

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13*

A reading from the first book of Samuel
The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me. In the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING *Ephesians 5:8-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See John 4:42. 15*

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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GOSPEL *John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not

keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped 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.

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 Ceddia,
Anniversaries: George Paligaru, Maria Cavaliere
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, Anna

READERS	14 / 15 Mar	21 / 22 Mar
Sat 5:00pm	R. Paligaru (L) & L. Teoh (R) A. Taglieri (L) & C. Rowland (R)	
Sun 8:45am	B. Messina (L) & F. Minutolo (R)	M. Carabott (L) L. Di Nicola (R)
10:30am	M. Temming (L) & S. Bennardo (R)	S. Harrison (L) & R. Cassidy (R)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm	Livia Bello	Angela Taglieri
Sun 8:45am	Flora Minutolo	Marta Tamayo
10:30am	Stuart Harrison	Daniela Petrocco

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Francesco Inturrisi
Anniversaries: Camillo Tamburrino (6 mths), Phil Chalmers, Nonna Rosina
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, Anna


READERS:	14 / 15 Mar	21 / 22 Mar
Sat 6:30pm	Judy O'Meara	Paul De Losa
Sun 9:00am	A. Daniella & B. Dal Col	A. Barnes & P. Kardas
10:30am	M Costanzo (SP) & S. Stagliano (L)	R. Oppendisano (SP) & A. D'Amato (L)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6:30pm	Alfred Meilak	Mary De Marco
Sun 9:00am	Warren Power	Angela Greig
10:30am	Giuseppe Schiavello	Laura Scherma

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

EASTER RAFFLE Donations for St Oliver's raffle would be greatly appreciated by next weekend 21st/22nd March. Raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday after the 10.30am Mass at St Oliver's. Winners notified by phone if not present. Tickets now on sale after each Mass. 3 Tickets \$5 – 1 Ticket \$2. Proceeds towards ALPHA program.



ALPHA starts in our parish on Wednesday 15th April, in St Oliver's Parish Centre, Pascoe Vale at 6.30pm. It is a series of videos and conversations focused on the questions of life, faith and meaning. It is a non-judgemental and open environment where it's easy for anyone who is simply curious about faith to explore questions of life with new friends. After a successful ALPHA program last year, we are pleased to be able to offer it again this year. Registrations begin this weekend and each weekend leading to Easter. Please fill in registration sheet provided at the back of the church.

SPECIAL MINISTER OF COMMUNION Fr James will be running the Eucharistic Minister workshop on Sat 25th April at 2.30pm-3.30pm at St Pauls Coburg for those who are interested. Commissioning mass date TBA.



What is a Synod?

A Synod is a moment when the Church deliberately pauses to listen, pray, and discern together. It is not simply a meeting or a conference, but a spiritual process rooted in faith that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church today. In a Synod, we ask not only "What do we think?" but more importantly, "What is God asking of us at this moment in our mission?"

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. Further information can be accessed at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent 14–15 March 2026

Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

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



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:

Collection Thanksgiving \$ 1134.95

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 500.00

Direct debits February \$2971.75

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial \$ 764.65

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 390.00

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