

#### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time-23rd and 24th of October 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

**Sick List:** Brian Sullivan, Kath Potger, Alden Ong, Lisa Dallow, Josephine Noli, Teresa Talia, Sharon Rodrigo, Laurel Wood, John Goold, Meredith Barnes, Judith Frood, Deborah Jansz, Kathy Given and Donald Pinnock

#### **Rosary after Sunday Zoom Mass**

We are pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to join in a Rosary after our 9.30am Sunday Zoom Mass. If you would like to participate, just remain logged on after the mass to join the rosary.

#### **Resumption of Masses**

Lockdown restrictions have lifted today in Melbourne, the sun is shining and there is a feeling of hope in the air. From today we have resumed in-person Masses in the church in accordance with Victorian Government Regulations.

However as COVID-19 case numbers remain very high, Fr Jerald asks that you please consider your health when deciding whether or not to attend in person. His utmost concern is for all parishioners to be safe and well. There is no need to rush back if you feel at all uncomfortable as we will still be offering Masses on Zoom.

For those who would like to attend in person, bookings are essential and the details are as follows:

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

10 parishioners, inclusive of Sacristan, Reader and Covid Captain, may attend weekday Masses at OLOP on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.00 am. Attendees do not have to be vaccinated. To give as many parishioners as possible an opportunity to attend, we respectfully ask that you limit your attendance to one weekday Mass per week.

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

20 fully vaccinated parishioners may attend weekend Masses at OLOP on Saturdays at 5.00 pm and Sundays at 9.30 am. Proof of vaccination must be shown to the COVID Captain on arrival (either digital or a hard-copy).

#### Extra Mass

There will be an extra Mass held at SSPP on Sunday evenings at 5.00 pm for a total of 10 parishioners from both parishes. This Mass is for those who have received one vaccination dose only, and those who prefer to remain unvaccinated.

MASS ATTENDANCE AT OLOP IS AVAILABLE TO OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISHIONERS ONLY AND BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

To make a booking you may email Trish Keley on trish.keley@cam.org.au or telephone me on 0431 835 626.

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OLOP parishioners wishing to attend the 5.00 pm Sunday Mass at SSPP may also book using the above email address and phone no.

#### **CHECK-IN REQUIREMENTS**

QR code check-in is required at all Masses and Proof of Vaccination documentation must be provided by those attending the 5.00 pm Saturday and 9.30 am Sunday Masses. There will be a COVID Captain on hand to assist with this. Masks are compulsory both indoors and outdoors.

#### **ZOOM MASSES**

Weekday Masses will still be available via Zoom from Tuesday to Friday at 9.00 am and on the weekends on Saturdays at 6.00 pm and Sundays at 9.30 am.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME FOR THE SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM MASS.

#### **ROSARY**

The Rosary will continue to be recited after each weekday Mass and the 9.30 am Sunday Mass, both in the church and on Zoom.

#### A reminder of our Zoom Mass link for all masses

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

We are hopeful that these restrictions will only remain in place until the 4th November, after which time we may be permitted to open up further.

We thank everyone for your patience and understanding over these long months of lockdown, and look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

## TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL / MISSION PLAN

As advised in the last newsletter, the Eastern Region meeting on 14/09/21 highlighted that many parishes have concerns with regard the process, timing and the reasoning. This incorporates clergy and parishioners. There have been on-gong meetings of clergy with the Archbishop. The complications of COVID preventing appropriate consultation with parishioners, the speed at which the initial process was to be undertaken, the lack of clarity re the "Mission Plan", inadequate consultation across the board and the link to the Plenary Council and outcomes have all been raised. The message from the Archbishop is that this will not be rushed. Our COVID state is acknowledged as a hinderance to the required consultative processes/ requirements. It will be into 2022 before the process will gain any momentum. It was requested that each parish nominate two representatives to undertake the role of Parish Co-ordinators – conduits for information flow and facilitation. At this stage, Fr. Jerald has asked that Garry Nolan and myself be the nominal representatives, with a review of this in the New Year. The PPC commits to updating parishioners.

Peter Given

Chairperson of Parish Pastoral Council

# Celebrating ALL SAINTS' DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY

With the uncertainly of whether we will be able to gather to celebrate this special memorial days, the liturgy committees of both parishes have made the decision to remember both All Souls and All Saints via zoom, on our usual Zoom Mass links.

All Saints day - Monday the 1st of Nov—Zoom Mass will be held at 9.00am.

All Souls' Day -Tues 2nd Nov – in person and Zoom Mass will be held at 9.00am.

