St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree 2018

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree is set up in the Narthex. On the Christmas tree there will be tags identifying the gender and the age for the children we will be assisting this Christmas. Please take a tag, and place an appropriate gift under the tree. Donations may be made by way of toys, gift vouchers, (the preferred option especially for older children) or Christmas goodies such as pudding, cake or chocolates.

If donating toys, please place them under the tree unwrapped in carry bags, as we do have to inspect the toys for safety and age suitability before handing them out. Please ensure all donations are made before the 9th of December as we have to arrange distribution as soon as possible. As always, your generous support is earnestly requested to make this a joyous Christmas for the less fortunate in our community.

Vinnies Annual Christmas Appeal 2018

The St Vincent De Paul Society Annual Christmas Appeal is on this weekend. Your generous donations have always been put to good use for the benefit of the community. We hope

Mass of anointing of the sick and elderly

Our Mass of Anointing the sick and elderly will be held on Tuesday the 4th of Dec at 11.00am. This will be followed by refreshments. Please do come and bring along anyone that you feel would benefit from this mass.

Christmas Mass Times

Reconciliation
18th Dec 2018
7.30pm at Our Lady of the Pines Church

Christmas Eve
24th Dec 2018
6.30pm Carols followed by 7.00pm Mass

11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
25th Dec2018
11.00am Mass

Children, Come participate in Christmas Eve Family Mass!

The parish is seeking participation from children across the school and parish to participate in its Christmas Eve Family mass on Mon 24th Dec. Children can participate as members of the choir or actor/actress in the nativity play. To participate, contact Cheryl on 9842 1480 or Cheryl.tay@cam.org.au

What: Choir or actors/actresses in Christmas Nativity Play

When: 24th Dec 6.30pm carols, followed by mass at 7pm in church

Rehearsals: Sat 15th & 22nd Dec 10.30am in church

School News

Carols night & Christmas raffle Our carols night is fast approaching on Monday 17th December. This will begin at 6pm. Make sure you have it in your diary! This is such a lovely way to come together as a community to wrap up the year and celebrate all that we have achieved. Entertainment will be provided by the students and the Manningham Seniors Choir. Bring along a picnic rug and a picnic! Cold drinks will be available. We will be raffling our Christmas hampers on the night and class reps are arranging these at present. Details regarding the purchase of tickets will follow...

Cards and Columban Calendars

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars are now on sale before and after each Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. Packets of 8 cards are $4.00 and Columban Calendars are $9.00 each.

Knights of the Southern Cross

The Doncaster Knights of the Southern Cross will again putting a Christmas Crib for all to view in the Bulleen Village Shopping Centre, Located at 79-109 Manningham Road, Bulleen.

This crib had been displayed throughout The City of Manningham for over thirty years.

Bring your Children and grandchildren to have a look.

Come Sing at Christmas Midnight Mass!

The Christmas midnight mass choir invites all enthusiastic singers to come join the choir to sing at Christmas midnight mass. Two practices will held in the church – Thurs 13th and 20th Dec at 7pm. Contact Anna Foong at anna.b.h.s.ng@gmail.com for further details.

Roster for Christmas masses

If you are able to assist as data operator or communion minister for masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas day, please put your name and contact details on the roster in the Narthex.

Ladies Lunch – The last one for the year

Our last function of the year is Morning Melodies at the Lower Plenty Hotel on Tuesday the 18th of December 2018. We are all looking forward to a fun morning for our Christmas break up. The group will resume with a planning meeting in the Narthex on the 6th of February 2019. Ladies to bring a plate to share. Come and have your say as to what you would like to do next year. Everyone is welcome. Thanks to all the ladies who attended during they ear. God Bless you all and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Muriel O'Gorman

Parish Groups

VISITATION GROUP
The next Visitation Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, 14th December at10.15am in the Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th of December at 9.30am. New members always welcome.

1 in a 100 Appeal
The next collection is due on Sunday the 31st of December 2017 for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion Jerusalem and the Palestinians.

MEN'S COFFEE CLUB
Men of the parish who are shift workers or have retired, on holidays or simply have time on their hands, are invited to meet for a Men's Coffee Club Gathering. camaraderie! Meetings are held every Tuesday at 9.30am in the Drop In Centre.
Tel: Kevin on 9848 7858.

SUPPORT GROUP-
Will For enquiries, please contact Peter - 0413 015 061 or 9840 6248 or padess53@gmail.com

DROP-IN CENTRE
Open every Monday morning from 11.00am - 2.30pm except during school holidays.
Craft group gathers on Wednesdays from 11.00am - 3.00pm. Contact Pauline 9848 6735 or Carole 9848 2478.

