



3rd Sunday of Advent

16th and 17th of December 2023

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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.

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Parish Office is open every

Tuesdays to Fridays—9.00am to 4.00pm

JOINT ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

On Tuesday the 19th of December 2023, we will be holding our advent reconciliation service here at SSPP at 7.30pm.

Advent is a time for mediation and prayer as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Advent season reminds us about the importance of Christ in our lives.

We look forward to welcoming you on the 19th of December.

Advent Remembrance Mass

On Monday the 18th of December, there will be an advent remembrance mass at 7.30pm which will be presided by Fr Kevin.

This mass is specially to remember all those who have gone before us at this advent time.

You are cordially invited to attend this special Mass.

Masses on the 24th of December

On the next page you will find all the mass times for our Christmas services.

As Christmas eve falls on the Sunday, we have had to rethink the number of masses on the day. In view of this, there will be no 8.00am mass on Sunday the 24th of December. Please take note. Thank you.

DALE GORDON-STEWART

Our much loved and respected Dale went home to God and to his Jill on Saturday the 9th of December. His funeral will be held here at SSPP on Thursday the 21st of December, starting with Rosary at 10.00am and his Funeral Mass at 10.30am. We shall all miss him terribly. Rest in Peace dearest Dale.



CHRISTMAS MASSES AT SS PETER AND PAULS AND OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH

| | <u>SSPP</u> | <u>OLOP</u> |
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| Joint Parish Reconciliation Service | 19th Dec 2023 - 7.30pm at St Peter and Paul's Church | |
| Family Christmas Eve Mass | Carols /Nativity at 4.30pm Mass at 5.00pm | |
| Christmas Vigil Mass | | Carols at 6.30pm Mass at 7.00pm |
| Midnight Mass | Carols at 11.30pm Mass at 12.00pm | |
| Christmas Day Mass | | Carols at 8.30am Mass at 9.00am |
| Christmas Day Mass | Carols at 10.30am Mass at 10.45am | |

Volunteers Needed for the Christmas Bowl Collection

The Christmas Bowl collection will once again be taking place on the 23rd of December at Devon Plaza. They are assistance to sell tickets from 10.00am to 6.00pm in 1 hour slots . 2 people per slot. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for any time slot that you are able to assist with . For further information please contact: Frank Smit: 0417647607

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The Ladies Luncheon Group held its last function for the year at the Man-ningham Club Bulleen on Wednesday 13 December. Sixteen ladies attended and had a most enjoyable time. The company and the food were great and Christmas wishes were exchanged. The Group would like to wish all the Parishioners a holy and happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024.

MESSAGE FROM SISTER TRUDY

Dear Friends at Ss Peter and Paul.

This brings you our wishes of Peace and Joy for this blessed season of Christmas for you and your families. May 2024 be richly blessed and keep all well. We pray especially for peace in our war-torn countries and for us here the Holy Land. We pray for ongoing hope and trust that the "Light" and healing power of our God will shine on our suffering world. A Big thank you to the "One in a Hundred" group, for their tremendous faithful support, so much appreciated!

Love and prayer.

Sr Trudy for The Sisters of Our Lady of Sion. Ecce Homo Jerusalem.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who attended our Community Christmas Party on the 10th of December. It was wonderful to see so many of our parishioners there, together with all the families and children. We hope you enjoyed the event and a special thank you to the Melbournaires for giving of their time in their busy schedule. Thank You.

News from Sr Trudy

It was very pleasing to hear from Sr Trudy recently, after the October 7th attack and subsequent events. She was fortunate to be on Order business in Rome at the time and experienced considerable difficulty in getting back to Jerusalem with cancelling and re-booking issues. She sends her love and prayers to you and especially thanks to all at Ss Peter and Paul's for the prayers that came from us.

Trudy describes the Old City of Jerusalem as relatively quiet – shops closed, no pilgrims or tourists, people fearful and staying at home. They are struggling to survive without sufficient income, no government assistance. The ethos of the Sion Order is that they are open to both sides and supportive of groups working together for solutions.

Assistance is needed to enable the Sion Sisters to give as much as they can to those in the greatest need.

Our 2023-24 'One in a Hundred' Appeal has recently met its primary target of \$10,000, so thanks to all who have made this possible. While the purpose for over twenty years of our support has been directed to the Notre Dame de Sion Local Children Education Fund, Sr Trudy needs to assess what is needed to support families at this difficult time, while providing for the education of their children.

