

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

3rd May 2026

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. James Puppady

Parish Manager:

Mrs Loretta Meilak

Parish Coordinator

Mr Truc Nguyen



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Mon 8:30am—11:30am

Tue — Fri 9:00am—3:00pm

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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 gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA



NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

I am pleased to announce the formation of the new Parish Pastoral Council for St Paul's and St Oliver's Parishes.

We warmly congratulate **Michael Levandowski, Armando Giacotto, Angela Greig, Warren Power, Tamesha Raj, Olivia Aquino, Chris McKeon, Clement Paligaru, Delfina Pieri, Maria Mercuri, Truc Nguyen & Loretta Meilak** who have generously accepted the call to serve our community in this important

role. The Parish Council plays a vital part in supporting the life and mission of our parishes, offering advice, leadership, and pastoral vision in collaboration with the Parish Priest. The New Parish Council members will be formally commissioned at Mass. We ask all parishioners to keep our Parish Council members in your prayers as they begin their ministry among us, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in their service. Further updates about the work of the Parish Council will be shared in due course. **Fr James Puppady**

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.



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

Acts 6:1-7

*A Reading from the Acts of the
apostles.*

About this time, when the number of
disciples was increasing, the Hellenists
made a complaint against the Hebrews:
in the daily distribution their own
widows were being overlooked. So the
Twelve called a full meeting of the
disciples and addressed them, 'It would
not be right for us to neglect the word
of God so as to give out food; you,
brothers, must select from among
yourselves seven men of good
reputation, filled with the Spirit and
with wisdom; we will hand over this
duty to them, and continue to devote
ourselves to prayer and to the service of
the word.' The whole assembly
approved of this proposal and elected
Stephen, a man full of faith and of the
Holy Spirit, together with Philip,
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,
and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to
Judaism. They presented these to the
apostles, who prayed and laid their
hands on them. The word of the Lord
continued to spread: the number of
disciples in Jerusalem was greatly
increased, and a large group of priests
made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we
place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you
just; for praise is fitting for loyal
hearts. Give thanks to the Lord
upon the harp, with a ten-stringed
lute sing him songs. R
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted. The
Lord loves justice and right and fills
the earth with his love. R
3. The Lord looks on those who
revere him, on those who hope in
his love, to rescue their souls from
death, to keep them alive in
famine. R.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.
The Lord is the living stone, rejected by
men but chosen by God and precious to
him; set yourselves close to him so that
you too, the holy priesthood that offers
the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ
has made acceptable to God, may be
living stones making a spiritual house.
As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a
precious cornerstone that I have chosen
and the man who rests his trust on it will
not be disappointed. That means that
for you who are believers, it is precious;
but for unbelievers, the stone rejected
by the builders has proved to be the
keystone, a stone to stumble over, a
rock to bring men down. They stumble
over it because they do not believe in
the word; it was the fate in store for
them. But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a consecrated nation, a
people set apart to sing the praises of
God who called you out of the darkness
into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the
Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

*A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let
your hearts be troubled. Trust in God
still, and trust in me. There are many
rooms in my Father's house; if there
were not, I should have told you. I am

going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you
a place, I shall return to take you with
me; so that where I am you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I
am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do
not know where you are going, so how
can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am
the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one
can come to the Father except through
me. If you know me, you know my
Father too. From this moment you know
him and have seen him.' Philip said,
'Lord, let us see the Father and then we
shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you
all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him
'and you still do not know me? To have
seen me is to have seen the Father, so
how can you say, "Let us see the
Father"? Do you not believe that I am in
the Father and the Father is in me? The
words I say to you I do not speak as from
myself: it is the Father, living in me, who
is doing this work. You must believe me
when I say that I am in the Father and
the Father is in me; believe it on the
evidence of this work, if for no other
reason. I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me will perform the
same works as I do myself, he will
perform even greater works, because I
am going to the Father.'

