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Our Lady of the Pines Parish is a welcoming, inclusive community that aims to live our Christian faith by example in our daily lives.

Pentecost Sunday 30th and 31st of May 2020 – Year A

When I was young, after returning home from school, my neighborhood friends and I would always get together for a game of soccer in the streets. We had no television or other gadgets to occupy our time, this was our entertainment. Sadly, buying a soccer ball was out of the question. Firstly, it was too expensive and secondly we lived too far away from the city where all the sport shops were. So instead we made our own soccer ball from old clothes and coconut fibers. We would mould this into a soccer ball shape and tie this together with twine, ribbon and such. It did not matter that we did not have a proper soccer ball, we always had a great game.

One of our friends dad, had a great passion for soccer, he would always join us for a game. As soon as we saw him return home from work, we could call out to him to join us. As soon as he joined us, he would always ask which team was winning or was struggling and he would then join that team.

His presence on the weaker team would always change the entire game. Not only was he a strong and confident person, but he was also a great motivator and coach. He would always encourage and motivate everyone to play well. He taught us all about the game, he would call us into huddles to set a new strategy or when we made mistakes. His very presence brought new life, energy and spirit to the teams.

God does the very same thing in our lives. The Holy Spirit did the same thing in the lives of the apostles when they were feeling timid and afraid about the future. The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, both empowered and encourage them and changed their game. The coming of the Holy Spirit empowers and encourages us as well, in every moment of our lives.

Melbourne Congratulates Bishop Mark Edwards OMI
New Bishop for the Diocese of Wagga Wagga

Pope Francis this week announced the appointment of Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, currently an Auxiliary Bishop of our Archdiocese, as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. Our heartfelt congratulations and prayers to Bishop Mark and the people of Wagga Wagga. We will miss you! 🙏To read the full announcement please go to https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/ArtMID/416/ArticleID/24459/Bishop-Mark-Edwards-OMI-appointed-next-Bishop-of-Wagga-Wagga?fbclid=IwAR3grpP58VfHwiymkdnHZSQK7a9IcQjdGueTo4PqemFqIZSJ9bdN5KGTCmU

Resumption of Weekday Morning Mass

From 11:59pm on 31 May 2020 restrictions on gatherings at places of worship and ceremonies will be eased:

- Places of worship can open for private worship or small religious ceremonies for up to 20 people in a single undivided indoor space, subject to the four square metre rule plus the minimum number of people reasonably required to perform the service or ceremony.

In view of this, with effect from Tuesday the 2nd of June, 20 parishioners will be allowed at our morning Masses. **There will now no longer be the need to register your attendance** . You will still however need to sign the attendance list for contact tracing purposes and will still need to adhere to the social distancing rules . We also ask, that if you are feeling unwell to please keep safe at home and do not attend. These Masses will still be available on Zoom as normal. At this point in time, weekend masses are still suspended.

Fr Jerald

Day	Mass Centre – 9.00am	Zoom Video Available
Tuesdays	SSPP	Yes
Wednesday	OLOP	Yes
Thursday	SSPP	Yes
Friday	OLOP	Yes
Saturday	SSPP	Yes

Support of our Parish and Parish Priest

During the COVID19 period where our congregation cannot celebrate Mass, we would ask you to assist if you are able , towards the financial support of Parish and Fr. Jerald by ensuring your pledged support or your regular weekly contribution is received. You are now able to go our website, and on the home page is a link to CDF Pay. You will be able to make your weekly/monthly donation this way. Please however remember to put your envelope no. or full name down so that we can trace your donation .
Contact the Parish Office for further advice on how.

COVID19 (and beyond) Support

A reminder to all parishioners that the St. Vincent de Paul Society (VINNIES) is available to assist parishioners and the community in need. A phone call to 1800 305 330 Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm is all that is required. Confidentiality assured.

We pray for Better Health:
Brian Sullivan, Kath Potger, Alden Ong, Marlene Delzoppo, Margaret Yates, Lisa Dallow, Josephine Noli, Teresa Talia, Lina Borg, Judith Frood, Wendy Clohesy

Parish AGM

Due to the current restrictions, the Parish AGM will not be held this year. The AGM reports for 2019 will be available on our website the weekend from the 6th of June onwards. Thank You.

Parish Office reopening

With effect from the 1st of June, the parish office will be reopening as normal at both our sister parishes.

Being physically active during COVID-19

Increase productivity

Reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression

Improve your mood

Sleep well

Increase energy levels

Working from home

Break up time spent sitting still

Set 30 minute timers and move around for 2 minutes

If possible stand up for calls and meetings

Activity ideas

Walk laps inside your house
Have a dance
Attend an online class
Body weight exercises (e.g. lunges and squats)
Go up and down your stairs

Some activity is good, more is better

Connect with friends via text and social media to stay active

Make use of online activity resources

Infographic created by Steven Hanson email: hello@floating-boat.co.uk

This infographic is based on the BJSM blog
Be calm, be active: simple ways to boost your physical activity during COVID-19

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!