



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

*Exodus 17:3-7*

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

**The Word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8*

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

## SECOND READING

*Romans 5:1-2. 5-8*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really

worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See John 4:42. 15*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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## GOSPEL

*John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42*

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

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that

Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

**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:** Nazzario Cheddia

**Anniversaries:** Giuseppe Bellio, Giovanna Ficarra, Giovanni Scollo (1 month)

**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	7 / 8 Mar	14 / 15 Mar
Sat 5:00pm	V. Pertile (L) & J. Pertile (R)	R. Paligaru (L) & L. Teoh (R)
Sun 8:45am	M. Carabott (L) & M. Ziccone (R)	B. Messina (L) & F. Minutolo (R)
10:30am	L. Verduci (L) & B. Watts (R)	M. Temming (L) & S. Bennardo (R)

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm	Pauline Saliba	Livia Bellio
Sun 8:45am	Bob Messina	Flora Minutolo
10:30am	Claude De Francesco	Stuart Harrison

## 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; 6am weekdays during lent



Stations of the Cross

The national journey towards the **International Eucharistic Congress 2028 (Eucharist28)** with Pope Leo has officially begun! As part of the preparation, all parishes are invited to participate in a nationwide Eucharistic adoration Holy Hour on Sunday 1 March 2026 after mass marking the beginning of a Year of Prayer and uniting Catholics across the country in prayer for renewal.

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOLY HOUR TIMES

#### ST PAULS COBURG:

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Mar  
11.30am-12.30pm  
(After 10.30am mass)



### Third Sunday of Lent 7–8 March 2026

**Monoranjon** lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.



## ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

### WE PRAY FOR:

**Those who have died:** Remo Santucciono, Dominic Murrone,

Francesco Inturrisi, Margaret Coelho, Joseph Forti, Teresa Cini

**Anniversaries:** Emidio Spagnuolo, Concetta Malignaggi, Emilia Trilli Giovanni Scollo (1 month), Giovanna Ficarra, Antonietta Condello, Maria D'Angelo,

**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, Sabello Family, Charles, Maureen McLure, Mary

READERS:	7 / 8 Mar	14 / 15 Mar
Sat 6:30pm	George So & Tamesha (FM)	Judy O'Meara
Sun 9:00am	Ellisse & Pablo (FM)	Adria, Daniella & Briarna Dal Col
10:30am	P. Aurora (SP) & GDe Fusco (L)	M Costanzo (SP) & Sam Stagliano (L)

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6:30pm	Mary De Marco	Alfred Meilak
Sun 9:00am	Mary Carnovale	Warren Power
10:30am	Sam Stagliano	Giuseppe Schiavello

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

### 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.

### FAMILY MASS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY MARCH DATES

**ST PAUL'S:** 7/8 March Sat 6.30pm and Sun 9am mass.



On the third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls

the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis' vision of a 'listening Church'. Informed by Vatican II's teaching, the Church is 'a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit'.

**There are three themes about which the church of Melbourne is being invited to discern:**

- young discipleship
- missionary leadership
- formation and participation.

The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at [melbournecatholic.org/synod2026](http://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026).

# 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

**St Paul's**

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



## 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 \$ 1360.80

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 500.00

**Direct debits February** \$2971.75

#### 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

**BSB: 083-347**

**Acc.: 67541 0884**

Presbytery A/C

**BSB: 083-347**

**Acc: 5310 20158**



#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** Sacrificial \$ 800.45

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 400.00

**Direct debits February** \$ 895.00

**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)