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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:
PARISH OFFICE TEMPORARILY CLOSED. STAFF WILL BE WORKING FROM HOME DURING THIS TIME.
YOU CAN STILL CALL US AT ANY TIME ON TEL: 0473873479
PARISH PRIEST: FR JERALD CECIL MARIADAS

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th and 28th of June 2020 – Year A
Feast of Ss Peter and Paul

"Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life will find it. Whoever welcomes you welcomes me and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." – *Matthew 10.38-40*

Faith is a wholehearted entrusting of one's self to whom or what one considers ultimate. The men and women who followed Jesus during his public life left their homes and walked with him. James and John left their father's fishing nets. Their mother also left their home and followed Jesus (Matthew 20.20-21), as did other women of Galilee (27.55-56). To follow Jesus means taking up his cross. His way is not a road to glory but a road of costly self-giving. Those who give their lives in doing what Jesus did will find their lives, he promises. To believe in Jesus is a relationship so fundamental that it claims allegiance deeper than family ties. We choose self-giving as our way of life as it was for Jesus. It means taking up Jesus' cross. Discipleship demands willingness to walk the walk Jesus did and trust God that one will find one's life in giving it.

The hospitality sayings apply the principle of reciprocity. The way we welcome people to our homes is the way we welcome Jesus. When violent acts dominate the news the threat of violence can seem pervasive. Every stranger becomes a threat rather than potential friend. To rebuild community in our urban and suburban neighbourhoods, we need to learn our neighbours' names and those of their children. We need to exercise safe ways to welcome new people into our lives. Human and Christian community depend on hospitality. It is the means for gathering all into communion at God's table.

AGM Reports

As we will not be holding our Parish AGM this year, the AGM reports will be available on our website – www.ourladyofthepineschurch.org on the 27th and 28th of June. The Link to the AGM reports will also be sent via our weekend email. There will be a link on our website where any response/comments can be left.

Saturday Evening/Sunday Masses:
The health and wellbeing of all parishioners is paramount.

Due to on-going gathering restrictions, a decision has been made by both parishes leadership teams that the Saturday Evening/Sunday Masses will not be re-commenced until the allowed gathering number is increased to 50 (possibly 19/07/2020).
Whilst the current gathering number remains at 20, it was decided that this number is problematical for a number of reasons, including the number applying, access to and strict use of the TRY Booking system, management to ensure the fair and equitable attendance opportunity is in place and enforced, and the "risk" of interpersonal issues should/when problems arise.
The Liturgy Committee are working on protocols for when the number increases to 50, and updating the PPC accordingly.
Fr. Jerald will continue to celebrate Mass which can be accessed each weekend via the parish website.

Weekday Masses – TRY Booking

The attendance at weekday Masses is averaging approximately 20 parishioners (maximum number allowed) across OLOP & SPPP.

It is noted however, that on average only 7 are booking via the TRY Booking system, with the remainder attending without booking. Whilst this has been manageable, recently 25 parishioners attended for a Saturday morning Mass. Allowing such a number is a breach of the gathering protocols.

It is important that parishioners register their intention to attend a Mass via the TRY Booking system. If the maximum number is already reached and your booking cannot be confirmed, you must not attended on that day.

To ensure compliance, at weekday Masses only those who have booked via TRY Booking will be assured of entry. If under 20 in number, other parishioners will be admitted on a "first come" basis, however only until the maximum number of 20 is reached. At that stage entry will not be permitted. The link to TRY Booking is on the parish website.

No access to or not confident in using Try Booking? – no problem. Simply contact the Parish Office prior to the day and your name will be included on the list, or you will be advised if the allocation is full.

Weekday Morning Mass

With effect from the 22nd of June 2020 the number allowed to gather at places of worship remains at 20.

- In view of this, 20 parishioners are allowed at our morning Masses. Pre-booking your attendance is required. YOU CAN BOOK YOUR ATTENDANCE VIA OUR TRYBOOKING SITE. The link is : **https://www.trybooking.com/BKFZZ** and you will be able to book for either the 1st or 3rd of July. Bookings are now open.
- You 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.
- For those who would like to book a regular weekly space, please do let Liza in the Parish Office know, and she will arrange this for you. You can also email Liza on donvale@cam.org.au to let her know.
- These Masses will still be available on Zoom as normal.

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

Weekly Parish Emails

We hope that you have all been able to receive our weekly Parish Emails . We are aware that there have been some issues with parishioners not receiving this. These emails are sent out via MailChimp - a popular marketing automation platform.
If you have not been receiving these emails, could we ask if you could check your spam folders or if you could check the setting in your email inbox and "allow" emails from mailchimp and donvale@cam.org.au.

We pray for Better Health: Brian Sullivan, Kath Potger, Alden Ong, Marlene Delzoppo, Lisa Dallow, Josephine Noli, Teresa Talia, Lina Borg, Judith Frood, Wendy Clohesy, Sharon Rodrigo.
Recent Death: George Volicek and Max Lazzari

Parish Office

The Parish office will remain shut until further advice is received and employees will be working from home. We can still be contacted via our Parish Mobile of 0473873479 or on Donvale@cam.org.au. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Parish Raffle

Previously it has been advised that the Raffle was due to be drawn in June. Due to the current situation. Please see below the revised dates :-
Sale Closing Date: 11 September 2020
Draw Date: 26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm
Publication of Winners Date: 30 September 2020
This could change again, depending on the situation. We will keep you informed of this.
Thank you.

Spam Emails

It has been brought to Fr Jerald's attention that some parishioners have been receiving emails purporting to be from him seeking assistance. Please note that these emails are not from Fr Jerald and should be sent to your spam folder. Please do not click on anything on the email. The emails that have been received have been in the name of Jerald Mariadas with a different domain name.
Please note, Fr Jerald's email addresses all have the domain name of @cam.org.au and nothing else. Cam being the abbreviation for Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.
Fr Jerald has 2 email addresses: either
jeraldmariadas@cam.org.au or jeraldcecil@cam.org.au.
If you do receive something that you are not sure of, please let the parish office know.
Thank You all so much.

Plenary Council

Due to COVID-19, the First Assembly of the Plenary Council which was due to be held in October 2020 in Adelaide was postponed. It has now been decided to hold the First Assembly in October 2021, still in Adelaide. That means that the Second Assembly will now be held in April 2022 in Sydney. However, preparation for the Plenary Council continues and the Discernment Papers from the Writing Groups for each of the six Themes have been completed. These papers will form the basis for the agenda for the Plenary Council. The papers can be viewed on the Plenary Council website.

Support of our Parish

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 by ensuring your pledged support or your regular weekly contribution is received. You are now able to go to 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.

Sense of the Faithful

The clouds have lifted a little. The Plenary council discernment papers have been disseminated & the committee is now asking us for further comments & encouragement before the "working paper " is written for the Plenary council discussion next year. A varied body of people under the website ***"senseofthefaithful.org.au"***
Is writing some thoughts about major issues like governance, women's roles, language in the liturgy & climate change We encourage you to look up this website ,make some comments (as long as they are not defamatory) & "subscribe (no charge) & you will receive updates. For further information please ring St Kevin's Templestowe 98505983.

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!