

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

20th July 2025

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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



The reading from Genesis follows a classic story form well known in the ancient Near East. Heavenly beings in human guise receive hospitality from simple people and reward them with the announcement of a future birth of a child. Israel made use of this story to tell

of God's promise of a child to Abraham. Sarah's significance in the story is clear. She is named rather than merely identified as Abraham's wife. Furthermore, the child is identified as her son not Abraham's. Obviously this woman will play an important role in the life of the child. All of this points to the extraordinary nature of the yet unborn child. The psalm addresses the question of the moral fitness required for standing in the divine presence. The requirements, communal in nature, require that one live virtuously with others. 'Walk' denotes a way of life rather than individual actions. The foundation of this way of life is righteousness or justice, a characteristic of God. Whatever conforms to God's norm is considered righteous. In the human sphere it takes on the meaning of justice. Such faithfulness is not merely external conformity; it originates in one's innermost being. What follows are examples of concrete behaviour in everyday life, particularly in economic matters. The psalm ends with a promise of blessing for those who live with others in this righteous manner. They will know peace and security. Paul believes that his sufferings fill up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ's body (the church). He does not mean that the sufferings of Jesus were in any way lacking in their atoning efficacy. Rather, he believes that, joined to Jesus, his own sufferings have merit and are part of the sufferings that inaugurate the messianic age. This is why Paul can claim to rejoice in his sufferings, regardless of the agony he might be enduring. He also considers the doctrine of salvation to the Gentiles a mystery hidden for ages. According to Paul, all those baptised are transformed in Christ; they are the saints. Having tasted the glory of Christ at the time of their baptism, they await in hope the fullness of that glory. The scene depicted in the gospel is quite extraordinary. The house belongs to Martha, and she is the one who welcomes Jesus. She fulfils the customary responsibilities of hospitality. Mary is seated at Jesus' feet, the customary place of a disciple, and she is listening to his words, a technical phrase that connotes either the fundamental proclamation of the good news or instruction that flows from it. Though both sisters are faithful disciples of Jesus, one listening to his word and the other performing service, Mary is said to have chosen the better part, which is immediate attention to Jesus. This attentiveness will eventually express itself in appropriate service. **(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 18:1-10

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 14:2-5

R. *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. R.

2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. R.

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

SECOND READING

Col 1:24-28

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

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.' Amen.

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.

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 OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Lina Parente, Santo Rossitto

Anniversaries: Diosdado Jala, Felomina Jala, Sestino Cerra, Nunzia Di Maria, Mary Bordonaro, Carmela Tabacco

Those who are ill: Palma Nicolaci, Anna Prinzi, Mark, Vince, Philly, Jonathan, Paschalina, Genenieve, Micah, Zita, Daniel Dowling, Keith Redman, Mary & Stan Mobbs, Fiona Edwards, John Moore, Justin & Family, Irene Mary Wymer, Anna Alessi, Grace, Lim, Trish Lee

READERS

19/20 July

26 / 27 July

Sat 5.00pm C Rowland (L), A Taglieri (R) L Teoh (L), C Rowland (R)

Sun 8.45am M Tamayo (Leader) B. Messina (Leader) & C D'Orazio (Reader) M. Ziccone (Reader)

10.30am. E Monaco (Leader) & S Bennardo (Leader) & S. Harrison (Reader) T. Baltatzis (Reader)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm C Rowland P. Saliba

Sun 8.45am R. Vargas J Mokbel

10.30am M Temming A. Cocomello



AN EVENING WITH

MICHAEL MCGIRR

The Never Ending Journey of Hope

Michael McGirr is an acclaimed Australian author, reviewer and educator. He has been published in *The New York Times*, *The Tablet* and major Australian newspapers.

Michael has written books on philosophy, literature, spirituality and ethics. His bestselling works include *Things You Get for Free*, *Bypass*, *Snooze: The Lost Art of Sleep*, and *Ideas to Save Your Life*. Michael's popular spiritual reflections include *Doorways into Hope and Joy* and *This Cup We Bless*.

