

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters

The latest news and information from the Diocese.

Archbishop Philip's video for this week

The link for this week's video message is [here](#):

Financial matters

All clergy and lay employees of MADC should have received forms for return today to confirm their eligibility or otherwise for the Federal Government JobKeeper subsidy. As the Diocese is still waiting to collect a number of these, it would be appreciated if (unless already confirmed) you could check with all of your own staff that this has been done. The return email address is JobKeeper.form@melbourneanglican.org.au.

Some staff (those earning less than the threshold \$1500 per fortnight) will be receiving top up payments in respect of JobKeeper this week, prior to Sunday 26 April. MADC will carry these costs on behalf of parishes pending receipt of the JobKeeper payments from government.

Then, MADC will be making an application for the JobKeeper subsidy in behalf of all parishes and employees by the end of this month, and we expect to see the first tranche of payments later in May. We will ensure that these funds flow as soon as possible to parishes, subject to receipt by MADC.

This project has involved a lot of work at all levels, and we thank you for your cooperation.



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Resources

We continue to upload resources on the website on theological reflection and wellbeing. Some of these include:

Tips on avoiding Zoom Fatigue below:

- [Click here](#) for an Article by Leah D. Schade on Avoiding Zoom Fatigue
- [Click here](#) for an Article by Suzanne Degges-White on Zoom Fatigue: Don't Let Video Meetings Zap Your Energy

Tips on preaching to the camera below:

- [Click here](#) for an Article by Ian Paul on Preaching Online In Virtual Church
- [Click here](#) for an Article by Dominic Steele on What TV Professionals Want Preachers to Know About Communicating Through A Camera

Also for your information, [click here](#) for a paper on the 1919 flu pandemic and the Diocese of Melbourne by Colin Reilly.

Theological Advisory Group

Our theological advisory group has uploaded a paper on Digital Services and Holy Communion to the Resources section of the website [here](#).

Property Security

There have been two more break-ins to church property in the last days. Please ensure valuables are stored safely, even offsite.

Caring for Vulnerable People

Archdeacon Nick White, Archdeacon for Diocesan Partnerships, is keen to get information from parishes as follows:

- local knowledge about particular areas of need.
- information about your church's ministry to vulnerable people at this time.

Nick is available to

- connect your local need with other community services.
- connect your ministry to vulnerable people to others in need if you have surplus capacity.

Bishop Genieve Blackwell and Archdeacon Nick White are in regular conversation with our partner agencies, including Anglicare Victoria, Benetas and the Brotherhood of St Laurence in order that our response is well coordinated.

Please contact Nick nwhite@melbourneanglican.org.au 0488 710 504



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Gaming Machines

You might like to write to the Premier on this issue. A suggested letter is below:

Dear Mr Andrews,

The ACT Chief Minister, Andrew Barr, is not wasting the coronavirus crisis, offering to buy back licences for pokie machines for \$15000 each. This is a wonderful investment in the health and prosperity of the citizens of the ACT and could be done in Victoria also.

Industry lobbyists will claim that money spent in gaming venues creates jobs. The truth is that \$1m/annum spent in gaming venues creates just three jobs whereas the same money spent in hospitality creates twenty jobs. Pokie machines are job destroyers as well as being the second highest cause of crime in the community after illicit drugs.

Please use the opportunity created by this crisis to buy back as many pokie machine licences as possible. Please start with the pubs and clubs in the poorest suburbs where the residents can least afford the losses.

Anzac Day

Details of a livestreaming service from [Duntroon Chapel](#) on Anzac Day this Saturday are shown below.



ANZAC Memorial Service

10am LIVESTREAM from DUNTROON CHAPEL

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/DUNTROONCHAPEL

ANZAC DAY

DUNTROON chapel

The poster features a silhouette of soldiers marching across a battlefield at the top. Below the text, there is a silhouette of a soldier playing a trumpet and two red poppies. The background is dark with a light sky area at the top.

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Training for online ministry

More training sessions in the weeks ahead:

Level up with Zoom's advanced features

Friday 1 May

10am-11am - <https://zoom.us/j/95026541549>

8pm-9pm - <https://zoom.us/j/94356685186>

Zoom has become the go-to platform for many Sunday services and mid-week meetings. Discover how to maximise Zoom to benefit your meetings with sharing videos & live music, breakout rooms, recording your meetings and streaming to Facebook and YouTube.

Effective collaboration with Google Suite

Wednesday 6 May

10am-10:45am - <https://zoom.us/j/95472473100>

Cloud technology has become easily accessible and the days of inefficient collaboration and sharing attachments over email are becoming a thing of the past. Discover how to access Google Suite for free for your church, set up Google Drive, collaborate and share securely with your team.

Running effective groups online (repeat)

Friday 8 May

10am-11am - <https://zoom.us/j/91420268363>

Running your group online is more than just setting up a group chat or video call. Learn creative tips and the best practices for engaging with people of all ages online. Co-hosted by Dorothy Hughes (Children and Families Ministry Facilitator) and Brian Holden (Youth Ministry Consultant).

Hosting a Zoom meeting (repeat)

Wednesday 13 May

10am-11am - <https://zoom.us/j/94297946741>

Zoom video meetings have quickly become a daily reality in our work. Unlock your skills to host a basic Zoom meeting for 2 or 100 people.

Connecting points beyond Sunday (repeat)

Friday 15 May

10am-11am - <https://zoom.us/j/94373377019>

Much of our time is spent preparing for Sunday services. Empower your community to extend God's love in practical and creative ways through the week by utilising the technology at their fingertips.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,
Archbishop Philip & bishops.

