

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Lent Year A

1st March 2026

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

FAMILY MASS – 1ST WEEKEND EACH MONTH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00am to 10:30am



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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 – 2ND WEEKEND EACH MONTH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

FACEBOOK PAGE:

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facebook.com/pascoevalecoburg

SACRED SPACE



The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to lo

ok to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

(by Dianne Bergant CSA)

St Oliver Plunkett 2025 Holy Week Volunteers			
Palm Sunday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Reader	Reader	First Reading, Gospels	1st Reading, Gospels
Minister	Minister	Second Reading, Gospels	2nd Reading (English)
Other	Other	Third Reading, Isaiah	Special Minister
Two Special Ministers	Two Special Ministers	Two Special Ministers	Two Special Ministers
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
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28	28	28	28
29	29	29	29
30	30	30	30

The 2026 Holy Week & Easter Roster has now been placed in the church foyer for both parishes. Could all volunteers please fill in their availability by Sunday 22nd March. New volunteers are always welcome. Write your email and phone no. Many Thanks

Alpha Course Fundraiser

CLASSIC CAR MEET

church fundraiser

BBQ & Coffee van

Monday 9th March (Labour Day) 9-12pm

Entry by donation

St Oliver's church car park
Gafney Street, Pascoe Vale

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality

through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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: Faustina Salaris, Gustino Tamburrino
Anniversaries: Fr. John Micalles (4 yrs), Angela Fazzari, Betty Verduci, Concetta & Salvatore Serini, Paola Lenares, Thomas Watts, John Cocomello
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	28 Feb / 1 Mar	7 / 8 Mar
Sat 5:00pm	Mia & Ada (Family Mass)	V. Pertile (L) & J. Pertile (R)
Sun 8:45am	M. Tamayo (L) & C. D'Orazio (R)	M. Carabott (L) & M. Ziccone (R)
10:30am	Panos (Family Mass)	L. Verduci (L) & B. Watts (R)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm	Lucy Teoh	Pauline Saliba
Sun 8:45am	Josephine Mokbel	Bob Messina
10:30am	Nat Palmieri	Claude De Francesco

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – DURING LENT (commencing Thurs 19th 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

NEXT CUPPA AT ST OLIVER PLUNKETT THIS WEEKEND

Family & friends of St Oliver's Parish are invited to enjoy a cuppa & access the library after the 5pm Sat vigil mass 28th Feb & 1 Mar 10.30am Sunday mass

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 OLIVERS PASCOE VALE: Sun 1st March 11.30-12.30pm

ST PAULS COBURG: Sun 8th March 11.30am-12.30pm (After 10.30am morning masses)



Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION
Second Sunday of Lent
 28 February – 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Frank Veneziano, Antonietta Palermo,
Anniversaries: Robert Alicata, Francesco Donia, Giuseppe Mazzeo, Filomena Mazzeo, Philip Demaria, Iole Avenoso, Antonia Calabro, Filippo Dell' Universita, Antonio Dell' Universita, Grazia Luci, Joe Mallia, Antonietta Condello
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:	28 Feb / 1 Mar	7 / 8 Mar
Sat 6:30pm	Phillip Scardilli	George So & Tamesha (Family Mass)
Sun 9:00am	B. Greig & D. Greig	Ellisse & Pablo (Family Mass)
10:30am	Rita Luci (SP) & R. Oppendisano (L)	Peter Aurora (SP) & Gino De Fusco (L)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

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 within the next two weeks.

FAMILY MASS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY MARCH DATES

ST OLIVERS: Sat & Sun 28/1 Mar at 5pm & Sun 10.30am mass

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 1ST THURS & 1ST FRIDAY

Pascoe Vale: 5th March 9am-10am

Coburg: Friday 6th March 10.30am – 12pm

The Combined Societies of Mary Invites Everyone to

Walk With Mary 2026 Sunday 15th March



St Patrick's Cathedral
 2pm Prayers, Holy Mass, City Street Procession

Most Rev. Bishop Rene Ramirez (Main Celebrant)

More Information: www.thecombinedsocietiesofmary.com, Mrs Joy Hunt 95092207

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: 2nd 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

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

FAMILY MASS: 1st Weekend of the Month
5pm & 10.30am mass.

CUPPA IN PARISH CENTRE: 1st 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 \$ 1310.40

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 541.40

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

BSB: 083-347

Acc.: 67541 0884

Presbytery A/C

BSB: 083-347

Acc: 5310 20158



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial \$ 679.05

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 340.00

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