



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time— 11th and 12th of Sept 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 Goold, Meredith Barnes, Judith Frood, Karen Jansz, Deborah Jansz and Kathy Given

Mass Readings Next Week

1st Reading

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

Responsorial Psalm

53:3-6,8 RV6

Second Reading

St James 3:16-4:3

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

As we enter another 2 weeks of lockdown to end on the 23rd of September (currently). It is hard to keep our spirits up especially at this time of uncertainty. We are offering you a few things to help you stay focused and somewhat connected :

Every Sunday: Rosary after 10.00 am Mass

Every Friday: Quiet time with Our Lord - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 7.00 pm to 7.30 pm

Every Wednesday: Spirituality in the Home 7.30 pm. New series commences 15th Sept - "Questions of Faith".

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

All of the offerings above including Masses will be held on the normal Zoom link noted below.

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Meeting ID: 259 756 4312

Password: 689922

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

ARCHDIOCESE MISSION PLAN

Attached to this newsletter and on our website is a letter from Fr Jerald, Peter Given and the Mission Plan team with an update from the last Regional meeting.

We are inviting feedback/questions/queries on our website and by email to our Parish Mission email address parishmissionsatolop@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

The Donvale Vinnies Conference is conducting its Winter Appeal in the Parish this weekend: a member will speak at each of the Masses. This year's Appeal spotlights one of the most basic of human rights – the right to have a home.

We seek your financial support to help the Conference with its work in the local community and in South Melbourne.

Donations can be made on-line at www.vinnies.org.au ; or by calling 13 18 12. When you donate online, please add "Donvale Conference 444" in the "Comments" box.

Thank you.

Sunday Soup for the Soul

You and your family are invited to watch this short reflection video comprising the Gospel reading of the coming Sunday and a short homily by Fr Jerald. A new video will be put out each week, which you can use to pray, especially together as a family, during this lockdown period. We our hope you will find this a source of light and comfort during this challenging time, and also a means of remaining connected with Fr Jerald and the parish. Please go to <https://youtu.be/DaOZobv8Lfl> to start watching.

Chat with Fr Jerald

In the coming week, During this time of lockdown, if you would like to have a virtual chat with Fr Jerald , we will be giving you the opportunity to book a time slot to have a “face to face” chat with Fr Jerald on Zoom.

Fr Jerald will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays between 11 and 12pm . Time slots will be limited to 10 minutes in order to give everyone an opportunity to catch up with Fr Jerald. Please bear this in mind when booking your time slot.

Please just go to our website to book your time slot.



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 the 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.



Questions of Faith

Our next series “Questions of Faith” will commence at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 15th September. We invite everyone to join us via Zoom as we gather for prayer and reflection and a short video to help us explore our faith further.

The theme of the first week’s video is “How to Question your Faith Well”.

The Zoom log-in details are the same as those used to attend Mass.

All you need to do is grab a cuppa and log-in! (Oh, and pen and paper too).

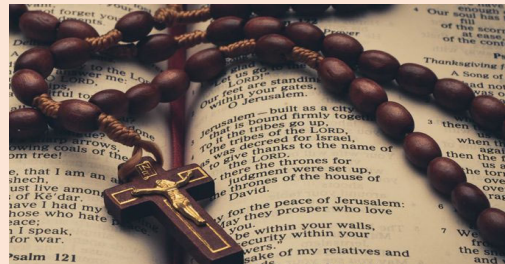
Fathers Day Collection for the Priest Retirement Foundation

Thank you to all those who contributed directly to the Father's Day Collection for the Priests Retirement Fund. There is still time to donate to this important collection to support those who have supported us. Any donation of \$2.00 and above is tax deductible.

If you are able to donate and support to the priest retirement fund please go to www.cam1.org.au/foundation/donate

Rosary after Sunday Zoom Mass

We are pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to join in a Rosary after our 10.00am Sunday Zoom Mass. If you would like to participate, just re-logged on after the mass to join the rosary.



