



## **Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Parish**

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**WEEKEND MASSES HAVE BEEN  
TEMPORARY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE  
COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

### ***Our Vision***

*We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom the Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.*

## **The Ascension of the Lord – Year A**

**24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2020**

This Sunday is Ascension Sunday. The day that Jesus returned to his Father. In preparing to leave this earth Jesus repeatedly said to his disciples “ it is better for you that I go away! You will be sad now, but your sadness will turn to joy. If I don't go away you will be unable to receive the holy spirit. Don't cling to me, I must ascend”

Saying goodbye to anyone that we love is one of the hardest things we can do. To think about living life without them in it, on a daily basis can be unbearable. The Ascension however highlights a paradox that is at the centre of our life – that only by leaving can others truly feel their loved one's true blessing for them. That only by leaving can others understand how much their loved ones really loved them and the sacrifices that have been made.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI , writes – “To remain present to someone we love, we have to sometimes be absent, in ways big and small. In the paradox of love, we can only fully bless each other when we go away. That is why most of us only realise the blessing our loved ones were for us after they die. Mystically, “blood and water” (cleansing and the deep permission to live without guilt) flow from their dead bodies. Just as these flowed from Jesus' dead body”.

For us to know fully Jesus' love for us, he had to go away. During his earthly ministry Jesus was not able to travel the world teaching or healing, he was geographically limited. But now, Jesus is at work everywhere and he is able to hear and respond to his people's prayers no matter the time or place. He sympathizes with our struggles and promises to do whatever we ask in his name. In Jesus' “going” did we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit , the gift of his love and the gift of the knowledge of the love and sacrifice Jesus made for us.

*The context of this message was obtained from a sermon given by Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser.*

### **FROM THE NAPPY COLLECTIVE**

Over the past month, families are experiencing an increasing number of stressors and there is a greater demand for nappies. Although we are unable to run our May Collective in our usual way, the services we support have been contacting us desperate for nappies. In response, we have launched our #1millionbums appeal focusing on calling for virtual donations of nappies so that we are able to safely send unopened packs of nappies directly to our services, ready to be distributed to families in need. Help The Nappy Collective keep little bottoms clean by donating virtual nappies and give families one less thing to worry about 📩 <http://bit.ly/NappyCollectiveDonate> ❤️

## Resumption of Weekday Morning Mass

This week , we resumed our normal weekday masses at both Ss Peter and Paul's and Our Lady of the Pines Church. It has been wonderful to you see our Parishioners again. For the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of May , we will be opening the bookings for the weekday mass immediately. The link to book your place is <https://www.trybooking.com/BJRYT>

Please see the following table for appropriate Mass Centers. At this stage, weekend masses are still suspended.

Day	Mass Centre	Zoom Video Available
Tuesdays	SSPP	Yes
Wednesday	OLOP	Yes
Thursday	SSPP	Yes
Friday	OLOP	Yes
Saturday	SSPP	Yes

We encourage you to attend your own parish for morning mass at this time and to limit your attendance to perhaps only once a week for now, for the purposes of allowing as many as possibly to attend.

Please note that Mass is limited to 10 parishioners at this time and the Try booking site will only allow 10 people to register on any one invitation. If you need assistance with booking for any of the masses , please let the parish office know. As a requirement of having people in the Church for morning mass, our Mass Captain will meet you at the door to take your details. When in the Church , we ask that you remain mindful of social distancing rules. We also ask , that if you are feeling unwell to please keep safe at home and do not attend. These masses will still be available on Zoom as normal.

