



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th and 25th of July 2021— Year B

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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.

Our Lady of the Pines Parish is committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person, ensuring they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment within our parish. Visit our parish website or contact our parish office for our child-safe policy."

We pray for Better Health: : Brian Sullivan, Kath Potger, Alden Ong, Lisa Dallow, Josephine Noli, Teresa Talia, Sharon Rodrigo, Laurel Wood, John Gool, Meredith Barnes and Judith Froid

Anniversaries: . Pasquale Calderone
(1month)

Recent Death: Kevin Lawlor

Extension to Lockdown

It is with regret that we find ourselves in an extended lockdown that will now hopefully end at 11.59pm on Tuesday the 27th of July. In view of this, there will be no weekend masses held at our Parish this weekend the 24th and 25th of July.

We will be having Zoom masses instead at the following times

Our Weekend Mass will be held at 6.00pm on Saturday the 24th of July and 10.00am on Sunday the 25th of July.

All of our Zoom masses is available on the following link

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09)
[pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09)
Meeting ID: 259 756 4312
Password: 689922**

Thank you very much for your patience, and in the meantime please keep safe.

Kevin Lawlor

It is with sadness that we advise the community that Kevin Lawlor, a long time parishioner of Our Lady of the Pines went home to God on Friday the 16th of July. His Funeral will be held here at OLOP on Tuesday the 27th of July at 10.30am. This will be a private funeral and in view of this we ask for the community to pray for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace

World Day for Grandparents

Sunday, 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Ord Time 17). It coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, on July 26. Occurring in the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family 2021-22 with the theme, 'I am with you always', the day draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our communities and in the mission of the Church. We are pleased to be able to bring you via an attachment to this newsletter, courtesy of Cathfamily.org a printable handout for our communities who wishing to mark this occasion.

Happy Grandparents day to all Grandparents in our community.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We regret that for the third time, the sacrament of Confirmation which was scheduled to take place on the 1st of August will have to be postponed. We apologise to all families concerned. This has been outside of our control due to the lockdowns. In view of this, we have now rescheduled this Sacrament to take place at Our Lady of the Pines on Saturday the 16th of October. There will be 3 masses on the day and we will confirm all mass times by the end of July. Thank You.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

A very warm welcome to any new parishioners. Please make sure you take one of our 'Welcome Packs' home with you (they are located on a table in the foyer) and kindly provide your contact details in the New Parishioners' Register (on the same table). Thank you for joining us here at Our Lady of the Pines. Please feel free to make yourself known to one of our COVID Captains or any of our lovely parishioners and we would love it if you would stay back after Mass for a cuppa and a chat. Should you require any further information, please contact our Pastoral Worker, Trish Keley on 9841 8354.

Youth Group Recycling Programme

Our youth group has signed up for a oral care recycling programme with TerraCycle last year as one of their commitments to serve the community but collection was halted due to the pandemic. TerraCycle is now ready to accept the waste products so we can now start collecting.

For information please click on the following link for your information:

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/brigades/oral-care-brigade-au>

Communion to the Sick and Housebound

We have a lovely team of people available to visit the sick and housebound to administer the Eucharist. If you know anyone who is unable to attend Mass in person and would like to receive Communion, please advise our Pastoral Worker, Trish Keley, on 9841 8354 and she will make the necessary arrangements.

Occasionally parishioners have requested to take communion to a close friend or family member on an ad-hoc basis.

"Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat – Moments that are Grace" –

over five weeks, beginning Tuesday, 3 August and concluding 31 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion on how God might have been present for you. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 28 July 2021."



St Joseph – an encounter

The poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins describes Joseph, the graced and just man:

I say móre: the just man justices;

Keeps grace: thát keeps all his goings graces;

Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is —

Christ — for Christ plays in ten thousand places,

Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his...

– Gerard Manley Hopkins, *As Kingfishers Catch Fire*.

On the feast of Joseph the Worker, we encounter this man of justice whose life journey fulfilled a prophecy, saved lives and, while staying in the shadows, carried light. His story, one of silence and courage, inspires us to do the same.

With thanks to Colleen O'Sullivan rsj and the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

A creatively courageous father, example of love

Patris corde highlights "the creative courage" of St. Joseph, which "emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties." "The carpenter of Nazareth," explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence." He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

In this sense, St. Joseph is "the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty." As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot "be other than the guardian of the Church," of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. "Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is 'the child' whom Joseph continues to protect." From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, "we must learn... to love the Church and the poor" (5).

A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work

"A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family," St Joseph also teaches us "the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour." This aspect of Joseph's character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become "a burning social issue" even in countries with a certain level of well-being. "there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron," the Pope writes.

