

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday Lent Year C

5 / 6 April 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

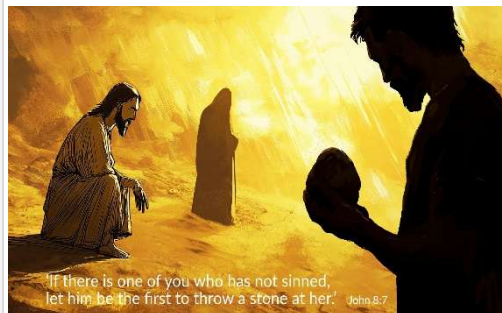
Saturday: 7:15pm

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REFLECTION



The story told in today's Gospel, Pope Francis says, shows us 'two contrasting attitudes. One seeks condemnation, the other salvation.

Surrounding this distasteful episode is an unhealthy inclination to condemn. Yes, the accusers obviously want to punish the woman. But besides judging this woman,

her accusers are also using her. Their real target is Jesus. He is the one they are testing. As the Pope says, these accusatory people are 'confined to narrow legalism and want to oblige the Son of God to conform to their perspective of judgment and condemnation.' But Jesus saves the woman. As the Pope puts it, Jesus 'redeems by forgiving and renews by reconciling.' With silence and a pointed question, he turns the event upside down! This was surely not what the Scribes and Pharisees anticipated. Moreover, as the Pope points out, Jesus shows us something very important. 'Jesus is the only one without fault, the only one who could throw a stone at her, but he does not do so.'

Reflecting on this, we might try to let go of those stones in our hearts that we long to fling at others. Each Lent we are 'called to recognise ourselves as sinners and to ask God for forgiveness,' the Pope affirms. But he reminds us that, like Jesus, we are also called to become forgivers.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

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 reflection 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 & FACE PAINTING at St Oliver's, this 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.



HEALING MASS & ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

St Oliver's Thurs 10 April 10am

St Paul's:

Fri 11th April 10am

CONFESSIONS BEFORE HOLY WEEK

St Oliver's: Sat 12 April 10.00am

St Paul's

Fri 11 April 10.30am

Sat 12 April 7.15pm



EASTER RAFFLE Thank you to everyone who kindly donated towards the raffle. Tickets are on sale the next two weekends. Winners will be drawn on Palm Sunday after the 10.30am Mass at St Oliver's. Please support this Raffle as proceeds go towards hosting ALPHA. **One ticket for \$5 or three for \$10.**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R.
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

SECOND READING

Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him I am no longer

trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this

they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

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.

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:

Anniversaries: Giovanna and Giuseppe Ficarra, Felix Cruz,

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, Makala, Tania, Sienna, Jimmy, Anna, Anthony, Paul, Elana, Ricky, Lisa, Luca, Loredana, Teresa Nicolazzo

Left to right = Leader, Reader

READERS	5/6 April	12/13 April
Sat 5.00pm	FAMILY MASS	V. Pertile, J. Pertile
Sun 8.45	B. Messina, C. D'Orazio	M Carabott, F Minutolo
10.30am.	FAMILY MASS	M Temming, S Harrison
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:		
Sat 5.00pm	P. Saliba	L. Teoh
Sun 8.45am	M. Carabott	M. Bolitho
10.30am	J. Braganza	A Cocomello

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: June Dorsett, Quintina Torre, Antonina Sallemi

Anniversaries: Paolina Giompapa (1 Yr anniversary), Antonia De Fusco, Maria & Rocco Trimarchi, Carmel Romeo, Teresa Matalone, Francesco Luci, Mattea, Giovanni, Lidia Dal Pozzo, Gwen Henger

Those Who are ill: Mary Bonnici, Alexander, Allesandrina, Andrew Cassidy, Christine Reid, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Mark Meilak

READERS:	5/6 April	12/13 April
Sat 6.30pm	Alfred Meilak	Judy O'Meara
Sun 9.00am	Angela Greig &	A. Greig, B. Greig, A Meilak, W. Power
10.30am	T/M Costanzo & Sam Stagliano	Rosa Oppendisano & Rita Luci
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:		
Sat 6.30pm	Alfred Meilak	Mary De Marco
Sun 9.00am	Patrick Baviera	R. Touma & W. Power
10.30am	Giuseppe Schivello	Giuseppe Schivello

ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL ANNUAL CHRISM MASS TUES 15TH APRIL - ST OLIVERS COMMUNION SERVICE 10AM

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. **Therefore, Tues 15th April 10am St Oliver's mass will be replaced with a communion service**



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DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION – ST OLIVER PLUNKETT PARISH SUN 27TH APRIL

Commences 2pm Confessions, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm Holy MASS

SOLENNE LITURGIA PASSIONE DI NOSTRO SIGNORE VENERDI' SANTO 2025

7.00PM CHIESA DI SAN PAOLO
562 SYDNEY ROAD, COBURG

ST PAULS COBURG HOLY WEEK ROSTER

(St Oliver's available next week)

Readers:

Holy Thursday:

Julio Lay & Melrine Pereira

Good Friday:

Paul Kennedy & Angela Greig

Easter Vigil 6.30pm:

Paul Kennedy, Phil Scardilli & Angela Greig

Easter Sunday 9am:

Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano

Easter Sunday 10.30am:

Peter Aurora & Gino De Fusco

Special Ministers:

Holy Thursday

M. De Marco & A Greig

Good Friday

R Touma & T. Raj

Easter Vigil 6.30pm

M De Marco & A Greig

Easter Sunday 9am

Patrick Baviera

Easter Sunday 10.30am:

Laura Scherma



HOLY WEEK

Carmel Colosimo Retirement

A big thank you to Carmel, who has been St Paul's & St Oliver's Housekeeper as well as other parishes for many years, and is now retiring. We wish her & her family well and may God Bless her for her many years of service to priests & parishes.



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

[no Mass] Fast and Abstinence
9.15am Way of the Cross in Italian
10.00am 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 \$ 1450.70

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 502.10

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 \$ 649.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 312.00

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

Feast of the Madonna 24 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 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