

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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13th 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

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SACRED SPACE



Margaret Thatcher once claimed that the Parable of the Good Samaritan showed Jesus' endorsement of the benefits of capitalism! The Baroness' logic ran that the hero of this famous story is the one who could afford to pay for the victim's care. She surmised that the reason the Samaritan had the wherewithal to do such a charitable act was because

he worked hard and saved his money wisely. Her Ladyship said this central Christian parable was a justification of her government's policies demanding that unemployed people work for social security and be educated about saving their pennies. Politicians should stay away from biblical interpretation and theology. It has a habit of saying the opposite of what they think or want it too. Like many people, Lady Thatcher reads this parable in terms of charity and even then she is not really right. Jesus, however, says it is a lesson in mercy. The difference matters. It is not by accident that the phrase 'as cold as charity' is still current. Deciding on whom we will be kind to, just based on our 'warm fuzzies' and the glow of our purses, may make us feel good; but it will result in a very wintry experience for the not-so-lucky recipient. When we 'do' charitable things, we can often remain powerful and untouched by the situation of those our money helps. St Thomas Aquinas, however, calls charity the mother of all virtues. He argues it is more concerned with the feelings of the heart than external action. Aquinas maintains that charity enables us to sort through our desires, to see what we really want – whom we actually love; it helps us use the other virtues to act accordingly. Christian charity is not a feel-good moment; it is a life-changing experience. Understood this way, the Good Samaritan can be a great example of charity, but quite differently from that outlined in the Gospel according to Margaret! For Jesus, nonetheless, he is a model of mercy. The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy. Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy helps us hear, and justice calls for us to do something. The Samaritan does what he can at the scene of the crime and then he takes the victim with him. He not only sees, but judges and acts. In doing so, he breaks nearly every religious and social law in the book; but it doesn't matter. The virtues of mercy and justice enable us to see all sorts of things more clearly, even civil and religious laws that inhibit the justice of God. This entire episode in Luke's Gospel is about the movement from an individualised faith, which can think that it is just 'me and Jesus against the world', to a faith that goes out to the world acting mercifully and justly. This parable is about what we see, whom we love, and what we want to do about it. The example of the Good Samaritan should enliven our charity, mercy and justice; and it should challenge us to see clearly who needs to be carried with us on the Gospel road. **(REFLECTION by Richard Leonard)**

NO CONFESSION SATURDAY MORNINGS WHILE FR JAMES IS AWAY

There will be NO ST OLIVER'S SATURDAY MORNING 10AM CONFESSIONS UNTIL SAT 3RD 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

Deut. 30:10-14

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice
of the Lord your God, keeping those
commandments and laws of his that are
written in the Book of this Law, and you
shall return to the Lord your God with all
your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I
enjoin on you today is not beyond your
strength or beyond your reach. It is not in
heaven, so that you need to wonder,
"Who will go up to heaven for us and bring
it down to us, so that we may hear it and
keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that
you need to wonder, "Who will cross the
seas for us and bring it back to us, so that
we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word
is very near to you, it is in your mouth and
in your heart for your observance.'
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 68:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

**R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and
you will live.**

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer
for your favour. In your great love,
answer me, O God, with your help
that never fails: Lord, answer, for
your love is kind; in your
compassion, turn towards me. R.
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let
your help, O God, lift me up. I will
praise God's name with a song; I will
glorify him with thanksgiving. R

3. The poor when they see it will be
glad and God-seeking hearts will
revive; for the Lord listens to the
needy and does not spurn his
servants in their chains. R.

4. For God will bring help to Zion and
rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons
of his servants shall inherit it; those
who love his name shall dwell there.
R.

