



SS PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH

30TH AND 31ST OF DECEMBER 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH—HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Thank You and New Year Blessings

It has only been a short few months since arriving at Ss Peter and Paul's Church, together with the Parish Council and Finance Committee we feel that a lot has been achieved. The makeup of the parish office has changed, we have made savings in quite a few areas thus helping our deficit towards surplus. We also held our first ever Christmas event which we received a lot of good feedback.

Sadly we also lost Dale, who has now gone home to God and to his Jill. May he rest in peace.

In 2024, we hope to hold more parish events in order to build our community, to increase our parish profile in the community.

On this the feast day of the Holy Family, let us imitate the Holy Family in our Christian families, and our family will be a cell and a prefiguration of the heavenly family. Say a prayer dedicating your family to the Holy Family. Also pray for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond .

On behalf of the Parish Council and the Parish Community I would like to thank all those who gave so much for the preparation for our Christmas Celebrations. To all those who planned the liturgies and to all those who helped in any way to make this happen—THANK YOU.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year .

New Year Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year,
let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health,
our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges,
our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains.
Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.
Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.
Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all,
discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love.

May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow
upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Fr Toan

| Rosters for the Epiphany of the Lord 6th and 7th of January 2024 | |
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| First Reading | Isaiah 60:1-6 |
| Second Reading | Ephesians 3: 2-3,5-6 |
| Gospel Reading | Matthew 2:1-12 |
| Readers | 6.00pm — Paul O'Hanlon 8.00am —Paul O'Connor 11.15am —Tehani Fernando |
| Commentator | 6.00pm — Marie de Kretser 8.00am —Harry Martin 11.15am Carmel Nigro |
| Projector Operator | 6.00pm — Nick Soo 8.00am —Frank Smit 11.15am - Amor Grabkowski |
| Communion Ministers | 6.00pm — Paul O'Hanlon 8.00am —Harry Martin 11.15am - Carmel Nigro + Volunteer |
| Money Counters | Group 5 |

New Years Day Mass

Just a reminder that we will be holding a Mass for New Years on Monday the 1st of January 2024 at 10.00am. This supercedes the 9.00am communion Service.

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

DIVINE MERCY MASS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

Please note there will be no Divine Mercy Mass for the Month of January. This will resume on the 2nd of February

Celebrating the birth of Jesus, the prince of peace, should mean making a commitment to opposing all war, to cherishing human life, feeding the hungry and speaking up for those who have no voice, Pope Francis said.

Pope Francis has issued his Christmas message calling for Peace not War. His full message can be found on the following link <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/popes-christmas-message-say-yes-to-the-prince-of-peace-no-to-war>. Its only a 4 minute read.

MASS TIMES for partnered Parishes of SSPP & OLOP—

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| Mon | No Mass | 10.00am New Years Day Mass |
| Tue | No Mass | 9.00am Mass |
| Wed | 9.00am Mass followed by Rosary | 9.00 am Communion Service |
| Thur | No Mass | 9.00am Mass |
| 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 |