

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday Lent Year C

22/23 March 2025

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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 9am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

FAMILY MASS – 2ND WEEKEND EACH MONTH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

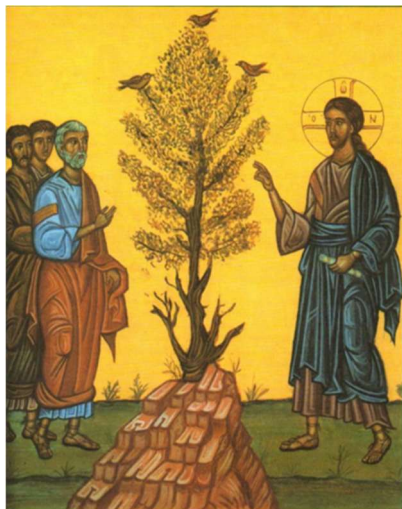
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REFLECTION



In today's Gospel reading, Pope Francis explains, we see that 'Jesus rejects and strongly contests the idea of blaming God' for the world's misfortunes. God does not send disasters to punish people. God is not vindictive, but ever merciful. And we are all called to respond to God's mercy, the Pope says, 'especially during this time of Lent.'

This includes learning how to stop blaming God. We should try to turn our attention to those times when, as the Pope puts it, it is 'our selfishness that tears apart relationships; ... our wrong and violent choices that unleash evil.' We

are called to become the kind of people who can acknowledge our own faults. 'But Jesus knows that conversion is not easy,' the Pope adds, 'and he wants to help us here.' This is why Jesus 'encourages us with a parable that tells of the patience of God.' The fig tree is an obvious symbol for each one of us. 'More time is given to it,' the Pope says, 'another possibility. I like to think', he adds, 'that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility": God always gives us another opportunity.'

Such a chance is here, now. It is up to us to seize it.

ANNUAL PATRICK ORATION 2025

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli delivered the sixth Patrick Oration on Monday 17 March, St Patrick's Day, at the Hotel Windsor in Melbourne. In his address, Archbishop Comensoli spoke of Christ as a revitalising light and of the enduring power of faith, drawing on both



historical and contemporary examples to illustrate how faith acts as a force for transformation. Pointing to promising signs or renewal and hope, he reminds us that 'there is a power of attraction, and of healing—a beautiful hope—which comes to us as we turn our faces to the light of the risen Son of God.' The full speech can be read online: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/patrick-oration-2025>.



EASTER RAFFLE – This Easter the Parish will hold an Easter Raffle. Donations will be greatly appreciated. Baskets will be available in the front of the church, next weekend only, at St Oliver's and St Paul's.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE at St Oliver's, after 5pm and 10.30am Mass on weekend 5th and 6th April, at the front of the Church, along with the usual cuppa in the Parish Centre. We are hoping to raise funds for the ALPHA Course beginning in May. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Sausage in bread \$3 each

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Exodus 3:1-5,13-15*

A Reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow. Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 102*

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. R.

4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. R.

SECOND READING *1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12*

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

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matt 4:17*

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *Luke 13:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more

guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord

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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.

JUBILEE PRAYER 2025

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Sandra Siers, Frank Faraci, Rudy Rupac
Anniversaries: Antonio Vescio, Peter Bolitho, Pasquale Guarino, Domina Dor Del Rosario, Keith Mooney Smith, Mercy Reyes
Those who are ill: Josephine Mokbel, Carmelo & Angelo, Anthony, Gim, Milana, Brenda Watts, Mikayla, Catrina, Lina, Assunta & Family, Mary Mobbs, Stan Mobbs, John Moore, Betty Gallagher, Fiona Edwards, Irene Mary Wymer

Left to right = Leader, Reader

READERS	22/23 March	29/30 March
Sat 5.00pm	C. Rowland, C. Rowland	V. Pertile, L. Teoh
Sun 8.45	B. Messina, F. Minutolo	M. Tamayo, M. Ziccone
10.30am	S. Harrison, E. Monaco	S. Bennardo, M. Rosario-Patterson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	P. Saliba	R. Paligaru
Sun 8.45am	F. Minutolo	J. Mokbel
10.30am	C. De Francesco	M. Temming

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Emilia Giardini, Vincenza La Rocca, Teresa Fisicaro, Rocco D'Agostino
Anniversaries: Giuseppe D'Andrea, Emidio Spagnuolo, Fabio Cirrito, Albina Giamis, Joseph Fenech, Giuseppe & Giuseppina Mascaro, Antonia Tomoro, Franca Sposato, Salvatore Gafi, Maria Colosimo
Those Who are ill: Mary Bonnici, Alexander, Allesandrina, Andrew Cassidy, Christine Reid, Maria Ambesi

READERS:	22/23 March	29/30 March
Sat 6.30pm	William Kennedy	Phil Scardilli
Sun 9.00am	Annette Barnes & Piotr Kardas	Adria, Daniella, Briarna Dal Col
10.30am	Peter Aurora & Gino De Fusco	Anna D'Amato & Rosa Oppendisano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Alfred Meilak	Mary De Marco
Sun 9.00am	Angela Greig	Rosa Touma
10.30am	Laura Scherma	Sam Stagliano

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – DURING LENT

St Oliver's Pascoe Vale: 9.30am Tuesday and Thursday

St Pauls Coburg: Way of the Cross: Wed's 9.30am (English), Fridays 9.15am (Italian) & 7pm (English)

St Pauls Coburg: Morning Prayer; 6am weekdays during Lent



JUBILEE 2025

A YEAR – LONG JOURNEY OF HOPE AND FAITH
 Calendar of Events: St Oliver's & St Paul's Parishes

The Jubilee Year is a year – long spiritual journey, inviting all the faithful to deepen their hope and faith in Christ. As pilgrims we will enter into a spiritual and physical Journey towards renewal and growth in the faith.