Michael is currently the Mission Director at Caritas Australia. He is a dynamic and entertaining speaker with deep insight into modern life and spirituality.

Please join us for this exciting night.

This is a **FREE** Jubilee Year event.

Hosted by the Catholic partnership parishes of Northcote, Thornbury, Alphington and Thornbury East.

Refreshments will be served after Michael's talk



When: Thursday 31 July 7.30 pm

Where: The MacKillop Room.

St Anthony's Primary School.

Austin St, Alphington.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/DDGAB> Or call the parish office on (03) 9484 2907

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Brian Gerard Conway, Francesco Torre, Santo Rossitto, Concetina Amenta, Carmela Portelli, Mario Bailo, Walter Carbone, Bertilla Sponton

Anniversaries: Iole Avenoso, Arcangelo Avenos, Vincent Avenoso, Alessandro D'Amato, James Zagopolos, Peter Sortino, Charlotte Dawson, Dino Polimino, Mario Stibilj

Those Who are ill: Mary Bonnici, Alexander, Allesandrina, Andrew Cassidy, Christine Reid, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Kate, Luke, Mark, Alice, Derrick Tailford, Carmel Veneziano, Everton Buultjens, Sebastiana De Pietro, Malissa Randich

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Sat 6.30pm Judy O'Meara

Paul De Losa

Sun 9.00am A Barnes & P Kardas

Adria, D & B Dal Col

10.30am Anna D'Amato & Rosa Oppendisano

T/M Costanzo & Sam Stagliano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm Mary De Marco

Alfred Meilak

Sun 9am Patrick Baviera

Raf Carnovale

10.30am Sam Stagliano

Giuseppe Schivello

Sister GERALDINE LARKINS rsj

on SUNDAY JULY 20th 10am

CELEBRATING OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS TOGETHER

JOIN US FOR SISTER GERALDINE'S PRESENTATION BEFORE MASS

St Oliver's and St Paul's Parish Jubilee Program continues, as we celebrate the ministry of service which our Eucharistic Ministers, Nursing Home/Parish Visitation and all other Parish Volunteers contribute to our community.

Sr Geraldine is a teacher, psychologist, and member of the Regional Leadership Team of the Sisters of St Joseph (Vic/Tas). With a PhD in Educational Psychology and deep research in children's faith formation, Sr Geraldine will reflect on Mary MacKillop's ministry—its challenges, opportunities, and lasting impact on Australia.

A talented vocalist, Sr Geraldine—who performed in Rome during Mary MacKillop's canonisation—will incorporate hymns and songs into her presentation and Mass. Afterward, all are warmly invited to the Parish Center for a cuppa and light refreshments with Sr Geraldine. We look forward to seeing you there!

ST OLIVER'S CHURCH PASCOE VALE



Sun July 20th at 10.00am
St Oliver's Church
before 10.30 am Mass
Dr Geraldine Larkins ,
a sister of St Joseph, the
Religious Order of Sisters
founded by Saint Mary
MacKillop

NEXT CUPPA AT ST OLIVER PLUNKETT NEXT WEEKEND

Family & friends of St Oliver's Parish are invited to enjoy a cuppa and access the library after the 5pm Saturday vigil mass 2nd Aug and 10.30am Sunday mass 3rd Aug.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 1ST THURS & 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Pascoe Vale: Thurs 31st July 9am-10am before 10am mass Coburg: Friday 1st Aug: 10.30am – 12pm

STORIES OF THE CITY



26 JULY

OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE

Catholic Theological College will open its doors to the public as part of the 2025 Open House Melbourne Weekend

Mr Greg Burgess, the architect of the building, will be onsite between 10 am – 12 pm.

Date: Saturday, 26 July 2025

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

Time: 9 am – 3 pm

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	\$ 1266.25
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	\$ 508.00
2 nd Collection	Presbytery	\$ 300.00
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

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

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.