

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

12th July 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 for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

MELBOUNRE SYNOD – TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL MEETING 15 JULY 7PM

Thank you to all who joined our first joint-parish synod gathering on Wednesday evening. The Melbourne Synod, called by Archbishop Peter Comensoli, invites every Catholic to share their faith experience and help build a more listening, united Church. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to take part.

Next Synod Meeting:

Wednesday 15 July, 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.*



Archbishop Comensoli Appointed to Vatican

Dicastery for Evangelisation. We give thanks to God for the appointment of **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli** by **Pope Leo XIV** as a member of the **Dicastery for Evangelisation, Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelisation in the World.** The dicastery supports the Church's

mission of proclaiming the Gospel and encouraging all the baptised to live as missionary disciples in their daily lives. While continuing his ministry as Archbishop of Melbourne, Archbishop Comensoli will contribute to this important work of the universal Church. Archbishop Comensoli expressed his gratitude for the Holy Father's trust and asked the faithful for their prayers: *"May each of us renew our commitment to share the hope of the Gospel with all we meet."* Please keep Archbishop Comensoli in your prayers as he undertakes this new responsibility.

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 55:10-11*

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and
the snow come down from the
heavens and do not return without
watering the earth, making it yield and
giving growth to provide seed for the
sower and bread for the eating, so the
word that goes from my mouth does
not return to me empty, without
carrying out my will and succeeding in
what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 64:10-14

***R. The seed that falls on good
ground will yield a fruitful harvest.***

1. You care for the earth, give it
water, you fill it with riches. Your
river in heaven brims over to
provide its grain. R.
2. And thus you provide for the
earth; you drench its furrows; you
level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. R.

3. You crown the year with your
goodness. Abundance flows in
your steps, in the pastures of the
wilderness it flows. R.
4. The hills are girded with joy, the
meadows covered with flocks, the
valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing

SECOND READING *Romans 8:18-23*

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

I think that what we suffer in this life
can never be compared to the glory,
as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for
us. The whole creation is eagerly
waiting for God to reveal his sons. It
was not for any fault on the part of
creation that it was made unable to
attain its purpose, it was made so by
God; but creation still retains the hope
of being freed, like us, from its slavery
to decadence, to enjoy the same
freedom and glory as the children of
God. From the beginning till now the
entire creation, as we know, has been
groaning in one great act of giving
birth; and not only creation, but all of
us who possess the first-fruits of the
Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we
wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is
the sower; all who come to him will
live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 13:1-9*

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

Jesus left the house and sat by the
lakeside, but such large crowds
gathered round him that he got into a
boat and sat there. The people all
stood on the beach, and he told them
many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to
sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on
the edge of the path, and the birds
came and ate them up. Others fell on
patches of rock where they found little

soil and sprang up straight away,
because there was no depth of earth;
but as soon as the sun came up they
were scorched and, not having any
roots, they withered away. Others fell
among thorns, and the thorns grew up
and choked them. Others fell on rich
soil and produced their crop, some a
hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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: Gino De Filippis, Viola Carbone, Catherine Mizzi, Rev. Tadeusz Ziolkowski Schr

Anniversaries: Maria D'Anna, Antonino Patti, Dot & Teddy Hardstaff

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

READERS:	11/12 Jul	18/19 Jul
Sat 5:00pm	V. Pertile (L); J. Pertile (R)	R. Paligaru (L); L. Teoh (R)
Sun 8:45am	B. Messina (L) M. Tamayo (R)	M. Ziccone (L) B. Messina (R)
10:30am	Olivia Aquino (L) Francis Bucci (R)	S. Harrison (L) T. Baltatzis (R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm	Christine Rowland	Lucy Teoh
Sun 8:45am	Flora Minutolo	Bob Messina
10:30am	Marthese Temming	Karolina

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Frank Avenoso, Maria Tabone, Concetto Rizzo, Santina Piccolotto, Rev. Tadeusz Ziolkowski Schr

