

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Ascension of the Lord Year A, Year A

17th May 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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MASS TIMES

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 feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

MOTHERS OF ST OLIVERS & ST PAULS PARISHES LAST WEEKEND



Thank you to all the mothers who attended and received a blessing and gift last weekend for Mother's Day. We apologise for the shortage of gifts — thankfully, this was due to a wonderful increase in the number of mothers attending this year compared to previous years! For those who missed out, additional gifts will be available **next Sunday, 24 May.**

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

Acts 1:1-11

*A Reading from the Acts of the
apostles.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I
dealt with everything Jesus had done
and taught from the beginning until
the day he gave his instructions to
the apostles he had chosen through
the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to
heaven. He had shown himself alive
to them after his Passion by many
demonstrations: for forty days he
had continued to appear to them
and tell them about the kingdom of
God. When he had been at table
with them, he had told them not to
leave Jerusalem, but to wait there
for what the Father had promised. 'It
is' he had said 'what you have heard
me speak about: John baptised with
water but you, not many days from
now, will be baptised with the Holy
Spirit.'

Now having met together, they
asked him, 'Lord, has the time
come? Are you going to restore the
kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is
not for you to know times or dates
that the Father has decided by his
own authority, but you will receive
power when the Holy Spirit comes

on you, and then you will be my
witnesses not only in Jerusalem but
throughout Judaea and Samaria, and
indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while
they looked on, and a cloud took him
from their sight. They were still
staring into the sky when suddenly
two men in white were standing
near them and they said, 'Why are
you men from Galilee standing here
looking into the sky? Jesus who has
been taken up from you into heaven,
this same Jesus will come back in the
same way as you have seen him go
there.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 46*

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of
joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to
God with shouts of joy! For the
Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. R
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the
Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth, sing
praise with all your skill. God is king
over the nations; God reigns on his
holy throne. R

SECOND READING

Eph 1:17-23

*A reading from the letter to the
Ephesians.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of glory, give you a
spirit of wisdom and perception of
what is revealed, to bring you to full
knowledge of him. May he enlighten
the eyes of your mind so that you
can see what hope his call holds for
you, what rich glories he has
promised the saints will inherit and
how infinitely great is the power that
he has exercised for us believers.
This you can tell from the strength of
his power at work in Christ, when he
used it to raise him from the dead
and to make him sit at his right hand,
in heaven, far above every
Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or
Domination, or any other name that
can be named not only in this age

but also in the age to come. He has
put all things under his feet and
made him, as the ruler of everything,
the head of the Church; which is his
body, the fullness of him who fills
the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19-20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of
the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matt 28:16-20

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

The eleven disciples set out for
Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus
had arranged to meet them. When
they saw him they fell down before
him, though some hesitated. Jesus
came up and spoke to them. He said,
'All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me. Go, therefore,
make disciples of all the nations;
baptise them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, and teach them to observe all
the commands I gave you. And know
that I am with you always; yes, to the
end of time.'

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.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Sandra Garrett, Oswald Denny, Brendan Blackstock

Anniversaries: Joe Rambaldo, P.D. Paul, Jack Hardy, Kathleen Raleigh McMahon, Ray McMahon

Those who are ill: Letizia Lauria, Katie Fields, Nunziatina, Anna Nicolazzo, LiRosi family members, Anna & Family, Mary Mobbs, John Moore, Fiona Edwards, Giovanna Esposito, Antony & Family, Rosetta Fisicaro, Anna Alessi, Margaret Mary O'Flynn, Irene Wymer

READERS: 16/17 May 23/24 May

Sat 5:00pm V. Pertile (L) J. Pertile (R) R. Paligaru (L) L. Teoh (R)

Sun 8:45am M. Carabott (L) L. Di Nicola (R) M. Ziccone (L) B. Messina (R)

10:30am E Monaco (L) S Bennardo (R) M Temming (L) B Watts (R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm Armando Giaccotto Christine Rowland

