



## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st and 22nd of August 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 web-site or contact our parish office for our child-safe policy."**

### Extension to Lockdown

It is with regret that we find ourselves in a continued lockdown until 11.59pm on Thursday the 2nd of September 2021.

Our weekday and weekend masses will continue on Zoom .

The link for all masses is as follows :-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 259 756 4312

Password: 689922

**Our Weekend Zoom Mass will continue to be held at at 6.00pm on Saturdays and 10.00am on Sundays . Weekday Morning Mass times will remain at 9.00am.**

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

### Parish Mission Meeting

The OLOP Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be conducting a Parish meeting on Zoom to update, Inform and obtain feedback from parishioners regarding the Archdiocese Parish Mission Plan. Representatives from OLOP will be attending a meeting of the eastern region of the Archdiocese on Tuesday the 24th of August, at which we need to be in a position to convey to the Archdiocese the opinions , concerns, suggestions etc of the parishioners of OLOP and the OLOP Parish School community. The meeting will take you through the Basics of the Archdiocese Parish Mission Plan and there will be an opportunity for you express the concerns that you have on the Mission Plan, to discuss the way forward and to comment and or to offer your suggestions. All of your concerns, comments and suggestions will be brought by your representatives to the meeting on the 24th of August on your behalf. The PPC therefore seeks your assistance by your attendance at this meeting. Your input is vital so that the PPC can best represent our community.

**We would like to invite all parishioners to attend our Parish Mission Meeting which will be held at 11am on Sunday the 22nd of August 2021 on Zoom.**

**This will be held directly after the 10am Mass and will held on our usual mass Zoom link.**

If you are attending the 10am mass, grab a cuppa after mass and continue on the same link. If you are joining us just for the meeting , then please log on just before 11am.

The link for the mass and meeting is as follows :-

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We look forward to seeing you at this important parish meeting.

## The Way of the Gospel

On Wednesday 28 April, clergy of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne gathered to explore how our local communities of faith might continue to address the missionary call of the Gospel into the future. This is just the first step of a much longer journey of reimagining our missionary communities.

We sent a request to the Vicar General, Fr Joe Caddy, to clarify certain points of this document and our way forward. We recently received a reply to our letter and after receiving permission to share this document with our community, we are now pleased to attach this document for your perusal.

## Father's Day Tribute

Fathers Day is fast approaching and we are once again inviting you to submit your Tributes for Father's day that will be included in all masses on the 4th and 5th of September. Pen your thanks, love and support of your father and if you wish for a picture to go up, please remember to send this too.

Send your tributes to the parish office on [donvale@cam.org.au](mailto:donvale@cam.org.au) by the 1st of September for inclusion. We look forward to helping you celebrate Father's Day this year (lockdowns permitting).

## SPIRITUALITY IN THE HOME "Let's Talk Gospel"

Please join us for this six week series via Zoom to explore the Gospel from the comfort of your own home. Each week we will view a short video and have a discussion about the coming week's Sunday Gospel.

All you need to do is bring a cuppa, turn on your computer and log-in!

The sessions commence on Wednesday, 4th August at 7.30 pm. The final session on Wednesday, 8th September will be an "in person" get together followed by refreshments, at a venue to be advised.

Zoom log-in details can be found below and on the parish website.

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This is a joint initiative between SsPP and OLOP.

For further information please email Trish Keley, Pastoral Worker, OLOP at [trish.keley@cam.org.au](mailto:trish.keley@cam.org.au) or Cheryl Tay, Pastoral Worker, SsPP at [cheryl.tay@cam.org.au](mailto:cheryl.tay@cam.org.au) or

## Spirituality in the Home

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Contact the parish office or see the parish newsletter or website for Zoom log-in details.



*A joint SsPP & OLOP Initiative*



## New Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region

We are pleased to announce that Archbishop Comensoli has appointed Very Rev Anthony (Tony) Kerin as Episcopal Vicar (EV) for the Eastern Region of The Archdiocese. Fr Tony will take on this role in addition to his roles as Parish Priest of Box Hill and Box Hill North and EV for Marriage, Life and Family.