Anniversaries: Alberto Rosati (3 yrs), Mario Bailo (1 year), Diosdado Jala, Felomina Jala, Maria Vincenzo, Antonietta, Domenico & Felice Adamo

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

READERS:	11/12 Jul	18/19 Jul
Sat 6:30pm	S G Ojeda, Ryan Butare	William Kennedy
Sun 9:00am	H Nolan & B Concha	Adria, Daniella & Briarna Dal Col
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	Sam Stagliano	Giuseppe Schiavello



Grandparents Day Masses

All parishioners, especially grandparents and their families, are warmly invited to celebrate Grandparents Day at our parish Masses with our school children.

St Oliver Plunkett Parish, Pascoe Vale

- Tuesday 21 July
- 9:15am Mass (Mass time changed from 10:00am)

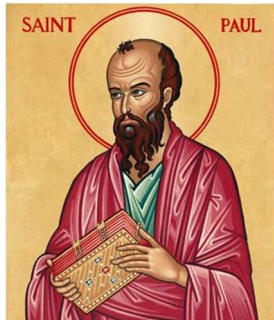
St Paul's Parish, Coburg

- Friday 24 July
- 10:00am Mass

Let us come together in gratitude for the love, wisdom, and faith witnessed by our grandparents. Families are especially encouraged to attend!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION DAY

Our newly formed Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will participate in a Formation Day facilitated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Proclaim Ministry Team on Tuesday 14 July at 7.00pm. This gathering will provide an opportunity for the Council to reflect on its role and mission in serving our parish community. We ask all parishioners to keep the members of our PPC in your prayers as they begin this important ministry.



ST PAUL'S FEAST DAY MASS FRI 17 JULY 10AM All parishioners are warmly invited to join us for the **Feast of St Paul with a special Mass on Fri 17 July at 10am at St Paul's Church**, Coburg, together with the students & staff of St Paul's School. St Paul was a fearless witness to Christ whose dramatic conversion

transformed him from persecutor to one of the Church's greatest missionaries. His unwavering faith, courage and zeal for proclaiming the Gospel continue to inspire us today. Come and celebrate our parish patron, give thanks for our school community, and pray that, like St Paul, we may be faithful disciples who joyfully share the Good News with others.



PARISH DINNER RAFFLE DONATIONS

Preparations are underway for our Parish Dinner, and we are seeking donations of items for our raffle and lucky door prizes.

Donations may include gift baskets, vouchers, wine, chocolates, specialty foods, homewares, or other new items suitable as prizes. All funds raised from the evening will go directly towards the **renovation of the St Oliver Plunkett Parish Centre**, ensuring the space can better accommodate our growing parish community and welcome more parishioners. To help, call Tina on 0417-512-897.



APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP-ELECT

STUART HALL The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne warmly welcomes the appointment of **Mgr Stuart Hall as Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of Australia by Pope Leo XIV**. A priest of the Archdiocese since 1987 and currently Dean of St

Patrick's Cathedral, Bishop-elect Hall brings extensive parish, pastoral and military chaplaincy experience to his new role. Archbishop Peter Comensoli thanked him for his faithful service and assured him of the prayers of the Melbourne Catholic community. Please keep Bishop-elect Stuart Hall in your prayers as he begins this important ministry serving members of the Australian Defence Force, their families & veterans.

SKILLED PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have skills in plumbing, electrical, painting, carpentry, maintenance, cleaning, or general handyman work? Our parish is looking for volunteers who can assist with occasional working bees to help maintain our church and grounds. Not required regularly, only occasionally when available, your support would be greatly appreciated. **"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others." (1 Peter 4:10)** Speak to Fr James or contact the Parish Office to go on the register.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 1ST & 3RD THURS & FRIDAY

Pascoe Vale: Thursday 16th July 2026 9am-10am
Coburg: Friday 17th July 9-10am

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 \$ 1032.95

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 500.00

Direct debits June \$

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 \$ 625.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 307.80

Direct debits June \$

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 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