Please continue to pray for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion that they may be a beacon shining in the darkness, and above all that peace can be achieved.

The SsPP One in a Hundred Appeal continues in the second half of the financial year via envelopes available in the Narthex or Direct Deposit to SsPP Social Justice A/C, BSB 083-347 A/c No.473008563.

Harry Martin

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This week we pray for : Prayers of our community are asked for

Recently deceased: Dale Gordon-Stewart

those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially – Gianna Bortolin, Madge Thronton, Rev E O'Gannon, Orozia Angelo Binda, Luigi Ricciotti, Biagia Gandolfo, Antonio Calcagno, Katrina Wakeling, Graham McMahon, Tommaso Cescutti, Pietro Pellegrina, Viti Larkin, Eileen and Edward Callanan, Antonio Gaias, Eugenia Gostkowska and Peter Scoleri

and those who are sick : Anna Paron, Luisa Stilo, Pietro Ciccotelli, June Webster, Rhonda McMahon, Emily Patrikis, Julia Smith, Ann Weerappah, Tai Thomas, Jamie Yarnold, Hazel Cross, Jaxson Pelligrino, Joseph & Monica Lee, Conroy Chan, Vittoria Del Pomte, Jolly Noronha, Peter Bevilacqua, Sophie Saidel, Andriano Donato, Diana Munante and Daniel Munante, Young Ang Siok, Sebastian Nigro. Victor Soto and Mario Volpe, Bruce and Jill Mathieson, Charles Forer .

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| <p align="center">SUPPORTING MINISTRIES</p> <p>Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen Email : toan.nguyen@cam.org.au</p> <p>Supporting Priest: Fr Kevin Dillon Email: frkdillon@outlook.com.au</p> <p>Chair Person of PPC: Ravi Kamath</p> <p>Parish Primary School: 16 Beverley Street Doncaster East 3109 t: 9842 2056 f: 9842 1125 email: principal@sppdcstr.catholic.edu.au Principal: Mrs Trish Vandekolk</p> <p>Parish Pastoral and Administration : Liza Jansz: doncastereast@cam.org.au or Liza.Jansz@cam.org.au</p> <p>Rosary: Weekdays after Mass/Communion Service</p> <p>Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30am and 5.30pm and any weekday after Mass</p> <p>Baptisms: On 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month at 12.30pm by appointment</p> <p>Weddings: By appointment</p> | MASS TIMES for partnered Parishes of SSPP & OLOP– | | |
| | | OLOP | SSPP |
| | Mon | No Mass | 9.00 am Communion Service |
| | Tue | No Mass | 9.00am Mass |
| | Wed | 9.00am Mass followed by Rosary | 9.00 am Communion Service |
| | Thur | No Mass | Funeral of Dale Gordon-Stewart Funeral Rosary 10.00am Funeral Mass at 10.30am |
| | Fri | 9.00am Mass followed by Rosary | 9.00 am Communion Service |
| | Sat | 5.00pm Mass | 9.00 am Communion Service 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
| | SUN | 9.30am Mass | 8.00AM AND 11.15AM |

| Rosters for the 4th Sunday of Advent — 23rd and 24th of December 2023 | | | |
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| First Reading | 2 Samuel | 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 | |
| Second Reading | Romans 16:25-27 | 5:16-24 | |
| Gospel | Luke | 1:26-38 | |
| <u>Readers:</u> 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am | Liza Jansz Sherly Kamath Vince Taranto | <u>Communion Ministers</u> 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am | Volunteer Please, Michael Liddy Anna Fabris+ Volunteer |
| <u>Commentator:</u> 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am | Lia Di Marzio Michael Liddy John Mirams | <u>Money Counters:</u> <u>Group 1</u> | Pat and George Cooper, Greg Sleeth John Mirams |
| <u>Projector Operator</u> 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am | Robert Pinnock Greg Sleeth Liza Jansz | <u>Altar Servers</u> 6.00pm 11.15am | Volunteers Please Volunteers Please |
| <u>Sacristans</u> 6.00pm Mass | Vincent Lam / Kenneth Ting | <u>Sacristans</u> 8.00am 11.15am | Sheryl Kamath/John D'Silva Kenneth Ting |