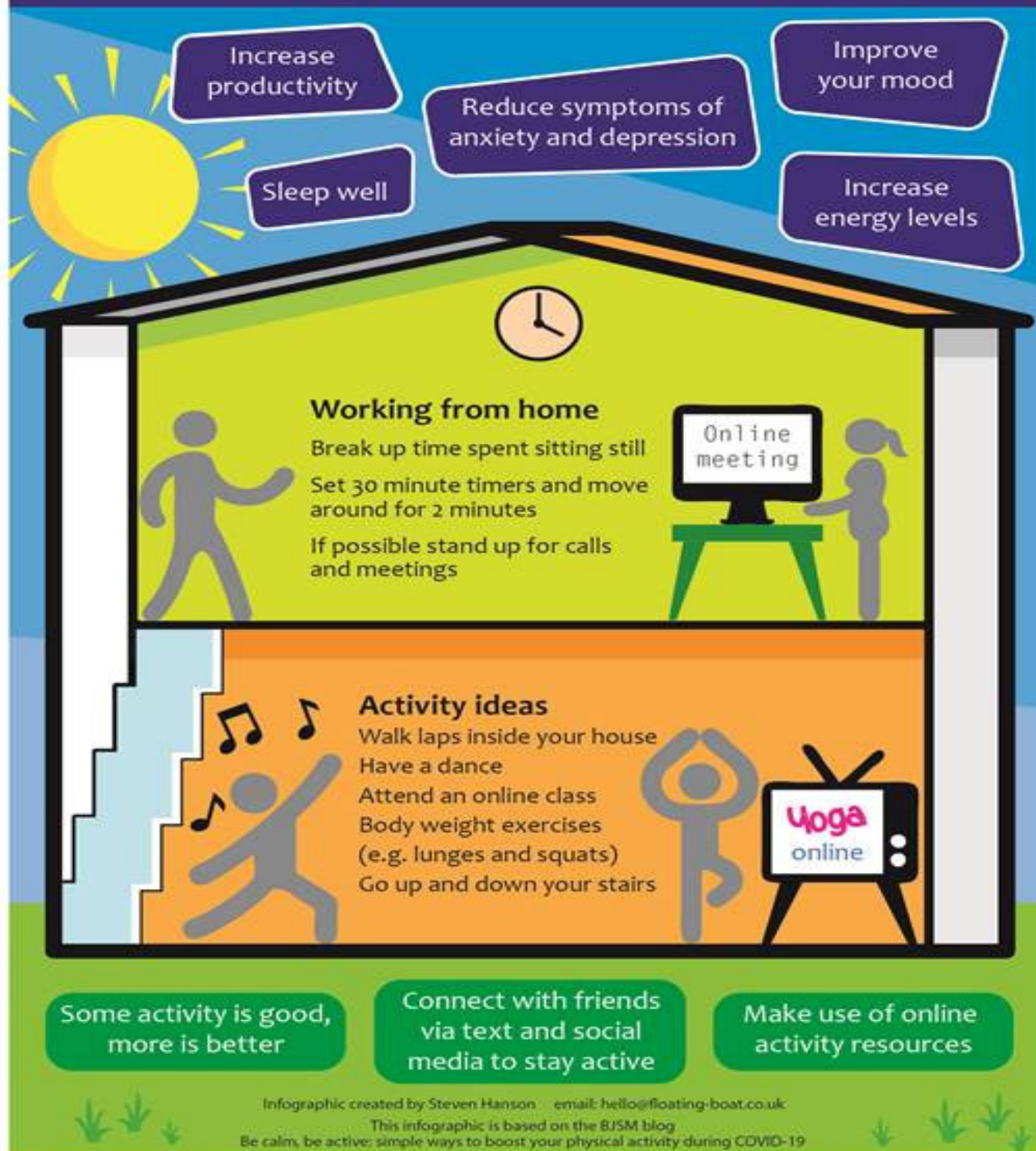
### Prayers of the Community

**Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently: especially Leo Chai- Monica Chai's brother and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially**

Rocco Russo, Rosamund Beale, Serafina Russo, Alfio Russo, Wendy Seymour, Ronald Coops, Herbert Collins, Michael D.G, Mary Josephine Michael, Maria Taliana, K C Tan.

**For those who are sick:** Paul O'Connor, Emily Patrikis, Madeline Gilmore, Dan McMahon, Teresita Leung, June Webster, Joel Pemberton, Angela Selva, Anthoula Miras, Danny and Alice Zanon, Margaret Jansen, Teresa Talia, Mary Ritus, Lois Norton Old, Salaka Hewamaduma, Priyanthi Perera, Josh Davis, Maree Spinks, Joyce Foo, Peter Wilkinson, Audrey O'Connor, Tai Thomas, Pat Carty, Khek Hong Tan, Choi Yeng Chew, Marie Simpson, Catherine Poon, Ann Weerappah, Bronwyn Burke, Filomena Fusco, Carmenza Cruz, Alicia Nivia, Frank Prendergast, Joan O'Hanrahan, Remi Vulich, Mary Tancredi, Irma Ciccotelli, Jovina Ebell, Gina Giracona, Dr Hong Nguyen, Cesare Iozzi, Ian Stuart.

# Being physically active during COVID-19



## Please note:

- Please note our temporary revised opening hours of Monday from 9am -5pm Friday from 9am-3pm
- On all other days the office and Fr Jerald can still be contacted on 0473 873479.



**Prayer to St Joseph –  
under whose patronage the Archbishop has placed this time of crisis**

*St Joseph,*

*A*  
**PRAYER**  
*to*  
**ST JOSEPH**

You were receptive to God working in your life.  
Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.  
You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:  
may your prayers assist our local Church to respond  
to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers:  
help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity:  
assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:  
may we be mindful of others, particularly the  
elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these  
difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all  
history and every situation: help us to grow in faith  
and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

Amen



**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE  
OF MELBOURNE**