



**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th and 15th of November
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."

Advent Reflection Program

To prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's arrival at Christmas, we will be holding an Advent Reflection Program together with Our Lady of the Pines Parish. This weekly program begins Tues 23 Nov at 1015am in the SSPP church foyer. All materials will be provided. For those who are unable to make it during the day, a repeat session will be held on Wed 24th Nov at 7.30pm over Zoom. Please contact Trish at the parish office on trish.keley@cam.org.au to register your interest for either session to assist with planning.

Resumption of Masses

Resumption of Masses Fr Jerald has enjoyed seeing some of you in person at Mass again over the past few days. With the further easing of restrictions even more of you will have the opportunity to attend in person if you wish.

However Fr Jerald's main priority is for the health and safety of all our parishioners . Please don't feel the need to rush back this weekend if you are at all uncomfortable as we will still be offering Zoom Masses for the next few weeks.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS. From 6.00pm Friday the 29th of October, in line with Victorian Government regulations, the arrangements for Masses at OLOP will be as follows.

Weekday Masses (Wed and Friday 9.00am) Up to 30 people may attend, Vaccinations is not required. Bookings are not required.

Weekend Masses (Sat 5.00pm and Sunday 9.30am) Up to 90 people may attend . All attendees aged 16+ must be fully vaccinated. Bookings are not required. Please arrive early to allow time to check-in and show your Vaccination Certificate to the Covid Marshall.

5pm Sunday Mass at Ss Peter and Paul's Church for those not fully vaccinated. If you have had only one dose of the vaccine or prefer to remain unvaccinated , there will be an extra Mass each Sunday at 5.00pm at Ss Peter and Paul's Church for both SSPP and OLOP parishioners only. 30 people are permitted . Bookings are essential through trybooking . Bookings will close at 5.00pm on the Saturday prior. The trybooking link is <https://www.trybooking.com/BVLUW>

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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 Goold , Meredith Barnes, Judith Froid, Deborah Jansz and Kathy Given.

Anniversary: Pasquale Calderone

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Below is a summary of the new arrangements at present.

CHECK IN REQUIREMENTS: Please ensure you check in on arrival using the Service Victoria App. For all weekend masses except for the Sunday 5.00pm mass at SSPP, you will also need to show Proof of Vaccinate to the Covid Marshall.

MASK—Masks are compulsory in all indoor settings for those age 12 year and above. We look forward to seeing you all again at Mass.

UPDATES FROM PPC

PARISH MISSION UPDATE

The Parish Pastoral Council has not held any discussions with the other four parishes in our "Illustrative Mission" - Doncaster East, Doncaster, Templestowe and Bulleen - to date. The Archbishop has acknowledged that the lockdown period, where face-to-face meetings were not permitted/appropriate, is not an ideal time to hold discussions with our community and with other parishes. We envisage opening lines of communications in the New Year and no commitments will be made by the Parish Pastoral Council without first consulting with the community of Our Lady of the Pines.

We have had a first step look internally at possible activities we could do together with other parishes and not have to reinvent the wheel, and what activities are solely Our Lady of the Pines. We are focused on maintaining an overall objective of preserving the character and culture of OLOP.

If you want to discuss any aspects or give feedback to the Parish Pastoral Council, please approach one of the Council or write via the Parish Office.

Response from the Vicar General

The response from the Vicar General to the issue brought to his attention following our general meeting at OLOP will be posted on the Parish Website.

Family Groups—Hamper donations

Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 restrictions and associated problems, again it is not possible to proceed with our annual donation of hampers to CatholicCare.

CatholicCare will be distributing food hampers and welcome our continuing support – via monetary donation.

Within the process of donating, an option will be available to record OLOP as a supporting community – see the relevant methods.

If you are able to give a monetary donation it can be made via the following methods;

By phone or bank transfer - contact the fundraising team on (03) 9287 5513 or fundraising@ccam.org.au _mention you are from OLOP

Or <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/CAMPAIGN/DONATE/15/FOODHAMPERS> (remember to tick the "_THIS PAYMENT IS ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANISATION" box and nominate Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale).

