



## SS PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—23RD AND 24TH OF DECEMBER AND  
CHRISTMAS DAY - 25TH OF DECEMBER 2023

### *Christmas Message from Fr Toan*

Dear Brothers and Sisters at St Peter and Paul, At this special and sacred time of the year, I wish to extend to you and your loved ones Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I am grateful to God for all the blessings He has given me to be among you this year as a friend and an instrument of God, especially celebrating my first Christmas here with you.

The best Christmas gift we can give each other is to share our faith with loved ones and strangers alike, proclaiming the joyous tidings that 'God is with us.' And we should not just share our faith, but we should reach out to one another with all the blessings God has given us, especially the gift of peace.

May each of us be blessed during this joyous time of the year, and may we acknowledge with gratitude our Heavenly Father's incomparable gift to us — his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace of God and the joy of the season illumine your heart and lead you to the heart of God, who has chosen to become one of us as Emmanuel — God with us.

The gift of love. The gift of peace. The gift of happiness. The gift of Joy. May all these be yours at Christmas.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Parish staff and Myself we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones. We pray that the New Year will be wonderful for us all, but most importantly that it brings stability and peace to all.

Merry Christmas. Fr. Toan Nguyen

<b>Rosters for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph- 30th and 31st of Dec</b>	
	<b>First Reading:</b> Genesis 15:1-6,1-3 <b>Second Reading:</b> Hebrews 11.11-12,17-19 <b>Gospel:</b> Lk ;2:22– 39-40
Readers	<b>6.00pm:</b> Liza Jansz <b>8.00am :</b> Harry Martin <b>11.15am:</b> John Mirams
Commentator	<b>6.00pm:</b> Josie Lim <b>8.00am :</b> Muriel O'Gorman <b>11.15am:</b> Tehani Fernando
Date Projector	<b>6.00pm:</b> Robert Pinnock <b>8.00am :</b> Frank Smit <b>11.15am:</b> Robert Suryapurtra
Communion Ministers	<b>6.00pm:</b> Monica Chai <b>8.00am :</b> Sheryl Kamath <b>11.15am:</b> Nicole Morabito and Volunteer
Money Counters	<b>Group 3:</b> Angela Stuart, Bernadette Mithen, Dawn Pratley and Ann Wetherell
Altar Servers	<b>6.00pm :</b> TBC <b>11.15am:</b> TBC
Sacristans	<b>6.00pm:</b> Vincent Lam and Kenneth Ting <b>8.00am:</b> Sheryl Kamath and John D'Silva <b>11.15am :</b> Kenneth

**Sr Trudy and the Spirit of Christmas**

Thank you for all your "One in a Hundred" contributions to the Notre Dame de Sion Education Fund since July 2023. The transfer of \$A10,000 to Jerusalem will occur in mid-January and help fund scholarships for Palestinian children in 2024. Trudy has told of the struggles of families to survive in the current wartime situation, without employment and without government assistance. The Sisters are helping them to the maximum extent possible.

If you can do something extra, with a Christmas offering for the needy families, and support the Sion Sisters in their work of charity. please do so by either of the following:

- Direct Deposit to SsPP Social Justice A/C, BSB 083-347 A/C No. 473008563

Donating via a Mass Collection, using an "One in a Hundred" Envelope from the table in the Narthex with your contact details.

Many thanks, God Bless, and Merry Christmas,  
Harry Martin - Mob. 0421 770 498

**Masses during the Octave of Christmas and Parish Office**

Please note there will be a mass on Thursday the 28th of December . Apart from that, it will be communion services. Masses will resume in full from the 6.00pm Mass on the 30th of December.

Please note– the parish office will be closed from the 27th to the 29th of December . The office will reopen from the 2nd of January .

The emails and the office mobile number of 0488 722 426 will be manned for emergencies only.

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<b>MASS TIMES FOR THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF THE PINES &amp; Ss PETER &amp; PAUL'S, DONCASTER EAST</b>		
	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>SSPP</b>
Monday	No Mass	9.00 am Communion Service
Tuesday	No Mass	9.00 am Communion Service
Wednesday	No Mass	9.00 am Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	9.00 am Mass
Friday	No Mass	9.00 am Communion Service
Saturday	5.00pm Mass	9.00 am Communion Service 6.00pm Mass
Sunday	9.30 am Mass	8.00am and 11.15am Mass