

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

6th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

### PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. James Puppady

### Parish Secretary:

Mrs Loretta Meilak

### Parish Coordinator

Mr Truc Nguyen



### St Oliver Plunkett's Pascoe Vale

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Mon 8:30am—11:30am

Tue — Fri 9:00am—3:00pm

W: [northmelbournecatholic.org.au](http://northmelbournecatholic.org.au)

School Principal: Delfina Pieri

### MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

**FAMILY MASS – 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEKEND EACH MONTH**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00am to 10:30am



### St Paul's Parish Coburg

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School Principal: Maria Mercuri

Ph: 9354-8970

### MASS TIMES

Wednesday & Friday 10:00am

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)

8:00pm (Neocatechumenal way.

All welcome)

Sunday 9:00am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

**FAMILY MASS – 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEKEND EACH MONTH**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

FACEBOOK PAGE:

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## SACRED SPACE



Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law. The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary. True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life. *(by Dianne Bergant CSA)*

## St. Paul's & St. Oliver's 2026 Sacramental Program

Every Sunday commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2026: 10-11am  
(except term breaks)



A Program to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of:  
Baptism, (First) Reconciliation,  
First Holy Communion & Confirmation

There is a small enrolment fee

At: St Paul's Parish, 562 Sydney Rd, Coburg

9354-1564



[coburg@cam.org.au](mailto:coburg@cam.org.au)

**ACYF PILGRIMS & PARISH YOUTH:** the Festival was just the beginning. Now it's time to reunite. Join us for a retreat on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb with the young Church of Melbourne—a time for prayer, praise and worship, reflection, and sharing where we met Jesus and what's next on our journey as disciples. The day includes Adoration, testimonies, small group conversations, and inspiring voices. All invited. **Register now. Cost:** \$10 (lunch included) **Email:** [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au) **Book here:** <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1534804>

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good  
will. We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us; you take away the  
sins of the world, receive our prayer  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Sirach 15:15-20*

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.*

If you wish, you can keep the  
commandments, to behave faithfully is  
within your power. He has set fire and  
water before you; put out your hand to  
whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;  
whichever a man likes better will be  
given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is  
almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on  
those who fear him, he notes every  
action of man. He never commanded  
anyone to be godless, he has given no  
one permission to sin.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1*

**R. Happy are they who follow the law  
of the Lord!**

1. They are happy whose life is  
blameless, who follow God's law!  
They are happy those who do his  
will, seeking him with all their  
hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm to obey  
your statutes (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider  
the wonders of your law (R.)

4. Teach me the demands of your  
statutes and I will keep them to  
the end.

Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart (R.)

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul  
to the Corinthians*

We have a wisdom to offer those who  
have reached maturity: not a  
philosophy of our age, it is true, still less  
of the masters of our age, which are  
coming to their end. The hidden wisdom  
of God which we teach in our mysteries  
is the wisdom that God predestined to  
be for our glory before the ages began.  
It is a wisdom that none of the masters  
of this age have ever known, or they  
would not have crucified the Lord of  
Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the  
things that no eye has seen and no ear  
has heard, things beyond the mind of  
man, all that God has prepared for those  
who love him.

These are the very things that God has  
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the  
Spirit reaches the depths of everything,  
even the depths of God.

**The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth; you have revealed to little  
ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:17-37*

*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew.*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if  
your virtue goes no deeper than that of  
the scribes and Pharisees, you will never  
get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our  
ancestors: You must not kill; and if  
anyone does kill he must answer for it  
before the court. But I say this to you:  
anyone who is angry with his brother  
will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You  
must not commit adultery. But I say this

to you: if a man looks at a woman  
lustfully, he has already committed  
adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said  
to our ancestors: You must not break  
your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to  
the Lord. But I say this to you: do not  
swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if  
you mean yes, "No" if you mean no;  
anything more than this comes from the  
evil one.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
(All bow during these two lines)  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless this parish that we  
may love you more. Bless us in ways  
that you know best and form us into a  
true community of worship and love.  
Deepen our understanding of your  
message today. Give us especially your  
spirit of love, so that it may touch all  
people with whom we come into  
contact. Encircle our families with your  
loving care and assist parents in their  
role as leaders in faith. To the sick grant  
health, to the aged bring serenity and  
peace, and to those in sadness joy. May  
we grow stronger in faith and our love  
for one another become deeper in our  
daily living.  
Amen.

## ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

### WE PRAY FOR:

**Those who have died:** Mr. SR Sagaya Sargunam, Giovanni Scollo

**Anniversaries:** Giovanna Di Fazio, Connie Mazzarella, Alberto D'Amore, Maria Stella Mancini

**Those who are ill:** Daniel Dowling, Keith Redman, Mary Mobbs, Fiona Edwards, John Moore, Justin & Family, Irene Mary Wymer, Anna Alessi, Trish Lee, John Griffin, Marie Comer, Gim, Anthony, Milana, Carmelo family, Ardith Dowling, Joe Mobbs, Greg Patterson, Alan Holman, Diana Ferrantino, Lorraine Punch, Paul Winston, Charles, Letizia Lauria, Katie Fields, Nunziatina, Anna Nicolazzo, LiRosi family members

### READERS 14/15 Feb 21/22 Feb

**Sat 5:00pm** A. Taglieri (L) & L. Teoh (R) J. Pertile (L) & C. Rowland (R)

**Sun 8:45am** M. Carabott (L) & L. Di Nicola (R) M. Ziccone (L) B. Messina (R)

**10:30am** R. Polastri (L) & R. Cassidy (R) L. Willason (L) & O. Aquino (R)

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Sat 5:00pm** Armando Giaccotto Christine Rowland

**Sun 8:45am** Lina Di Nicola Marta Tamayo

**10:30am** Stuart Harrison Daniela Petrocco

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**Anniversaries:** Alberto D'Amore, Carmela Scoleri, Maria Stella Mancini

**Those Who are ill:** Alice, Mark, Luke & Kate, Andrew Cassidy, Christine Reid, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Derrick Tailford, Carmel Veneziano, Sebastiana De Pietro, Malissa Randich, Millie, Paschaline Mmadike, Mia, Frank Veneziano, Sabello Family, Charles, Maureen McLure

### READERS: 14/15 Feb 21/22 Feb

**Sat 6:30pm** Paul Kennedy William Kennedy

**Sun 9:00am** Alfred Meilak Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano

**10:30am** T Costanzo (SP) & S Stagliano (L) R. Oppendisano (SP) & A D'Amato (L)

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Sat 6:30pm** Alfred Meilak Mary De Marco

**Sun 9:00am** Raf Carnovale Annette Barnes

**10:30am** Giuseppe Schivello Laura Scherma

**ST PAULS 2026 THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES – WED 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

Ash Wednesday is earlier this year on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

**St Pauls Coburg: 9.15am INSTEAD of 10am**

**St Oliver Plunkett Pascoe Vale: 12pm & 7pm**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS – DURING LENT (commencing Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026)

**St Oliver's Pascoe Vale: 9.30am Tues & Thurs**

**St Pauls Coburg: Wed's 9.30am (English), Fridays 9.15am (Italian) & 7pm (English)**

**St Pauls Coburg: Morning Prayer; 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent: 6am weekdays**



Stations of the Cross



**PROJECT COMPASSION**

**Project Compassion Sunday 14–15 of February 2026**

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

**Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) Or by calling: 1800 024 413**

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

**SPECIAL MINISTER OF COMMUNION** Any parishioner who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the office on 9354-1564 or email [coburg@cam.org.au](mailto:coburg@cam.org.au) within the next two weeks. Fr James will announce the date shortly.

L'ASSOCIAZIONE CATTOLICA MOLOCHIESE VI INVITA ALLA CELEBRAZIONE DELLA

**FESTA IN ONORE DI SAN GIUSEPPE**  
CON SANTA MESSA E BENEDIZIONE

**DOMENICA 15 MARZO 2026 NELLA CHIESA DI SAN PAOLO 562 SYDNEY ROAD, COBURG.**

### PROGRAMMA

**2.00pm:** Inizio con il Santo Rosario

**2.30pm:** Celebrazione della Santa Messa.

**3.30pm:** Processione intorno all Chiesa Parroco della Chiesa James Puppady Celebrante James Puppady

Organista e contor Padre Raffaele Rossi

Le confraternite e le associazioni sono invitate a partecipare a questa festa con le loro standardi.

Le funzione religiose si chiuderanno con la Benedizione Eucarista.