Work, he says, "is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion." Those who work, he explains, "are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us." Pope Francis encourages everyone "to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new 'normal' from which no one is excluded." Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to "review our priorities" and to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work

Extracted from Vatican News

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOSPITALITY TEAMS— Evans, Spence and Given

READERS & COMMENTATORS

Sat 5.00 pm: Margaret Hughes and Vanessa White

Sun 9.30 am: Peter Given and Luke Kay

PROJECTOR OPERATORS

Sat 7.00pm : Carlos Cordeiro

Sun 9.30am : Andrew Buchan

Covid Captain:

5.00pm : Oswald Mendonca

9.30am : Janet and Pat Goodwin

Money Counting Roster:

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GOSPEL

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as Scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered, 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you bread from heaven, the true bread, for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir', they said, 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; He who believes in me will never thirst.' (John 6:24-35)

Extract from "The Summit" Online

MASS TIMES for partner Parishes of Our Lady of The Pines, Donvale & Ss Peter & Paul's, Doncaster East

	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	No Mass	No Communion Service
Tuesday	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	9.00am Mass—Rosary after Morning Mass	9.00am Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	9.00am Zoom Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass—Rosary after Morning Mass	9.00am Communion Service
Saturday	5.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Mass and 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.30am Morning Mass— Rosary after mass	8.00 and 11.15am Morning Mass

THE ELDERLY HAVE EARNED RESPECT IN ALL CULTURES

“When a grandfather dies, a whole library is buried with him” (African proverb).

“Our grandmother used to tell us stories of our dreamtime. Much of our sense of being part of a people comes from her” (Aboriginal parent).



Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives

Pope Francis - Angelus, Rio de Janeiro, 26 July 2013, quoting Aparecida Document, 447.



Long Distance (Tech-savvy) Grandparents



Whats App, Facetime, Zoom...

...and a host of other apps are good but prepare for them. Have a news item or interesting fact to pass on at each video-chat. Put a prompt in your calendar to remind you at a regular time.



Texting is quick...

... and perfect for passing on jokes, today's photo or interesting quotes. Get your grandkids to show you how to include emojis and gifs to take it up a level.



Email is so easy...

... and perfect for sharing an attachment from a store of photos, news items or interesting family history.

Snail mail is slow...

...yet unsurpassed in communicating your personal attention and delivering the delight of a physical letter or package.



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Celebrating Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has proclaimed the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on Sunday 25 July 2021 (Feast of Sts Anne & Joachim, grandparents to Jesus).

In announcing this, Pope Francis has chosen the theme **“I am with you always”** (cf. Mt 28:20) to express the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times.

This promise of closeness and hope is one that can be shared by young and old alike. Not only are young people called upon to be present in the lives of grandparents and older people, but the elderly also have a mission – to pass on their faith.

Each of us, whether married or single, religious or priest, share this mission. Let's reflect on the particular ways in which this is lived out by grandparents and the elderly.

THE OLDER GENERATION: THEY'VE 'SEEN IT ALL BEFORE'

In the confusion of a pandemic, older people are the ones with the longest experience of unpredictable and challenging times. They are survivors whose experiences often include migration, war, droughts, bushfires, financial recessions, business failures, to name just some. They can provide perspective in the face of uncertainty.



GRANDPARENTS: OUR PERSONAL BANK OF MEMORIES

Memories help us understand who we are. And when planning for the future, we call on our memories to help us to prepare. The elderly often can remember their own parents and grandparents as well as knowing the two generations that follow them. Only **they** carry with them the collective experience of five generations. That's a huge wealth on which to draw.

THE ELDERLY: GOOD FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The mental health of young people is enhanced by knowing their place in their own particular family's history. In the early days of Canberra, as young families moved there for work, a sociological challenge was the relative lack of the older generation. In today's world, the range of contacts of youth are hugely increased by modern social media but very often these are limited to their own narrow age range. The presence of the elderly can help to reduce that imbalance.

THE ELDERLY ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE YOUNG: IT WORKS BOTH WAYS.

Both generations benefit from each other. As one grandmother said, 'We enjoy playing kids' games that we would never play with friends of our age. And we enjoy taking the grandkids to movies that we would never watch on our own. So while we're teaching them things, they're helping us to keep abreast of new trends and new technologies. They keep us young.'



CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

An international movement with the mission 'to help grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer at the heart of family life'. It encourages grandparents at a local parish level to come together to help one another to pass on the faith. For more information: contact Ron & Mavis Pirola | rm.pirola@marriagerc.org

We know very little about Sts Joachim and Anne. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, we can assume that Mary was raised in a Jewish family home, faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will."



SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE,
PRAY FOR US; PRAY FOR OUR
GRANDCHILDREN WHO ARE SO DEAR TO US

GRANDPARENTS HAVE THE GIFT OF 'PRESENCE'

Grandparents often have time to 'do' things, like driving kids to school or sport, playing games or teaching them to cook or build things, reading stories. But their main gift is their presence - just 'being around'. Their own love and care and their observations are all part of creating a culture of security and care for the younger generations.



WHEN GRANDCHILDREN DON'T PRACTICE THE FAITH

The loss of faith practice of grandchildren can be a deep source of sorrow. Pray. Pray with trust daily for each grandchild by name.

Tell grandchildren you are praying for them, especially that they come to know the love of Jesus.

Pray for forgiveness for the times you haven't been the best grandparent.

Preach without words - be the kind of person you want your grandchildren to become: trustworthy, respectful, generous.

Be joyful - talk about the good that others do, eg care for the poor, respectful of others.