Fr Tony replaces Most Rev Anthony Ireland, previously the EV for the Eastern Region who is now Auxiliary Bishop for the Southern Region. With Bishop Terry Curtin continuing as Auxiliary Bishop for the Northern Region and Bishop Martin Ashe taking up his role as Auxiliary Bishop for the Western region all regions are now covered.

## AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM

### INVITES AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

TO THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF CONVOCATIONS VIA ZOOM

THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST, 7-90 8.00PM (AEST)

# THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA

*Convocation 2. Outcomes and  
actions for the Plenary Council*

The Convocation will be opened by  
Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann

### Guest speakers

Dr Jessie Rogers  
Ms Debra Zanella  
Mr Robert Fitzgerald  
Prof Emer John Warhurst

### FREE REGISTRATION

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### **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, Judith Frood, Terrence Jansz and Karen Jansz, Deborah Jansz

### **Postponement of the Sacrament of All First Holy Communion Ceremonies**

In view of the extended lockdown until the 2nd of September and the uncertainty on the numbers allowed to gather following this, all First Communion Ceremonies have now been postponed.

As soon we know when we are able to gather once again, we will advise of the new date for this Sacrament.

We thank all families for their patience with this and hope to have more information for you within the next few weeks.

### **Support of our Local community and businesses**

During all of these snap lockdowns, it is our community and small businesses that suffer the most. We ask you to please bear in mind and support our small businesses, especially those within our community and businesses that are owned by parishioners or people you know. They are going through a very hard time and a majority are unable to get any assistance.

Everyday we are also hearing about people who have lost their lives and our thoughts and prayers are with these families that have lost loved ones. Could we ask you all to be especially aware of those in our community who are vulnerable and if you can, give them a call to give them some support.

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## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**HOSPITALITY TEAMS—** No Mass  
**READERS & COMMENTATORS**

Sat 5.00 pm: No Mass  
Sun 9.30 am: No Mass

### PROJECTOR OPERATORS

Sat 5.00pm : No Mass  
Sun 9.30am : No Mass

### Covid Captain:

5.00pm : No Mass  
9.30am : No Mass

**Money Counting Roster:**  
**Group** : No Mass

**Parish Priest** : Fr Jerald Mariadas—98418354

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### CHAIR OF PARISH SERVERS

Peter Given 9841 8354

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### PASTORAL WORKER :

Trish Keley—9841 8354—Mon and Tues.

### PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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## Year B –22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 29th of Aug 2021

### GOSPEL

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.' (Mark 7: 1–8, 14–15, 21–23) .

**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 Mass
Tuesday	No Mass	9.00am Zoom Mass
Wednesday	9.00am Zoom Mass	9.00am Zoom Mass
Thursday	No Mass	9.00am Zoom Mass
Friday	9.00am Zoom Mass	9.00am Zoom Mass
Saturday	6.00pm Zoom Mass	6.00pm Zoom Mass
Sunday	10.00am Zoom Mass 11.00am Parish Mission Meeting on Zoom	10.00am Zoom Mass



## **Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon**

As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In **Afghanistan**, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In **Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

**Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.**

Visit [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon) or [www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan](http://www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.



## CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

30 July 2021

Rev Fr Jerald Mariadas PP  
Our Lady of the Pines Parish  
77 Carbine Street  
DONVALE VIC 3111

Dear Fr Jerald,

Thank you for your email of 10 June 2021 addressed to the Archbishop in relation to the *Way of the Gospel* and how this intersects with the process for the Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Your letter has been forwarded to me as Vicar General. I apologise for the delay in responding to you as I have been away from Melbourne.

I have read your letter with interest and appreciate the respectful and articulate way in which you have communicated your points. As Vicar General, it is important that both Archbishop Peter and I hear first-hand the thoughts and opinions of the priests of the Archdiocese as well as parishioners and lay leaders.

I was delighted to learn that as Parish Priest you are working in close collaboration with your Parish Council and that they are taking an active interest and involvement in both the Plenary Council and *The Way of the Gospel* process. This bodes well for the future of our Archdiocese going forward.

The Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia called by the Bishops of Australia invites the Catholic community to reflect on where the Spirit might be leading us at this particular time. The *Instrumentum laboris*, draws heavily on the voices heard during the Listening and Dialogue and Listening and Discernment phases of the Plenary Council, but also from other key sources. It is entitled *Continuing the Journey*. This is an exciting step forward and we take it together, amidst a time of great change. More than 220,000 people participated in the first stages of Listening and Dialogue, and those voices can be heard clearly in the working document.

While they have a different focus, both the Plenary Council and the *Way of the Gospel* process here in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are also in a sense somewhat complementary, both involving a deeper sense of discernment amongst clergy and laity. The Plenary Council will of course focus more on what we might describe as exploring some of the “big picture” issues facing the Catholic Church in Australia today, encompassing a very broad range of issues.

*The Way of the Gospel* on the other hand, focusses more specifically on the realities of our local Church here in the Archdiocese of Melbourne at both a pastoral, spiritual and practical level. Its

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more about how we might work together co-operatively with the priests and people of the Archdiocese in not only reinvigorating our parish communities but reflecting on how this reality may be lived “on the ground” in our local parish communities in years to come.

It should be noted that similar work has also commenced in a number of other dioceses around Australia including the recent launch of a parish renewal program in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

*The Way of the Gospel* - the path of missionary discipleship—has always been adapted by every generation to fit the local circumstances. How this is arranged has varied according to time and place.

Our initial meeting at the Veneto Club had one purpose in mind: to open up the question as to how our local Church in Melbourne might best be organised into the future, such that:

- the mission of the Gospel is at the heart of our life, worship and outreach;
- Local faith communities are arranged to allow for them to flourish, and;
- Our faith communities be effectively resourced—spiritually, ministerially and materially.

I invite you to continue to participate in this ongoing process of discernment with the parishioners of both Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale and Sts Peter and Paul's, Doncaster East.

The fruitful discussions and honest reflections evident on the day give us reason for optimism as we embark on this journey together. In fact, I cannot remember a time when the Archbishop, Vicar General and senior diocesan staff, gathered in a forum like this with both priests and lay leaders from nearly every one of our 209 parishes.

Our next step, as outlined on the day, will be to meet again, together with both our clergy and lay leaders in the regions to hear first-hand their thoughts and reflections at the local level. Again, as far as I am aware, the opportunity for open dialogue and consultation of this magnitude with the people of the Archdiocese is something that has never been embarked upon before to this extent.

At the same time, it is important to acknowledge, as you point out, that people may be feeling bruised, bewildered and uncertain and even hurt, particularly as we navigate the ups and downs of the Covid19 pandemic and other issues from our past such as the betrayal felt by many in relation to the scandal of child abuse. There is no doubt these issues have effected the confidence and faith of people in our parish communities.

Of course, it is also important for us to remember that people are also emotionally and historically connected and invested in their parish community. For many, their parish plays an important role in both their spiritual and community life – it is part of their story!

As you would appreciate, in an Archdiocese as large as ours there are a wide range of opinions when it comes to the administration of a parish community as well as each individual's personal faith experience.

As our Holy Father, Pope Francis reminds us, we are also called to be a missionary people, not inward looking and closed in on ourselves. Sometimes a different approach can throw people out of their comfort zones and sometimes it takes time to build relationships with one another based on mutual trust and respect.

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All the baptised, equal in dignity, have a role in fulfilling the Church's God given mission to proclaim the good news of salvation. We are all Catholic and all belong to the one family, connected to one another in a unique way as brothers and sisters in Christ, through our common baptism.

Part of our Catholic tradition ensures that there is a wide diversity in the way the Church expresses her mission in different places throughout the ages around the world, which is one of the great riches of the universal church.

The pastoral and spiritual care carried out by both our priests and lay co-operators in bringing Christ's healing and compassionate love to His people can never be underestimated!

Once again, I thank you for your ongoing dedication to the life of your parish community and wish you the peace and joy of the Gospel!

With every blessing,

Yours sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Caddy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" and the last name "Caddy" written in a single continuous stroke.

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