In celebrating the Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope, I pray that the Parishes of St Paul's & St Oliver Plunkett's will have encountered the Holy One who reveals his love. Fr James Puppady

Jan	Opening Celebration of the Jubilee Year – St Oliver's 18/19 Jan, St Pauls 25/26 Jan
Feb	Sat 15 th Feb St Oliver's: Sat 22 nd Feb St Paul's: Day of Prayer & Adoration: 10am-4pm Families can organise a charity box at home, it will be collected at the end of the Jubilee year.
Mar	Lenten Retreat Mar 10,11-12th 7-9pm by Vincentian Fathers at St Oliver's Pascoe Vale
Apr	Thursday April 3: Talk & Discussion with Fr. Chris Monaghan, 7:30 PM at St. Oliver's Parish Centre.
May	Thursday May 1: Talk & Discussion with Brother Creevey, 7:00 PM at St. Oliver's.
Jun	Friday June 13: Youth Gathering at St. Oliver's, 6:30 PM.
Jul	Sunday July 20 10.30am: Feast of St. Oliver's, including commissioning of ministers & readers
Aug	Sun August 10, St Oliver's 10.30am Mass celebrating with gratitude: grandparents and the elderly Fri Aug 22: St Pauls Hall: 7pm Evening Prayer & Jubilee Catechesis by Fr Crispin Witika & Fr Joseph Pelle
Sep	Sun 21 st Sept 2pm St Oliver's: Our Lady of Sorrows Feast & for the sick and those in need of healing.
Oct	Sat 25 th Oct 11.30am-2pm: Don Bosco Brunswick: Children & Families Get together
Nov	Friday 7th Nov 7pm St Paul's: Annual Memorial Mass & Jubilee of Remembrance & Consolation
Dec	Sun 7 th Dec St Oliver's 10.30am Mass; Closing Celebration of the Jubilee Year with Bishop Rene Collection of Charity Boxes & helping the Poor & Needy.

During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world! Pope Francis



APRIL Jubilee Event

Making the Most out of Lent

Presentation by Fr Chris Monaghan

- Explore what we are being invited to do as we approach Palm Sunday & Holy Week.
- Where does hope fit into our preparation for Holy Week?
- Taking a new way of looking at the Passion & Death of Jesus...leading us to a new beginning....



Date
Thursday April 3

Time
7.30-8.30PM



ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S
 PARISH CENTRE
 1 LANDELLS RD, PASCOE VALE
 PH: 9354-1564



Fr. Chris Monaghan
 President & Lecturer
 Yarra Theological Union

CONFIRMATION

Let us keep in prayer the St Oliver Plunkett School Children who were confirmed on Friday 21 March 2025. May the Holy Spirit fill and bless them and may they continue to be strengthened in their relationship with God.

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

HOLY TRIDUUM 2025



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 17

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 18

St Paul's

9.15am [no Mass] Fast and Abstinence
Way of the Cross in Italian
10.00am 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 19

10.00am [no Confessions]
Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil

St Oliver's

St Paul's

April 19

5.00pm Mass of the Resurrection
6.30pm Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday April 20

St Oliver's

8.45am Easter Mass
10.30am Easter Mass

St Paul's

9.00am Easter Mass English
10.30am Easter Mass Italian



CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Oliver's

Online Offerings: ST OLIVERS
<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Oliver's Church A/C:

BSB: 083-347

ACC: 55158 7979

Presbytery A/C:

BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Collection Thanksgiving \$ 1073.05

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 500.00

Direct debits FEB \$ 1979.00

CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Paul's

Online Offerings ST PAULS
<https://bit.ly/CDFpayCoburg>

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 \$ 600.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 276.30

Direct debits FEB \$ 1000.00

PROGRAMS

ST PAULS PARISH

ADORATION:

First Friday of the month: 10.30am-12pm

BAPTISMS:

2nd & 4th Sunday's of the Month at 12pm

COMMUNION TO SICK:

Thursdays & Fridays

ANointing OF THE SICK:

2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays 10am

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wed 10.30 am

Legion of Mary: Monday mornings at 10.30.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2025

St Joseph Feast Day 23 Mar 2025 2pm

St Lucy Feast Day 14 Dec 2025 2pm

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

BAPTISMS:

2nd & 4th Saturday's of the Month at 12pm
(By Appointment)

MARRIAGES:

By appointment with at least
6 months notice

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass (except during school holidays)

PARISH ACTIVITIES: MONDAY:

Christian Mediation- Chris Rowland

7-8pm Parish Centre – 0411 440 746

TUESDAY: Italian Ladies Prayer Group

10am 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

1-3pm 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.

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