

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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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

FACEBOOK PAGE:

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SACRED SPACE



At issue in the dialogue between Abraham and God is the extent to which the righteousness of some can off-balance the sinfulness of most others. There is a tension here between communal guilt and innocence and individual guilt and innocence. If the city is guilty, it should be punished. But what if there are innocent individuals in that city? Is it fair that the innocent should suffer along with the guilty? In customary Near Eastern style, Abraham prefaces each of his inquiries with adulation.

However, it is still he who boldly initiates the exchange that probes the nature of divine justice. The account shows that a few can indeed be salvific for many. The psalmist had previously been in dire straits, had called upon the LORD for help, had been heard, and had been inwardly strengthened. The reason for the psalmist's gratitude is God's faithfulness to covenant commitment. This is clear from the presence of technical covenant language, lovingkindness and truth. The temple setting suggests public worship and witness. The psalmist acknowledges that the LORD is exalted, lifted high in glory, yet attentive to those who are humble or of mean estate. The psalmist concludes the prayer of thanksgiving on a note of confidence that God's commitment will endure forever. God is not only faithful to past promises, but will be faithful into the endless future.

In what appears to be baptismal instruction, Paul describes the effects of the triumph of the power of God in the lives of believers as manifested in the resurrection of Christ. He relates Christ's burial in the grave of the earth with the Christian's burial in the waters of baptism. Those baptised have gone down into death with Christ and have been raised with him to a new life which requires a new standard of living. Since they have died, the legal claims of the past are no longer binding. Furthermore, the debt owed because of the transgressions of the past is cancelled. Paul acknowledges circumcision's inability to forgive sin. Only interior faith in Christ can accomplish that. Once an instrument of death, the cross is now the source of life.

This discourse on prayer can be divided into three separate but related segments: the Lord's Prayer (vv.1,4); an example of persistence prayer (vv.5,8); the assurance of being heard (vv.19-13). 'Father' suggests a relationship that is intimate and childlike. This prayer is intended for those who enjoy such a relationship because of Jesus, who called God 'Father' and who now invites his disciples to do the same. The plea for the coming of God's reign is a prayer for eschatological fulfilment. The request for God's forgiveness acknowledges that the one praying has forgiven others. All the petitions point to the continuing need for God in the present struggles of life. This entire discourse encourages the disciples to persevere in prayer. **(REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA)**

NO CONFESSION SATURDAY MORNINGS WHILE FR JAMES IS AWAY

There will be NO ST OLIVER'S SATURDAY MORNING 10AM CONFESSIONS UNTIL SAT 2nd AUGUST 2025. Confession can be arranged by approaching the Priest before or after mass. Thanks for your understanding.

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 *Genesis 18:20-32*

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137:1-3,6-8

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. R.
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. R.
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. R.
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. R.

SECOND READING *Col 2:12-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Rom 8:15bc*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 11:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "'Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.'" He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my

house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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 OLIVERS PARISH CENTRE

ST OLIVER'S HALL HIRE

AVAILABLE
WEEKDAYS &
WEEKENDS
ANYTIME

KITCHEN
TABLES & CHAIRS
TO SEAT 60

1 Landells Rd, Pascoe Vale
\$200 up to 4hrs
\$300 4+ hours



ST PAULS PARISH HALL

ST PAUL'S HALL HIRE

AVAILABLE
WEEKENDS
(EXC. SAT EVENING)

KITCHEN
TABLES & CHAIRS
TO SEAT 80
BATHROOMS

562 Sydney Rd, Coburg
\$350 up to 4hrs
\$450 4+ hours



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	\$ 1056.65
2 nd Collection	Presbytery	\$ 500.00
Direct debits	JUNE	\$ 2390.00

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 st Collection	Sacrificial	\$692.60
2 nd Collection	Presbytery	\$ 305.25
Direct debits	JUNE	\$ 520.00

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

BIBLE STUDY: Mon 11.30am

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wed 10.30 am

Legion of Mary: Monday mornings at 10.30.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2025

Feast of St Anthony 15 June 10.30am

Feast of the Madonna 17 Aug 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 Meditation- 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 PARISIONERS

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