| Money Counters                                       | <b>Group 4:</b> Dorothy and Rosanna Merriweather, Julie Sykes, Cheryl and John Manders   |
| Altar Servers  | <b>6.00pm :</b> Mitchel and Nikita<br>11.15am: Riley   |
| Live Stream  | <b>6.00pm:</b> Greg Sleeth   |
| Sacristans   | <b>6.00pm:</b> Vincent Lam and Kenneth Ting<br><b>8.00am:</b> Sheryl Kamath and John D'Silva<br><b>11.15am :</b> Dale Gordan Stewart |

### **UKRAINE: A SPECIAL PARISH RESPONSE FOR NEW YEAR 2023**

New Year is a time for looking forward, with fresh resolutions and renewed hopes for the year ahead. It would be appropriate then for both a prayerful and a practical focus on UKRAINE and its people, and their suffering during 2022.

#### **Let us Pray:**

- For peace, and that the Russia-Ukraine War is ended, with its resulting death and destruction,
- That support from the United States, Western Europe and Australia continues, and includes the period of Ukraine recovery,
- For the people of Russia opposed to the war, who seek to live in peace and freedom alongside their neighbours.

Let us show our solidarity with the Ukrainian people:

- By wearing their national colours – blue and yellow – as ribbons on our apparel (if we can), and
- By continuing to give financial support to the Ukrainian Emergency Fund Appeal conducted by Caritas Australia, via [www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal).

And God Bless all who stand for peace and freedom.

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#### **PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:**

The Parish office is closed from the 26th of December until the 6th of January inclusive. The Parish Office will reopen on Monday the 9th of December 2022

### **MASS TIMES FOR THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF THE PINES & Ss PETER & PAUL'S, DONCASTER EAST**

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| 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<br>6.00pm Mass              |
| Sunday    | 9.30 am Mass                              | 8.00am and 11.15am Mass                         |