We will be including in this mass a photo video to honour and remember all those we have lost. If you would like your loved one to be remembered during this mass, we ask you to please send a photo and name of your loved one to the Parish office on donvale@cam.org.au by the 9.00am on the 26th of October in order to give us time to prepare the presentation. We regret that any info received after this time will not be able to be included.

**Remembrance Day Mass**—6th and 7th of November. We will be having in person masses to commemorate our departed. The number of people allowed in church at this point will be confirmed at a later date. We will keep you informed.

#### LIGHTING A VIRTUAL CANDLE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE

With All Souls and All Saints day approaching, we would like to invite you light a virtual candle for your loved one on our website. If you would like to dedicate a special prayer or light a candle in honour of someone that you have lost, just go to https://sspp.org.au/candle/

#### For a Synodal Church

Synod of Bishops: On Sunday 10 October 2021, Pope Francis celebrated Mass to mark the global launch of the Synod of Bishops with the theme For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission. This Sunday, October 17, dioceses around the world will launch local preparations for the Synod. The Catholic Church in Australia will invite the People of God to make submissions via an online portal that will open on October 17. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch





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

As we slowly emerge out of lockdown, aware of that many aspects of life—including our parishes are only able to gradually open up, here's one last edition of lockdown light for your coming week.

#### PODCASTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life

#### Parenting teens

In this podcast, well known Catholic speaker Jason Evert discusses how to keep an open and ongoing dialogue with your children around topics related to love, dating and other serious issues as well as tips for internet and phone safety.

Listen here www.bit In/Christianl ivino8

#### GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Resources to help you explore the Bible

#### The Acts of the Apostles—The Church begins

<u>Getting started:</u> In this interesting video introduction to the Book of Acts, The Bible Project provides an overview of Pentecost and the beginning of the early Church. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted8

Going deeper: In this video, Bishop Barron speaks about the spread of the Gospel during the early Church, challenging us to share in the same work as St Paul and the early Apostles in proclaiming the message of Jesus to the world.

View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper8

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#### **Questions of Faith**

Our last in our series "Questions of Faith" will Continue at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27th October.

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 "Battling Dryness in Prayer"

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

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

#### Support of our Local community and businesses

During all of the Lockdowns that we have gone through, 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 the 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 31th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **HOSPITALITY TEAMS—** No Hospitality **READERS & COMMENTATORS**

Sat 5.00 pm: TBA Sun 9.30 am: TBA

PROJECTOR OPERATORS
Sat 5.00pm : Not required
Sun 9.30am : Not required

Covid Captain:
5.00pm: TBA
9.30am: TBA
Money Counting Roster:
Group: Not required

Parish Priest: Fr Jerald Mariadas—98418354

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**CHAIR OF PARISH SERVERS** 

Peter Given 9841 8354

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**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL** 

Brendan Keeling: 9842 2991

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#### **PASTORAL WORKER:**

Trish Keley—9841 8354—Mon and Tues.

#### **PARISH ADMINISTRATION**

**Wed:** Liza Jansz 9841 8354 Email: donvale@cam.org.au

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

	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9.00am Zoom Mass	9.00am in person and Zoom Mass
Wednes- day	9.00am in person and Zoom Mass	9.00am Zoom Mass
Thursday	9.00am Zoom Mass	9.00am in person and Zoom Mass
Friday	9.00am in person and Zoom Mass and Rosary after Mass	9.00am Zoom Mass + Rosary after Mass 7.00— 7.30 PM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	5.00pm in person Mass	6.00pm in person and Zoom Mass
Sunday	9.30am In person and Zoom Mass	8.00am and 11.15am in person Mass 5.00pm Unvaccinated
		Mass

#### Year B –31st Sunday in Ordinary Time — 31st October 2021

#### GOSPEL

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more. (Mark 12:28–34)

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The first commandment that Jesus quotes is the great Jewish prayer known as the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4–5). Even today, this prayer is recited each morning and evening by practising Jews.
- In traditional Jewish practice, the Shema is written on a slip of paper and placed inside the mezuzah, a small box beside the front doors of Jewish homes. Each time a person passes through the door, they touch the mezuzah in a symbolic action of reciting this great prayer. It is a way of reminding themselves often during the day of God's greatness and their obligation to love him.
- The second commandment quoted by Jesus comes from Leviticus 19:18. Both commandments are part of the Torah or Law
- What for you is the greatest aspect of your faith? What does it mean to love God with all our heart, understanding and strength? What does it mean to love our neighbour as ourselves?
- Reflect on what were the most important rules or standards in your family when you were growing up. How have those values influenced what is most important to you as an adult? Has there been any change in what you value most? Share your reflections

#### Extract from "The Summit" Online