

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

19th April 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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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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SACRED SPACE



The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

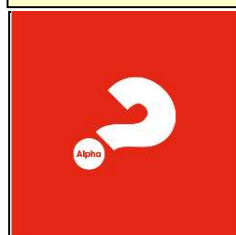
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Congratulations Fr James Puppady on the
33rd Anniversary of your Ordination in the Priesthood
on Saturday 18th April 2026

May God give you every grace and blessing on this very special day as you continue to serve Him and the church.

We praise and thank God for the gift you are to his people.



ALPHA began
Wednesday 15 April at
6:30pm in St Oliver's
Parish Centre, Pascoe
Vale with a great many
in attendance. This

year we are also hosting an Alpha Youth table, so spread the word to the youth as well, it's not too late to come along. It's a relaxed series exploring life, faith and meaning—open to anyone curious. After last year's success, it's back again this year. Register (or just come along on the night). Enquiries Marthese: 0421 815 369



FIRST READING Acts 2:14,22-33

A Reading from the Acts of the apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 15:1-2,7-11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' R.

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. R.
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. R

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter. If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of

them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread. The Gospel of the Lord.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Amalia Masciantonio, Alfreda Lunardi, Lorraine Punch, Diane Bowen

Anniversaries: Margaret Mary Wilson, Vincenzo Pollino, Antonina De Maria, Carmela Pricolo, Rosa Bagnato

Those who are ill: Rosetta Fisicaro, Marie Comer, Gim, Anthony, Milana, Carmelo family, Ardith Dowling, Joe Mobbs, Greg Patterson, Alan Holman, Diana Ferrantino, Paul Winston, Charles, Letizia Lauria, Katie Fields, Nunziatina, Anna Nicolazzo, LiRosi family members, Anna, Mary Mobbs, John Moore, Fiona Edwards

READERS

18/19 April

25/26 April

Sat 5:00pm R. Paligaru (L) L. Teoh (R) A. Taglieri (L) C. Rowland (R)
Sun 8:45am M. Ziccone (L) L. Di Nicola (R) M. Tamayo (L) C. D'Orazio (R)
10:30am L. Willason (L) M. Rossi (R) F. Bucci (L) A. Taglieri (R)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm Pauline Saliba Livia Bellio
Sun 8:45am Flora Minutolo Marta Tamayo
10:30am Emily Monaco Lavinia Verduci

PROJECT COMPASSION: DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES TO THE OFFICE OR FR JAMES

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2026

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFO SESSION

Permanent Diaconate Information Session – 2 May 2026

Open to single and married men (30s–50s) interested in ordained ministry of service. All welcome, including those who've attended before; wives encouraged to attend.

When: Saturday 2 May, 10:00–11:30am

Where: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

To register, email Deacon (Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au) with your name and parish, or simply come along.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TWICE MONTHLY

From May onwards, we will have the regular Eucharistic adoration twice in a month, First Thursday and Third Thursday of the month at St Oliver's Pascoe vale, before mass 9-10am, and First Friday at St Paul's Coburg after mass (10-12pm) and Third Friday of the month (before mass 9-10am). This is in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028.



Eucharistic Minister Course Sat 25th Apr 2.30pm

For those who signed up and or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Fr James is running the Eucharistic Minister Course next Saturday 25th April 2-30-3.30pm at St Pauls Coburg. The commissioning mass date will be advised soon.

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Donatella De Francesco, Giovanni Crocitti, Alessio Lazzarini

Anniversaries: Alberto Gheller (1 Year), Camillo Tampurrino (7 months), Teresa Di Toro (1 month), Francesco Paolo Flammea, Lola and Carlo Duaso, Angela Ali, Maria and Niki Di Girolamo. Donato and Niki Vicenolese, Teresa and Gennaro Gallo, Paolo Cannizzaro, Jan, Miecia and Zyguh, Gaetano Vasques, Rosa Bagnato

Those Who are ill: Susie, Alice, Mark, Luke & Kate, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Derrick Tailford, Sebastiana De Pietro, Malissa Randich, Millie, Alessandrina, Mia, Sabello Family, Charles, Maureen McLure, Anna, Mary Seychell

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Sat 6:30pm Phillip Scardilli Alfred Meilak
Sun 9:00am A. Meilak & C. Dal Col G. Baviera & T. Pugliano
10:30am R. Oppendisano (SP) A. D'Amato (L) Rita Luci (SP) Sam Stagliano (L)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6:30pm Mary De Marco Alfred Meilak
Sun 9:00am Annette Barnes Alfred Meilak
10:30am Giuseppe Schiavello Sam Stagliano

THURS 23RD APRIL MORNING MASS 9.15AM



Please note that Thursday 23rd April morning mass at St Oliver Plunkett Parish will be changed to 9.15am as Fr James is attending a Clergy meeting at 10am.

The Good Shepherd

PRAY FOR OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

 Fr Dominic LAWES	 Fr Rhys LOWTHER	 Fr Nicolas CALANDRA	 Fr Andrew TRAN	 Fr Anthony WRIGHT	 Fr Xavier RYAN
 Fr Patrick HARRIS	 Fr Luke KENNEDY	 Fr Mathews NOBLE	 Fr Rohan PRINCE	 Fr Chinh TRAN	 Fr Liam BUI
 Fr Chris FERNANDO	 Fr Alexander SGRO	 Fr George BECCERA	 Fr Ambrose MESHAN	 Fr Luke ROCHFORD	

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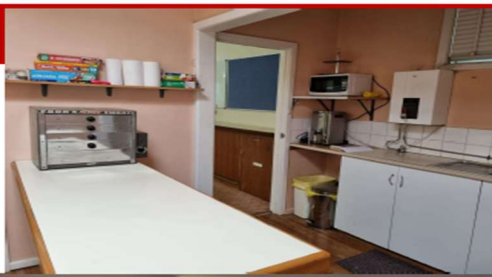
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ST OLIVER'S HALL HIRE

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 \$ 1214.15
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 511.65
Direct debits March \$ 3554.25

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:

1st Collection Sacrificial \$
2nd Collection Presbytery \$
Direct debits March \$ 1076.00

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.

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