Sun 8:45am Lina Di Nicola Marta Tamayo

10:30am Brenda Watts Anna Cocomello

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Giovanna Di Stefano, Michael Marino

Anniversaries: Camillo Tamburrino (8 mths), Maria Veneziano, Concetta Rogato, Giuseppina Conforto, Carmela Accardo, Rosa Caruso, Salvatore Maio, Salvatore, Vincenzo Aparo, Carmela Cappello, Neil Campbell, Santa Montesano, Iole Avenoso

Those Who are ill: Alice, Mark, Luke & Kate, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Millie, Alessandrina, Mia, Sabello Family, Charles, Anna, Mary Seychell

READERS: 16/17 May 23/24 May

Sat 6:30pm Tamesha Raj Paul Kennedy

Sun 9:00am A. Daniella & B. Dal Col A. Barnes & P. Kardas

10:30am R Oppendisano (SP) A D'Amato (L) Rita Luci (SP) S. Stagliano (L)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6:30pm Mary De Marco Alfred Meilak

Sun 9:00am Angela Greig Rosa Touma

10:30am Giuseppe Schiavello Laura Scherma

WORKING BEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fr James would like to organise a working bee, and we are seeking volunteers to help. If you are able to assist, please consider signing up and giving a little of your time to support the parish. Volunteer sheets are available at the back of the church.



PARISH DINNER – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2026 Parish Dinner will take place on Friday 16th October 2026. More details to follow. Save the date! Volunteers are needed to assist with organising the dinner, if you would like to get involved, please call Tina on 0417-512-897

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL

This winter, you can help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness to get the support they need. Donate to the Vinnies Winter Appeal 13 18 12 vinnies.org.au

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT 2026

The Annual Parish Mass count is taking place in May

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MAY 2026 DATES

St Oliver's Pascoe Vale: Thurs of the month 21st May before mass 9-10am

In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028.



CHILD SAFETY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking volunteers from each parish to join the Parish Child Safety Committee. The committee meets three times a year, and the role involves minimal time and effort while helping support a safe and welcoming parish community for all. If you are interested, please speak to Fr James after Mass.



PRIMARY SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Please keep the children of our parish schools in your prayers as they celebrate important Sacraments. St Paul's School children will celebrate their First Reconciliation on 19 May, and St Oliver's School children will celebrate their First Holy Communion on 31 May. May God bless them.

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Franciscus

CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS WILL BE HOSTING A

2-DAY CONFERENCE

TO CELEBRATE THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS TO REFLECT UPON AND SHARE ABOUT THE AMAZING LIFE AND ENDURING LEGACY OF THIS GREAT SAINT.

30-31 MAY 2026

ST ANTHONY'S CAPUCHIN FRIARY CHURCH
182 POWER STREET HAWTHORN VIC 3122

TO REGISTER

GRANDPARENTS MASS

St Oliver's Tuesday 21st May 10am morning mass has been **changed to 9.15am** as the primary school will be joining the parish for Grandparents Day. ALL WELCOME

Grandparents' Mass



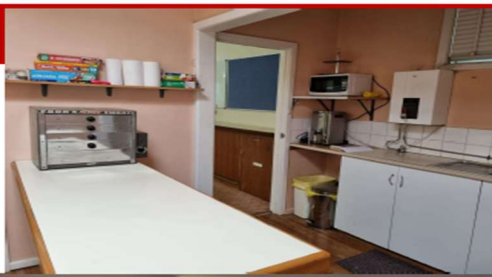
ST OLIVERS PARISH CENTRE

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 \$ 1415.55
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 517.65
Direct debits April \$ 3430.00

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 Presbytery A/C
BSB: 083-347 BSB: 083-347
Acc.: 67541 0884 Acc: 5310 20158



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial \$ 645.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 321.55
Direct debits April \$ 976.75

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