La Benedizione e distribuzione dei panini. Dopo le funzione sara servito il rinfresco presso la sala parrocchiale con il complesso Fiesta

Per ulteriore informazione telefonate alla Presidente Fiorentina Romeo. Tel: 0402 446 034 or San Paolo 93541564

*TUTTI BENVENUTI*



**PROGRAM - ENGLISH**

**Feast of St. Joseph Sunday 15th March 2026.**

To be celebrated at St. Paul's Church, 562 Sydney Road, Coburg. Program commences at 2.00pm with the Holy Rosary followed by Holy Mass

*ALL WELCOME*

# ST PAUL'S & ST OLIVER'S WELCOMES YOU TO

## HOLY TRIDUUM 2026



**Way of the Cross**  
**St Paul's Coburg**

**Weekdays During Lent**  
Wed's 9.30am (English),  
Fridays 9.15am (Italian) & 7pm (English)  
Morning Prayer: 6am weekdays

**St Oliver's Pascoe Vale**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am**

**Holy Thursday April 2**  
**St Paul's & St Oliver's**

**7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
followed by Adoration at the  
*Altar of Repose* until 10.00 pm

**Good Friday April 3**  
**St Paul's**

**9.15am** [no Mass] *Fast and Abstinence*  
**10.00am** Way of the Cross in Italian  
Morning Prayer  
**11.00am** Way of the Cross in English  
**3.00pm** Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**7.00pm** Italian Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**St Oliver's**

**11.00am** Way of the Cross  
**3.00pm** Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday**  
**St Paul's**

**April 4 10.00am** [no Confessions]  
Morning Prayer

**Easter Vigil**  
**St Oliver's**  
**St Paul's**

**April 4 5.00pm** Mass of the Resurrection  
**6.30pm** Mass of the Resurrection

**Easter Sunday April 5**  
**St Oliver's**

**8.45am** Easter Mass  
**10.30am** Easter Mass  
**9.00am** Easter Mass English  
**10.30am** Easter Mass Italian

**St Paul's**



## PROGRAMS

### ST PAULS PARISH

#### ADORATION:

First Friday of the month: 10.30am-12:00pm

#### BAPTISMS:

Sundays at 12:00pm by appointment

**FAMILY MASS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend of the Month

#### COMMUNION TO SICK:

Thursdays & Fridays

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sundays 10:00am

**BIBLE STUDY:** Mon 11:00am

**ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP:** Wed 10:30am

**Legion of Mary:** Monday mornings at 10:30am

#### ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2026

Feast of St Anthony 14 June 10:30am

Feast of the Madonna 16 Aug 2026 2:00pm

St Lucy Feast Day 13 Dec 2026 2:00pm

### ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

#### BAPTISMS:

Saturdays 12:00pm (By Appointment)

#### MARRIAGES:

By appointment at least 6 months' notice

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month 10:30am Mass  
(except during school holidays)

**FAMILY MASS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend of the Month  
5pm & 10.30am mass.

**CUPPA IN PARISH CENTRE:** 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the  
month after 5pm & 10.30am mass. Library  
open for borrowing

#### PARISH ACTIVITIES:

##### MONDAY:

**Christian Meditation- Chris Rowland**

7:00pm-8:00pm Parish Centre – 0411 440 746

**TUESDAY: Italian Ladies Prayer Group**

10:00am Meeting Room

**St Vincent de Paul**

4:00pm Parish Centre

(Last Tuesday of the month)

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Tuesday 7:30pm Parish Centre

**WEDNESDAY: Drop-In Centre**

1:00pm-3:00pm Church/Parish Centre

#### A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please let us know that you have joined our  
community and if there is anything we can do for you.  
Are you new to our Parish? \_\_\_\_\_

Need Thanksgiving envelopes? \_\_\_\_\_  
Would like a home visit and house blessing? \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the details below and place in the  
collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_


Address: \_\_\_\_\_

To existing parishioners: if you would like to  
contribute on a regular basis using the envelopes,  
please complete the above. Thank you.

#### CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Oliver's

Online Offerings: ST OLIVERS  
<https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=135>

#### OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Olivers Church A/C:   
BSB: 083-347 ACC: 55158 7979  
Presbytery A/C:  
BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158

#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Collection Thanksgiving \$ 1100.70  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Presbytery \$546.15  
Direct debits January \$2647.45

#### CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Paul's

Online Offerings ST PAULS  
<https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=154>

#### OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Paul's Church A/C Presbytery A/C  
BSB: 083-347 BSB: 083-347  
Acc.: 67541 0884 Acc: 5310 20158

#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection Sacrificial \$ 711.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Presbytery \$ 311.90  
Direct debits January \$859.00

**Safety of Children & all Vulnerable People.** We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people, as a central and fundamental responsibility, of our parishes. The Parish Statement of Commitment and the Reporting Process, are on display in all churches, and all Parish Policies are available, on the website: [cam.org.au/Coburg](http://cam.org.au/Coburg)