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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 25th 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

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

Joint Parishes of SSPP and OLOP	
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.00am Zoom Mass
Wednes-	9.00am Zoom Mass
Thursday	9.00am Zoom Mass
Friday	9.00am Zoom Mass + Rosary after Mass 7.00—7.30 PM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	6.00pm Zoom Mass
Sunday	10.00 Mass Zoom Mass with Rosary After

Year B –25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 19th Sept 2021

GOSPEL

After leaving the mountain, Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

(Mark 9:30–37)

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- In sitting down to instruct the disciples about being of service to others, Jesus is reinforcing his words about being the least. At that time, a teacher had greater status than his students. The normal practice was for students to sit at the feet of the teacher, not the other way around.
- Capernaum was a town on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was the home town of Peter and some of the other apostles. Jesus used Capernaum as his 'home base' during his ministry in the region of Galilee. The 'house' referred to in this text may well have been the house of Simon Peter, where we know Jesus spent time (Mark 1:29).

Extract from "The Summit" Online

OLOP PARISHES INTO MISSION REPORT

11th and 12th September 2021

Thank you again to everyone who participated in the OLOP Parish Community meeting on the plan of the Archdiocese of Melbourne to cluster parishes into missions. All of your comments were collated. There was not the opportunity at the meeting of part of the Eastern Region of the Archdiocese to raise so many issues. Accordingly, all of the comments from our community have been provided in writing to Fr Joe Caddy, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, with a request for a response to each item raised.

The regional meeting was very well attended by various parishes from the Eastern Region and was presided by Fr Joe Caddy- Vicar General , Fr Anthony Kerin, Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region and the Proclaim Team at the Archdiocese who are there to assist parishes with the way forward.

The Objectives of the Mission are: -

1. Effectiveness in sharing the Gospel.
2. Vibrancy, Vitality and Viability.
3. Equitable sharing of resources.

What the Mission is: -

1. A leadership of at least 2 priest working as a team.
2. Intentional co-responsibility of all the people of God.
3. Strategic and operational decision making with lay leadership.
4. A pooling and sharing of resources and administrative functions.
5. A move towards shared arrangements across communities.

What the Mission is not: -

1. Driven by clergy shortages
2. Focused purely on data.
3. Creating centralized clerical leadership.
4. Aimed at closing down parishes.
5. A plan to take over parish assets and finances.
6. Aimed at destroying local community, diversity and culture.

It was emphasised at the meeting of the Eastern Region that the structure presented was based on the demographics of the area prepared by a consultancy group- Location IQ – and should be considered as an illustrative/suggested model. Nothing is predetermined - this is a long term discussion to serve our community into the future. Missions may look different in different locations. Decisions are to be made at the local level, based on the needs of the local area. What is being suggested is a starting point based on a consistent logic.

The whole of the Eastern Region which consist of 56 parishes, to be formed into 16 Missions over the next 1 to 5 years. For our Mission , the illustrative/suggested mission for our area is St Clement of Rome, Bulleen; St Gregory the Great, Doncaster; St Kevin's, Lower Templestowe; Sts Peter & Paul's, Doncaster East; and Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale - 5 parishes.

The next steps towards Mission as suggested by the Archdiocese are : -

- 1) Pray
- 2) Prepare - plan our consultation process with the other parishes
- 3) Consult and discern

There will be another meeting on the 14th of September 2021 where Our Lady of the Pines will be represented and further presentations will be made by the Archdiocese.

It is the intention of the parish pastoral council to keep you informed as developments occur, and as always your views are highly valued and welcomed. Accordingly we will have another Parish Community Meeting in the middle of October to provide feedback from the meeting on the 14th of September and to discuss matters such as:

- 1) If the Mission plan is to proceed, are we happy with the parishes in our illustrative / suggested mission. If not, what is our logic for seeking to work with other parishes?
- 2) Do we consider our parish would be more connected with our current community, more welcoming to the return of Catholics who do not currently attend Mass on a regular basis, and more welcoming to non-Catholics if -
 - A) The priests in the mission rotated around the parishes, providing a variety of relationship and homily styles; OR
 - B) The priests in the mission concentrated on two parishes developing a deeper connection with the members of the parish community at a personal level?

If you have any thoughts in this regard, would you please send them to parishmissionsatolop@gmail.com. If you prefer, you will be able to send your question/comment via our website – on ourladyofthepineschurch.org under Parish Missions.

It is critical to note that we are in a consultation/information gathering phase, not a decision making phase. No agreements will be made without further consultation with the community of Our Lady of the Pines.

Fr Jerald and Peter Given