SECOND READING

Col 1:15-20

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

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen
God and the first-born of all creation, for
in him were created all things in heaven
and on earth: everything visible and
everything invisible, Thrones,
Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all
things were created through him and for
him. Before anything was created, he
existed, and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body, he is its head.
As he is the Beginning, he was first to be
born from the dead, so that he should be
first in every way; because God wanted all
perfection to be found in him and all
things to be reconciled through him and
for him, everything in heaven and
everything on earth, when he made peace
by his death on the cross.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Cf. John 6:63

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

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

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert
Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master,
what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He
said to him, 'What is written in the Law?
What do you read there?' He replied, 'You
must love the Lord your God with all your
heart, with all your soul, with all your
strength, and with all your mind, and your
neighbour as yourself.' 'You have
answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life
is yours.' But the man was anxious to
justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who
is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man
was once on his way down from
Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the
hands of brigands; they took all he had,
beat him and then made off, leaving him
half dead. Now a priest happened to be

travelling down the same road, but when
he saw the man, he passed by on the
other side. In the same way a Levite who
came to the place saw him, and passed by
on the other side. But a Samaritan
traveller who came upon him was moved
with compassion when he saw him. He
went up and bandaged his wounds,
pouring oil and wine on them. He then
lifted him on to his own mount, carried
him to the inn and looked after him. Next
day, he took out two denarii and handed
them to the innkeeper. "Look after him,"
he said "and on my way back I will make
good any extra expense you have." Which
of these three, do you think, proved
himself a neighbour to the man who fell
into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who
took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to
him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'
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: Maria Pannella

Anniversaries: Tonino Taglieri, Sebastiana Scodella, Sestino Cerra (1 Yr anniversary), Michelangelo Bellofiore, Giuseppe Merola, Maria Erneste

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

READERS 12 / 13 July 19 / 20 July

Sat 5.00pm	J. Pertile (L) & R. Paligaru R	C Rowland (L), A Taglieri (R)
Sun 8.45am	R. Vargas (Leader) & L. Di Nicola (Reader)	M Tamayo (Leader) C D'Orazio (Reader)
10.30am.	R Cassidy (Leader) & L. Verduci (Reader)	E Monaco (Leader) & S. Harrison (Reader)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	A. Giaccotto	C Rowland
Sun 8.45am	B. Messina	R. Vargas
10.30am	T. Baltatzis	M Temming

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Gaetano Papa

Anniversaries: Emidio Spagnuolo, Giuseppe Albanese, Albina Giaimis, Lucia Esparza, Alberto Rosati, Giuseppe Carosella, Jasmine Carosella, Sebastiano Tuccitto, Angela Campisi. Dot & Teddy Hardstaff,

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	Paul De Losa & Alex Kennedy	Judy O'Meara
Sun 9.00am	Adria, Daniella & B Dal Col	A Barnes & P Kardas
10.30am	Peter Aurora & Gino De Fusco	Anna D'Amato & Rosa Oppendisano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Alfred Meilak	Mary De Marco
Sun 9am	Rosa Touma	Patrick Baviera
10.30am	Laura Scherma	Sam Stagliano

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

A huge thank you to the parents of St Oliver Plunkett Parish & School for the generous contribution to the winter appeal of St Vincent De Paul Winter drive. Make A Donation to the Winter Appeal & Change Lives. Support vulnerable Australians facing Hardship by donating to our Winter Appeal. To make a donation call 13 18 12 or online www.vinnies.org.au. Donors can allocate donations to a specific conference by giving the conference name in the comments field. (Pascoe Vale 963)

Mary Magdalene, The Musical COG's forthcoming production in 2026!

*You are invited to join us
as we share exciting details
of our forthcoming production
and welcome your participation*



Celebrate the 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF COG THEATRE!

3pm, Saturday 26 July 2025

St Roch's Primary School Hall,
200 Burke Road, Glen Iris, Vic 3146

Please register your attendance on trybooking for catering purposes at
www.trybooking.com/DBRJU

Our Parish St Vincent de Paul Society

urgently needs new members to prevent closure. Can you spare just one hour a week to help those in need? Can develop into future leadership roles. No experience needed—just a caring heart! To volunteer or learn more, please contact the parish office. Help us keep this vital service alive in our Parish!



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	\$ 1148.00
2 nd Collection	Presbytery	\$ 522.30
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	\$ 726.50
2 nd Collection	Presbytery	\$ 328.95
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.