CatholicCare would like to thank the Parish Community of Our Lady of the Pines for your generosity and commitment to continue to support those who need assistance . In doing so you hare making this Christmas Brighter for those who are struggling to put food on the table. All donations above \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Peter Given– Chair person of Parish Council

Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has written a letter to the People and Clergy of Melbourne voicing his concern on the bill being tabled in the state government which will impact all faith based organisations in Victoria. The Victorian government is depicting this bill as merely a protection against discrimination in religious settings. Sadly, however this is a seriously far-reaching law that will limit faith-based organisations from managing employment matters according to their faith, conscience and values. The legalisations is a serious overreach of the Government into the rightful freedoms of Victorian faith-based organisation.

The Archbishops full letter is in the foyer for you to take home and read together with advise on how we can have our say. The Bill is being debated in Parliament next week, so we urge parishioners to have their say. Please take of copy of the letter home this weekend.



How to stand up for religious freedom

In light of the Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021

- 1. Contact your local Members of Parliament in Victoria**

Writing to Members of Parliament (MPs) is an effective way to communicate with them about this Bill. A short letter (emailed or mailed) respectfully expressing concerns with the legislation will help them understand what is important to people of faith.

Each Victorian has one MP representing their local **district** and six MPs who represent their wider **region**. If you're unsure who to write to, you can find out which district/region you are part of and the contact details of the MPs representing you here: www.parliament.vic.gov.au/about/electorates
- 2. Contact your federal Members of Parliament**

Writing to federal Members of Parliament to tell them about what is happening here in Victoria is also vitally important, because religious freedom legislation is potentially being considered on a federal level. You can write to them to share your concern and ask them to act to protect the religious freedom of all Australians.

Each Victorian has one local MP representing their geographic **area** and twelve Senators who represent their **state**.

Details of your local federal Member of Parliament can be found here: www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Members

Simply scroll down to 'Search Members' and type in your postcode to find your MP.

Details of Victorian Senators can be found here: www.bit.ly/3BNVYA

- 3. Share your concerns with others**

You are also encouraged to tell your family, friends and those in your local community about your concerns and ask them to become active too.
- 4. Get active on Social Media**

You may also like to share your concerns with your Members of Parliament via their Social Media pages.
- 5. Find out more**

Keep up to date about this issue at: www.melbournecatholic.org/religiousfreedom



**Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform presents
The Future of Catholicism in Australia – Convocation Three**

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2021 at 7.30pm AEDT via Zoom

This convocation seeks to engage Catholics, at all levels of connection (including none) with the Church, in exploring concrete proposals for the future of Catholicism in light of the Plenary Council and the Pope's 2023 Synod on Synodality.

For more information see: www.acccr.com.au

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Christ the King**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS— Christensen, Nolan and McDonald

READERS & COMMENTATORS

Sat 5.00 pm: Margaret Hughes and Vanessa White

Sun 9.30 am: John Lazzari and Victoria Chung

PROJECTOR OPERATORS

Sat 5.00pm : Carlos Cordeiro

Sun 9.30am : Bruce Stewart

Covid Captain:

5.00pm : Rose and Richard Chapman

9.30am : Corrinne Ng and Suzanne Keating

Money Counting Roster:

Group 1 : Peter Johnstone, Monica Luttick and Jill Howell

Parish Priest : Fr Jerald Mariadas—98418354

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CHAIR OF PARISH SERVERS

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**Year B –Christ the King —
21st of November 2021**

GOSPEL

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' (John 18:33–37)

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Pontius Pilate was the prefect or governor of the Roman province of Judea. He held this office from ad 26 to 36. He had a reputation for being insensitive to Jewish religious practices and was all too ready to use brutal force to repress any dissent against Roman rule. He was ultimately removed from office and sent back to Rome after a brutal attack on a gathered crowd in Samaria.
- Pilate's normal place of residence was in the coastal city of Caesarea. He was in Jerusalem at this time because the Passover was one of the 'pilgrimage festivals' of Judaism, when many people travelled to the city to celebrate the feast at the temple. The population of Jerusalem swelled greatly, and this was a time when the Romans feared an outbreak of rebellion. Because of this, the Roman legions travelled to Jerusalem to reinforce the troop numbers stationed.

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

	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	No Mass	9.00am Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00am Zoom Mass	9.00am In person Mass
Wednesday	9.00am in person Mass—	9.00am Communion Service
Thursday	9.00am Zoom Mass	9.00am in person Mass
Friday	9.00am in person 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