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: Fr. Peter Foley, Oswald Danie

Anniversaries: Lillian Volpe (12 years), Costanza Cannizaro, Patrick McGrath

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

READERS

02/03 May

09/10 May

Sat 5:00pm Panos & Alessia C. Rowland (L) A. Taglieri (R)
Sun 8:45am M. Ziccone (L) C. D'Orazio (R) B. Messina (L) F. Minutolo (R)
10:30am Etta Porter M Rossi (L) M Rosario-Patterson (R)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm Angela Taglieri Rosemary Paligaru
Sun 8:45am Flora Minutolo Mary Carabott
10:30am Claude De Francesco Stuart Harrison

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Fr. Peter Foley, Augusto Guarnieri, Carmelo Cicero

Anniversaries: Paul Cannizzaro, Emilio Rossi, Francesco Paolo Flammea, Maria Trimarchi, Rocco Trimarchi, Carmel Romeo, Teresa Matalone, Francesco Luci, Pietro Stefanici, Roy Mossuto, Costanza Cannizaro, Daniel Dowling (18th Anniversary)

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

READERS:

02/03 May

09/10 May

Sat 6:30pm Judy O'Meara Ryan B & Samantha
Sun 9:00am Brent Greig & Dylan Greig Ramon & Pablo
10:30am P Aurora (SP) G De Fusco (L) T Costanzo (SP) S Stagliano (L)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

CATHOLICARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL – 2–3 MAY 2026

This Sunday we hold the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare supports families, children, and individuals in need, helping them reach their full potential. Your donation will assist the most vulnerable in our community with compassionate care and practical support. Donate via the parish envelope, online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au, or call (03) 9967 2515.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT 2026

The Annual Parish Mass count will be taking place in May 2026. This year, the four weekends of 2-3 May, 9-10 May, 16-17 May & 23-24 May have been selected.

SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY 2026

Message from the Archbishop of Melbourne

Prayerful greetings in the Lord.

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli invites young men to attend the Seminary Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College on Saturday 23 May 2026.

You are warmly encouraged to come and learn more about the priesthood, with opportunities for prayer, fellowship, and meeting current seminarians.

Program: Arrival 10:45am; Tour, Mass & Welcome; BBQ Lunch; Talk & Q&A; Exposition. Concludes 3:30pm.

RSVP by Tuesday 19 May: vocations@cam.org.au

Enquiries: Fr Dishan Candappa (via email above).

With every grace and blessing,
Most Rev Peter A. Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne



MINISTRY OF THE WORD TRAINING

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a free, in-person **Ministry of the Word – Training and Formation** program, generously supported by the Melbourne Archdiocesan Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal.

📍 **Location:** Mary Immaculate Parish, Ivanhoe

📅 **Dates:** • Friday 15 May, 6:00–9:00pm

• Saturday 16 May, 9:00am–4:00pm

(Please note: this is one continuous program, not repeated sessions.)

The workshop is interactive and led by experienced facilitators from the ACU Centre for Liturgy.

📌 **Registration:**

Participants must be nominated by Fr James by **Friday 8 May 2026**.

To register, please contact the parish office.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MAY 2026 DATES

St Oliver's Pascoe Vale: 1st Thurs of the month: 7th May and 3rd Thurs of the month 21st May before mass 9-10am

St Pauls Coburg: 3rd Friday of the month: 15th May before mass 9-10am. In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028.



CDF COMMUNITY FUND PARISH VISIT

CDF Community Fund representatives will be visiting our parish this weekend. They will share information about the benefits of banking with CDF and how your savings support Catholic schools, parishes, and community projects.



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Help fund projects across Catholic organisations, including parishes, hospital wings and classrooms, with a CDF Community Fund savings account.

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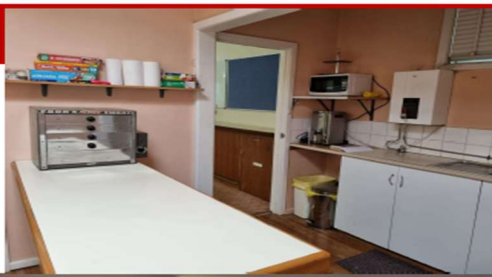


ST OLIVER'S HALL HIRE

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 \$ 691.15
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 500.00
Direct debits March \$ 3554.25

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 \$ 895.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 428.75
Direct debits March \$ 1076.00

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