

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

23rd 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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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 readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah. When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer? Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were — good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable. **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

— JESUS YOUTH —

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Contact: **ANTHONY BALTATZIS**
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NO 10AM CONFESSION

for next four
Saturday
mornings at St
Oliver
Plunkett's
Church Pascoe
Vale. You can
request
confession
before or after
mass.
Saturday 10am
confessions will
resume on Sat
19th Sept 2026.

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 22:19-23

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137:1-3,6, 8. R. v. 8

***R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not
forsake the work of your hands.***

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my
mouth. Before the angels I will
bless you. I will adore before your
holy temple. R.
2. I thank you for your faithfulness
and love, which excel all we ever
knew of you. On the day I called,
you answered; you increased the
strength of my soul. R.
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the
Lowly and the haughty he knows
from afar. Your love, O Lord, is
eternal, discard not the work of
your hands. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 11:33-36

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

How rich are the depths of God – how
deep his wisdom and knowledge – and
how impossible to penetrate his
motives or understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the
Lord? Who could ever be his
counsellor? Who could ever give him
anything or lend him anything? All
that exists comes from him; all is by
him and for him. To him be glory for
ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church; the gates of hell will
not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:13-20

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

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say
the Son of Man is?' And they said,
'Some say he is John the Baptist, some
Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of
the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who
do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter
spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said,
'the Son of the living God.' Jesus

replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a
happy man! Because it was not flesh
and blood that revealed this to you
but my Father in heaven. So I now say
to you: You are Peter and on this rock
I will build my Church. And the gates
of the underworld can never hold out
against it. I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven: whatever you
bind on earth shall be considered
bound in heaven; whatever you loose
on earth shall be considered loosed in
heaven.' Then he gave the disciples
strict orders not to tell anyone that he
was the Christ.

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: Angela Di Genova

Anniversaries: Richard Saliba, Giustino Tamburrino, Maureen & Owen Davies

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, Azariah Harb, Peter Roumanos

READERS:	22/23 Aug	29/30 Aug
Sat 5:00pm	R. Paligaru (L); L. Teoh (R)	A. Taglieri (L); C. Rowland (R)
Sun 8:45am	M. Ziccone (L) B. Messina (R)	M. Tamayo (L) C. D'Orazio (R)
10:30am	E. Monaco (L) S. Bennardo (R)	M. Temming (L) Brenda Watts (R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm	Armando Giaccotto	Christine Rowland
Sun 8:45am	Marta Tamayo	Lina Di Nicola
10:30am	Lavinia Verduci	Claude De Francesco

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Mary Yacoub, Michael Zaffino

Anniversaries: Angela Di Carlo (25 Yrs), Angela & Filippo Comande, Maria Tabbone, Nancy Fiume, Fr Sean O'Connell, Joe La Porta

Those Who are ill: Fr. Brendan Lane, Alice, Mark, Luke & Kate, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Millie, Alessandrina, Mia, Sabello Family, Fr Noel Bianco, Rafelina De Donato, Antionetta Santoro, Peter Roumanos, People of Myanmar

READERS:	22/23 Aug	29/30 Aug
Sat 6:30pm	Tamesha Raj	Paul Kennedy
Sun 9:00am	Alfred Meilak & Chiara Dal Col Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano	
10:30am	Peter Aurora (SP) M Costanzo (L) S. Stagliano (SP) R. Oppendisano (L)	

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6:30pm	Mary De Marco	Alfred Meilak
Sun 9:00am	Raf Carnovale	Rosa Touma
10:30am	Laura Scherma	Sam Stagliano



St Paul's & St Oliver's

Parish Dinner

CASH SALES FOR DINNER TICKETS & RAFFLE TICKETS COMMENCE WEEKEND OF 5/6 SEPT

Northern Golf Club, 97 Glenroy Rd, Glenroy
Fri Oct 16, 2026 • 6pm for 6.30pm start

Adults:	Children Under 12
\$75	\$35

RAFFLE Raffle tickets can be purchased on the night. 3 for \$5.

Major raffle prizes include:
 32" Google Smart TV,
 portable induction hotplate,
 garment steamer

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

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NEW PRAYER MEETING

Following on from our **ALPHA** program, we are beginning a new prayer meeting where we will reflect on and pray with the **Sunday Gospel**.

St Oliver's Parish Centre
Starting Thursday 13 August
7.00pm

Come along for a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information, contact **Brenda: 0412 367 815**

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR A PARISH FAMILY



Please keep in your heartfelt prayers a much-loved parish family whose daughter, **Azariah**, has undergone major heart surgery and is currently in the ICU. We pray that God's healing hand rests gently upon Azariah, granting her strength, comfort, and a full recovery. We also lift up her parents and loved ones, asking the Holy Spirit to surround them with peace, courage, and hope during this difficult time.

SEOULFEST: COUNTDOWN TO WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027!

Excitement is building as Melbourne begins its pilgrimage to **WYD 2027 in Seoul!** Last Thursday, St Patrick's Cathedral came alive with Six30 Holy Hour, Korean food, music, giveaways, and inspiring testimonies from past pilgrims. A big thank-you to **Anthony Baltatzis**, our Parish Youth Leader, who represented our parish at this launch event and will help guide our young people as preparations unfold. Stay tuned—more information about WYD Seoul and how you can be involved is coming soon.



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WEEKDAYS &
WEEKENDS
ANYTIME

KITCHEN
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TO SEAT 60

1 Landells Rd, Pascoe Vale
\$200 up to 4hrs
\$300 4+ hours



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ST PAUL'S HALL HIRE

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(EXC. SAT EVENING)

KITCHEN
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TO SEAT 80
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562 Sydney Rd, Coburg
\$350 up to 4hrs
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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Collection Thanksgiving \$ 1153.85

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 623.15

Direct debits July \$ 3104.50

CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Paul's

Online Offerings ST PAULS

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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 \$ 575.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 276.20

Direct debits July \$ 789.75

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