

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

2nd Aug 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



Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

MELBOURNE SYNOD – NEXT MEETING WED 5 AUGUST 7PM

Wednesday 5 August, 7.00pm at St Oliver's Parish Centre. Your voice matters as together we listen to one another and to the Spirit of God in our midst.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR JAMES PUPPADY 2ND AUG

Happy Birthday, Fr. James! May this new year of your life be filled with countless blessings, cherished moments, and the joy of God's presence every day.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you." — Num 6:24-25

With prayers and best wishes,

Happy Birthday and God bless you abundantly! 🎂 🙏

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday **15 Aug** is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. All parishioners are encouraged to join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass Times: St Oliver Plunkett's, Pascoe Vale

Fri 14 Aug 12pm (with primary school children) &

Sat 15 Aug 10am mass. As we honour Mary, assumed body and soul into heavenly glory, let us give thanks for her faith and seek her intercession for our parish and families.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." (Luke 1:46)



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are
thirsty; though you have no money,
come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not
bread, your wages on what fails to
satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have
good things to eat and rich food to
enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and
your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting
covenant out of the favours promised
to David.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

***R. The hand of the Lord feeds us: he
answers all our needs.***

1. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion, slow to anger,
abounding in love. How good is the
Lord to all, compassionate to all his
creatures. (R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to
you and you give them their food in
due time. You open wide your
hand, grant the desires of all who
live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and
loving in all his deeds. He is close to
all who call him, call on him from
their hearts. (R.)

SECOND READING *Romans 8:35. 37-39*

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to
the Romans.*

Nothing can come between us and the
love of Christ, even if we are troubled
or worried, or being persecuted, or
lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These
are the trials through which we
triumph, by the power of him who
loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death
nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing
that exists, nothing still to come, not
any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between
us and the love of God made visible in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 4:4*

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on
every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 14:13-21*

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.*

When Jesus received the news of John
the Baptist's death he withdrew by
boat to a lonely place where they
could be by themselves. But the
people heard of this and, leaving the
towns, went after him on foot. So as
he stepped ashore he saw a large
crowd; and he took pity on them and
healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples
went to him and said, 'This is a lonely
place, and the time has slipped by; so
send the people away, and they can go

to the villages to buy themselves some
food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need
for them to go: give them something
to eat yourselves.' But they answered,
'All we have with us is five loaves and
two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he
said. He gave orders that the people
were to sit down on the grass; then he
took the five loaves and the two fish,
raised his eyes to heaven and said the
blessing. And breaking the loaves he
handed them to his disciples who gave
them to the crowds. They all ate as
much as they wanted, and they
collected the scraps remaining, twelve
baskets full. Those who ate numbered
about five thousand men, to say
nothing of women and children.

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 so 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: Morris Cutajar

Anniversaries: Filomena Caia, Rosa Salzone, Paul Vescio, Gertrude Watts

Those who are ill: Fr. Brendan Lane, Mary Mobbs, John Moore, Fiona Edwards, Giovanna Esposito, Antony & Family, Anna Alessi, Margaret Mary O'Flynn, Irene Wymer, Trish Lee, Joe Mobbs, Daniel Dowling, Paul and family, Wendy Cahill, Therese Farrugia, Azariah Harb

READERS: 01/02 Aug 08/09 Aug

Sat 5:00pm V. Pertile (L); Ada & Alessia (R) C. Rowland (L); A. Taglieri (R)

Sun 8:45am M. Carabott (L) M. Ziccone (R) B. Messina (L) F. Minutolo (R)

10:30am M. Temming (L) Panos (R) T. Baltatzis (L) M. Temming (R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm Olivia Bellio Rosemary Paligaru

Sun 8:45am Flora Minutolo Mary Carabott

10:30am Silvana Bennardo Daniela Petrocco

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Orlando Mattei, Maria Tavella, Carmelo Ruggiero, Rosetta Tantuccio

Anniversaries: Mary Tabone, Damiano & Concetta Labombarda, Carmelo & Maria Tomasello, Domato & Anna Vicendese, Vince & Frank Avenoso, Concetto Rizzo (1 month)

Those Who are ill: Fr. Brendan Lane, Alice, Mark, Luke & Kate, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Millie, Alessandrina, Mia, Sabello Family, Charles, Anna, Mary Seychell, Fr Noel Bianco, the People of Enerhodar & the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Rafalina De Donato

READERS: 01/02 Aug 08/09 Aug

Sat 6:30pm Alfred Meilak George So & Samantha

Sun 9:00am Adria, Daniella & Briarna Dal Col Family Mass

10:30am M. Costanzo (SP) S. Stagliano (L) R. Oppendiano (SP) A. D'Amato (L)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6:30pm Alfred Meilak Mary De Marco

Sun 9:00am Raf Carnovale Annette Barnes

10:30am Laura Scherma Sam Stagliano

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AUG 2026 DATES

St Oliver's Pascoe Vale: 1st Thurs of the month: 6th Aug and 3rd Thurs of the month 20th Aug before mass 9-10am

St Pauls Coburg: 1st Friday of the month: 7th Aug 10.30am-12pm and 3rd Friday of the month: 21st Aug before mass 9-10am. In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028.



CUPPA AFTER MASS AT ST OLIVER'S THIS WEEKEND

Family & friends of St Oliver's Parish are invited to enjoy a cuppa and access the library after the 5pm Saturday vigil mass 1st Aug and 10.30am Sunday mass 2nd Aug.

FAMILY MASS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY AUG DATES

Family Mass & Children's Liturgy for Aug is ST OLIVERS: Sat & Sun 1/2nd Aug at 5pm & 10.30am, and ST PAUL'S: 8/9 Aug, Sat 6.30pm and Sun 9am mass.

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

NVAW Week - 2 August National Vocations Awareness

Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us

St Paul's & St Oliver's

Parish Dinner

Northern Golf Club, 97 Glenroy Rd, Glenroy

Fri Oct 16, 2026 • 6pm for 6.30pm start

Adults: **\$75**
Children Under 12: **\$35**

- 3 course meal
- DJ & Surprise Dance Recital
- Drinks at bar prices

RAFFLE

Raffle tickets can be purchased on the night.



Raffle prizes include hampers, gift cards and jewellery.



Book now at trybooking.com/dogev



*Faith
Community
Celebration*
❤️

*Together
in Faith,
United in
Love.*

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 \$ 1543.60

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 703.00

Direct debits June \$ 3334.75

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 \$

2nd Collection Presbytery \$

Direct debits June \$ 1085.75

PROGRAMS

ST PAUL'S 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 Madonna Della Quercia

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)

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