

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday Lent Year C

29/30 March 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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REFLECTION



In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives. © Dianne Bergant CS

St Oliver Plunkett 2025 Holy Week Volunteers			
Palm Sunday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Reader: _____	Reader: _____	First Reading: Genesis	2 nd Reading: Luke
Leader: _____	Leader: _____	Second Reading: Exodus	3 rd Reading: (English)
Narrator: _____	Narrator: _____	3 rd Reading: (English)	Special Minister: _____
Two Special Ministers	Two Cross-Bearers	Word Reading: Isaiah	Special Minister: _____
2	2	2	2
Holy Thursday			
Reader: _____	Two Readers: Solemn Introit	Fourth Reading: Romans	Reader: _____
Leader: _____	Two Special Ministers	Two Special Ministers	Two Special Ministers
2	2	2	2
If possible for members of the Holy Week group, please fill in this table.			
Name: _____			
Address: _____			
Phone: _____			
Email: _____			

The 2025 Holy Week & Easter Roster has now been placed in the church foyer for both parishes. Could all volunteers please fill in their availability by Sunday 6th April. New volunteers are always welcome. Many Thanks

BIBLE STUDY – ST PAULS COBURG: Monday's 11.30am starting 28th April

A Bible Study program is commencing at St Paul's Coburg on Mondays only at 11.30am from 28th April. It is a study and refecton on the Gospel's starting with the Gospel of St Mark. All those who would like to join are most welcome to attend from both parishes. Any further information, contact parish office 9354-1564 coburg@cam.org.au

SAUSAGE SIZZLE at St Oliver's, next weekend 5th and 6th April after the Sat 5pm and Sun 10.30am Mass, held at the front of the Church, along with the usual cuppa in the Parish Centre. We are hoping to raise funds for the ALPHA Course beginning in May. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Sausage in bread \$3 each.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DORA & FRANCESCO INTURRISI ON THEIR 67TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEKEND!



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Joshua 5:9-12*

A Reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 33:2-7*

R. Taste & see the goodness of the Lord

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips; in the
Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. R
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered
me; from all my terrors he set me
free. R.
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed. This
poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.
R.

SECOND READING *2 Cor 5:17-21*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the

appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Luke 15:18*

Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father
and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven
and against you.

Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

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

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no

longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'" The Gospel of the Lord

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: Antonio Nicolaci, Maijo Antony
Anniversaries: Angela Faazari (1 month), Antonio Vescio, Peter Bolitho,
Those who are ill: Josephine Mokbel, Carmelo & Angelo, Anthony, Gim, Milana, Brenda Watts, Mikayla, Catrina, Lina, Assunta & Family, Mary Mobbs, Stan Mobbs, John Moore, Betty Gallagher, Fiona Edwards, Irene Mary Wymer, Paul Winston

Left to right = Leader, Reader

READERS	29/30 March	5/6 April
Sat 5.00pm	V. Pertile, L. Teoh	A. Taglieri, W. Cahill
Sun 8.45	M. Tamayo, M. Ziccone	B. Messina, C. D'Orazio
10.30am	S. Bennardo, M. Rosario-Patterson / O. Aquino & F. Bucci	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:		
Sat 5.00pm	R. Paligaru	P. Saliba
Sun 8.45am	J. Mokbel	M. Carabott
10.30am	M. Temming	J. Braganza

ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL ANNUAL CHRISM MASS 2025

You are invited to join the annual Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tue 15 April 10am. In this ancient and beautiful liturgy, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, & Melbourne's priests, will bless the oils being used in the sacraments for the year ahead.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated towards the raffle especially Anthony Cianflone, State Labor MP's generous hamper. Tickets are on sale this weekend and the following two weekends. Winners will be drawn on Palm Sunday after the 10.30am Mass at St Olivers. Please support this Raffle as proceeds go towards hosting ALPHA. **One ticket for \$5 or three for \$10.**

We congratulate all the children from St Paul's & St Oliver's Primary Schools that celebrated their First Holy Communion & Reconciliation and may God Bless them on this special sacramental occasion!

**SOLENN E LITURGIA
 PASSIONE DI NOSTRO SIGNORE
 VENERDI' SANTO 2025
 7.00PM CHIESA DI SAN PAOLO
 562 SYDNEY ROAD, COBURG**

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Emilia Giardini, Majio Antony
Anniversaries: Vittorio Greco, Loricordono Sempre, Tina & Figli, Romeo Family, Trimarchi Family, Antonio Comande, Ennio Volpe, Maria, Nicola, Rocco, Vince Tallarico, Luigi Marcon, Rosa, Govani Lazzara,
Those Who are ill: Mary Bonnici, Alexander, Allesandrina, Andrew Cassidy, Christine Reid, Maria Ambesi

READERS: 29/30 March 5/6 April

Sat 6.30pm	Phil Scardilli	Alfred Meilak
Sun 9.00am	Adria, Daniella, Briarna Dal Col	Angela Greig & Warren Power
10.30am	Anna D'Amato & Rosa Oppendisano	T/M Costanzo & Sam Stagliano
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:		
Sat 6.30pm	Mary De Marco	Alfred Meilak
Sun 9.00am	Rosa Touma	Patrick Baviera
10.30am	Sam Stagliano	Giuseppe Schivello

NEXT CUPPA AT ST OLIVER PLUNKETT PARISH 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 5th April and 10.30am Sunday mass 6th April Takes place on the 1st weekend of each month.

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

Pascoe Vale: Thurs 3rd April 9am-9.30am then way of the Cross at 9.30am
Coburg: Friday 4th April: 10.30am – 12pm



YOU'RE INVITED

Alpha is a safe space where you can ask questions about life, faith and meaning. Right now, a seat at the Table has been prepared for you.

Commencing date: Wed 7th May 2025 @ 6.30pm
 Where: St Oliver Plunkett, Pascoe Vale, Parish Centre
 To Register Contact: Paul 0408 680 976 - paul@gasgep.com.au

ST PAUL'S & ST OLIVER'S WELCOMES YOU TO

HOLY TRIDUUM 2025



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 17
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 18
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 19 10.00am [no Confessions]
Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil

St Oliver's April 19
St Paul's

5.00pm Mass of the Resurrection
6.30pm Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday April 20
St Oliver's

8.45am Easter Mass
10.30am Easter Mass

St Paul's

9.00am Easter Mass English
10.30am Easter Mass Italian



CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Oliver's

Online Offerings: ST OLIVERS
<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Oliver's Church A/C:

BSB: 083-347

ACC: 55158 7979

Presbytery A/C:

BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Collection Thanksgiving \$ 1778.35

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 621.95

Direct debits FEB \$ 1979.00

CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Paul's

Online Offerings ST PAULS
<https://bit.ly/CDFpayCoburg>

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 \$ 853.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 323.00

Direct debits FEB \$ 1000.00

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

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wed 10.30 am

Legion of Mary: Monday mornings at 10.30.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2025

St Joseph Feast Day 23 Mar 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 Mediation- 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

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