Knights of the Southern Cross
Meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Drop in Centre from 7.30 – 9.30pm. New members always welcome.

Plenary Council 2020: What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?

The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing their experience of faith and of the Church. The Plenary Council agenda will be developed from the stories you share and the questions you raise. Our questions about and our hopes for the Church will arise from hearts that listen to the Spirit. This week, we are inviting all our parishioners to pray the Advent Plenary Council prayer each day as a way of preparing to share our stories.

Volunteers Needed

The parish needs volunteers to assist with taking out the bins on Sunday afternoons. We need at least 4 volunteers so we can roster in pairs on alternate Sundays. If you can spare half hour of your time on Sunday afternoons to assist, please contact Cheryl, on 9842 1480 or Cheryl.tay@cam.org.au.

Journey to Bethlehem

The Students of Our Lady of the Pines invite you to an evening of spiritual entertainment and learning. Bring your children and grandchildren along. Join them as they relive the story of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

The journey starts at Mary's House in Nazareth. Walk with us to Jerusalem to hear the announcement of the Census. Come and meet King Herod. You might even spot a camel or two and a donkey along the way. Then meet the innkeeper and discover from him exactly where baby Jesus can be found. Enter the stable to pause in wonder at the Nativity Scen and listen to the glorious Choir of Angels as our journey comes to an end.

Session Times: Wednesday and Thursdays evenings 5.00pm, 5.45 pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm.
Duration: Each journey is approximately 30 minutes long.
Venue: The journey begins a the front fo the church and ends at the "Stable" in the school.

Entry is free and everyone is invited.

Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently: Felicia Karman and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Primernao, Bill Whiticker, Ian Thompson, Daisy Ferre, Chris Liew, Keith Hartley, Anacleto Fabrizi, Franceso Fabrizi, Elaine Simons, Aldo Caruana, Linsday Paynting, Charlie Sammut, Joseph De Costa, Alloy Fernando, Yuet Mui Tang, Stanis Mulas, Maria Vincitorio **For those who are sick:** Madeline Gilmore, Dan McMahon, Teresita Leung, June Webster, Ann Tobin, Joel Pemberton, Angela Selva, Anthoula Miras, Danny Zanon, Margaret Jansen, Teresa Talia, Gaetano and Inez Paolini, Mong Kee Lim, Mary Ritus, Lois Norton Old, Caroline Tang, Salaka Hewamaduma, Priyanthi Perera, Josh Davis, Maree Spinks, Joyce Foo and Peter Wilkinson ,Pamela Bruce , Joy Oxley , Anthony Calcagno Leslie Chen Imogen Giffening , Chin Lan Chan , Audrey O'Connor , Monica Hiew, Tai Thomas and Maraka Stilo, Philip Tay ,Petrina Tay , Pat Carty and Leslie Chan.

Rosters
8th and 9th of December 2018—
2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch Phillippians Luke	5:1-9 1:3—6.9,8-11 3:1-6	Projector Operator
6.00pm—Reader Commentator	Paul O'Hanlon Joan Eastdown	Nick Soo
8.00am—Reader Commentator	Frank Smit Wendy Davis	Julie Sykes
11.00am— Reader Commentator	Jordon Lim Angela Gunanayagam	Julika Gunanayagam
Altar Servers 6.00pm 8.00am 11.00am	Gabriel Volunteers Please Amelia	Alex Volunteers Please Dominic
Money Counters	Group 5 Jim Seymour	Cheryl and John Manders James Ting
Children's Liturgy	24th December	

Mass Times for the Partnered Parishes of Our Lady of the Pines Donvale and Ss Peter and Paul's Doncaster East.

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Monday	-	9.00am CS St Francis Xavier
Tuesday	-	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	9.00am Mass Followed by Rosary	9.00am CS
Thursday	9.00am CS	9.00am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass St Ambrose	9.00am CS St Ambrose
Saturday	5.00pm Vigil The Immaculate Conception fo the Immaculate Virgin Mary	9.00am Mass The Immaculate Conception of the Immaculate Virgin Mary 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday	9.30am Mass	8.00am and 11.15am Mass

Communion Ministers

6.00PM	8.00AM	11.15AM
Nevissa D'Souza , Loraine Lednar , Lucia	Muriel O'Gorman, Barbara Gration,	Rita Gunanayagam, Verna Carter,

Catholic Parish of SS Peter and Paul's

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Parish Primary School:

16 Beverley Street Doncaster East 3109

t: 9842 2056 e: principal@sppdcstr.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Anita Kelliher

Rosary: Monday to Saturday after Mass/Communion Service

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after morning Mass until 10.30am

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

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be held in our Church on Friday 7th of December from 7.30-8.30pm. There will be Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Reconciliation.