

# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time-25th and 26th of Sept 2021— Year B

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Not open during this period of lockdown. Please contact us on the parish mobile of 0473 873 479 or on donvale@cam.org.

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."

Let us pray

Recent Death: Jan McAuliffe

**Sick List:** 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

#### Jan McAuliffe

It is with regret that we advise the community that Jan McAuliffe went home to God on the 22nd of September 2021.

Ted and Jan have been long standing members of our community and Jan was a founding member of our Over Sixties Group. She will be sorely missed.

We do not currently have any funeral details but due to restriction in numbers this will be restricted to family members only.

We offer our condolences to Ted and the McAuliffe Family. May she Rest in Peace.

As we enter another week of Lockdown and with the uncertainly of what the next few weeks will be like, we will continue to hold our masses on Zoom:

**Every Sunday:** Rosary after the 10.00am Mass.

**Every Friday:** Quiet time with our Lord— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—7.00 to 7.30pm

**29th Sept:** Questions of Faith at 7.30pm—"Can you lose your 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.

All of the offerings above including masses will be held on the normal zoom link noted below.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312? pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnI0Zz09

Meeting ID: 259 756 4312

Password: 689922

Please keep safe everyone.

## Take the Way of the Gospel / Mission Plan Update

A number of other parishes throughout the Archdiocese have raised similar questions and comments to our own, recorded at our Parish Community Meeting held on Sunday 22 August 2021 and sent to the Vicar General. The consultation process is working with Archbishop Peter Comensoli having acknowledging the challenges and stating - "May I add that these time frames are meant to be very flexible. First, there is the current period of some 12-18 months for prayer, discernment, and identification; and then some 3-5 years for implementation, depending on what your communities determine." These last four words are of critical importance. Please see the latest letter from the Archbishop Peter Comensoli which is attached. Also attached is the timeline/checklist that is referred to.

Another meeting of the Eastern Region was held on the 14th of September. Our Lady of the Pines was represented and our concerns, and those of other parishes, were expressed, and are helping to shape the direction going forward.

We wish to reassure you that a primary objective for Fr Jerald and the Parish Pastoral Council is to protect and preserve Our Lady of the Pines as a vibrant faith community.

Any feedback/questions/queries can be submitted on our website and by email to our Parish Mission email address

parishmissionsatolop@gmail.com

#### 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 <a href="https://youtu.be/">https://youtu.be/</a> DaOZobv8Lfl start watching.

#### Chat with Fr Jerald

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 Continue at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 29th 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 "Can you lose your faith".

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).

# Rosary Bracelet

These beautiful rosary bracelets are handmade by the youth group at Our Lady of the Pines and Fr Jerald to commemorate the Rosary month in October and as a fundraising event for the church during the pandemic.

The rosary bracelet will make a great gift for baptism, first Holy Communion or confirmation, as well as a perfect religious themed gift for yourself, birthdays or Christmas.

- The bracelets are suitable for both adults and children, men and ladies
- Various sizes from 6.5" to 9" to suit different wrist sizes

#### **MATERIALS**

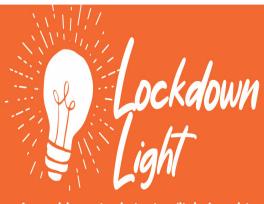
- 8mm or 10mm natural stone or wood beads
- · Various designs which include two of the following:
  - · Virgin Mary pendant
  - Miraculous Medal
  - Ancient cross shape bead
  - Virgin Mary Cross bead
  - Small cross
- Durable high quality stretch cord

ALL ROSARY
BRACELETS COME
WITH A VELVET
GIFT BAG, EITHER
DARK BLUE OR
WINE COLOURS



A full presentation of each style, size, price and available quantity can be found online in both OLOP and SsPP newsletters until sold out.

For orders and further information, please contact Teresina Yung at olopyouthdonvale@gmail.com or go to our website at www.ourladyofthepineschurch.org for brochure and submitting your order.



A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations at: www.bit.ly/LockdownLight

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#### **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 remain logged on after the mass to join the rosary.

## **Mass Readings Next Week**

1st Reading Genesis 2:18-24 Responsorial Psalm Ps 127 RV5

Second Reading Hebrews :2:9-11 Gospel Mark 10:2-16

#### 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 .





Contact-

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# ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 27th 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 –27th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 3rd October 2021

#### GOSPEL

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- In this text, Jesus is quoting from the Book of Genesis (Genesis 2:24), citing the second and earliest of the creation stories contained in the first two chapters of that book.
- Orthodox Jews believe that Moses was the author of the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Pentateuch or the Torah, which means Law. Thus the designation of 'the Law of Moses'.
- In the New Testament world, both a husband and a wife could initiate divorce, but only for the gravest of reasons. This differs from the biblical Israelites, who had no law that allowed a woman to initiate divorce.

# Extract from "The Summit" Online