

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Year C

14th September 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 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



Today we concentrate on the power of the cross in our lives. It is the ultimate demonstration of the nature of God. Christ gave of himself even to death on the cross. This is characteristic, not only of the man Jesus, but of the Godhead. Creation is the first example of divine emptying; redemption is the ultimate example. Unlike Good Friday when we stand before the stark cross and mourn the death of our innocent messiah, today we stand before the glorious cross and praise God for God's incomprehensible goodness toward us. God's graciousness is poured out indiscriminately, prodigally as only profound love can be given. Such is the nature of our God, and the cross is the symbol of this nature. Jesus compares the pole in the wilderness on which was fixed the serpent to the cross which becomes the source of our healing. It was through the cross that Jesus conquered sin and death and won for us access to God. It is through the cross that we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. As painful as life's crosses may be, they serve to transform us. It can be our hope in the midst of pain and suffering and brokenness, because it promises to carry us into new life. Through the goodness of God, which has been poured out for us, we have been granted eternal life. It is incomprehensible to think that death is the way to life, but that is the message of this feast. The cross, which is a sign of shame and misery, is now a symbol of glory and exaltation. (REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA)

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA • 30 NOV - 2 DEC 2025

CALLING ALL Young people from Year 9 (in 2025) up to those 25 years of age. If you would like to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne 30 Nov – 2 Dec 2025 with St Pauls & St Oliver's Parish, contact Anthony Baltatzis on anthonybal@icloud.com or call the parish office on 9354-1564 ASAP.



Last weekend, we joyfully celebrated **Father's Day** across our parish, honouring the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and father figures who bless our lives. Each received a small gift—a bottle of holy water to bless their homes and a bookmark with Scripture to inspire their faith journey. To all our fathers: Thank you for your strength, love, and example.

May God bless you always.

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

Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

On the way through the wilderness the
people lost patience. They spoke against
God and against Moses, 'Why did you
bring us out of Egypt to die in this
wilderness? For there is neither bread nor
water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying
food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among
the people; their bite brought death to
many in Israel. The people came and said
to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking
against the Lord and against you.
Intercede for us with the Lord to save us
from these serpents.' Moses interceded
for the people, and the Lord answered
him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a
standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at
it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a
bronze serpent which he put on a
standard, and if anyone was bitten by a
serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent
and lived.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 77:1-2,34-38

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my
teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my
mouth. I will open my mouth in a
parable and reveal hidden lessons of
the past. (R)

2. When he slew them then they would
seek him, return and seek him in
earnest. They would remember that
God was their rock, God the Most
High their redeemer. (R)
3. But the words they spoke were mere
flattery; they lied to him with their
lips.
For their hearts were not truly with
him; they were not faithful to his
covenant. (R.)
4. Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave them their sin and spared
them. So often he held back his
anger when he might have stirred up
his rage. (R.)

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

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

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise
you, because by your cross you have
redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from
heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

desert, so that everyone who believes
may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much that he
gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may
not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might
be saved.'

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: Carlos Martins

Anniversaries: Antonio Nicolaci, Sebastiano Gargano, Carmelina Volpe Colasante, Gemma Zinni (1 Year), Giuseppe Cavarra

Those who are ill: Margaret Nativo, Palma Nicolaci, Anna Prinzi, Mark, Vince, Philly, Jonathan, Paschalina, Genenieve, Micah, Zita, Daniel Dowling, Keith Redman, Mary Mobbs, Fiona Edwards, John Moore, Justin & Family, Irene Mary Wymer, Anna Alessi, Trish Lee, John Griffin, Marie Comer

READERS

13/14 Sep

20/21 Sep

Sat 5:00pm C. Rowland (L), L. Teoh (R) A. Taglieri (L) & V Pertile (R)
Sun 8:45am B. Messina (Leader) & M. Carabott (Leader),
 C. D'Orazio (Reader) M. Ziccone (Reader)
10:30am T. Baltatzis (Leader) & R Polastri (L), O Aquino (R)
 L. Willason (Reader)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm A. Giaccotto C Rowland
Sun 8:45am M. Tamayo R Vargas
10:30am A. Giaccotto L Braganza

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Terry, Giuseppe Formica

Anniversaries: Biagio Conditorio

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

READERS:

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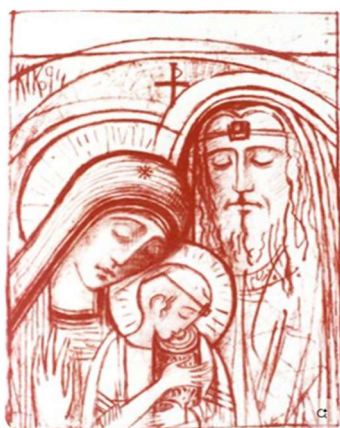
Sat 6:30pm James W & Ethan B Tamesha Raj
Sun 9:00am Olivia H & Ellisse (R) Adria, Daniella & Briarna Dal Col
10:30am Anna D'Amato (L) & T Costanzo & S Stagliano
 Rosa Oppendisano (SP)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6:30pm Mary De Marco Alfred Meilak
Sun 9:00am Raf Carnovale Annette Barnes
10:30am Sam Stagliano Giuseppe Schivello

ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET RECITED BEFORE EACH 10AM WEEKDAY MASS AT BOTH PARISHES. ALL WELCOME!

NEWSLETTER NOTICES



"Jesus Christ is our
Hope and our
salvation"

You are invited to listen
to a series of talks. With
God there is always
hope
Every Mon & Thurs
Beginning Sept 8th
7:30pm

Parish Hall St Paul's
Catholic Church

562 Sydney Rd Coburg Vic
3058

Free babysitting service on
request

Colin 0407 346 413

Fr Joseph 0409 585 806



**Congratulations to St Paul's
Primary School Teachers!**

who were commissioned this week
as Special Ministers of Holy
Communion. Their commitment to
this sacred ministry is a true
blessing to our school & community.
St Paul, Pray for them!

**RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE SOON FOR 3 TICKETS FOR \$5
PARISH DINNER RAFFLE DONATION ITEMS GREATLY APPRECIATED.
PLACE DONATION ITEMS IN BASKET IN THE CHURCH**

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHARIS PRESENTS

NewLife!
THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR



Come and experience a deeper, more personal relationship with
Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Through talks,
discussions and prayer, come learn about God's love, salvation,
spiritual gifts and how to live a "Spirit-filled life". All are
welcome. No booking required.

Tuesdays - commencing 16 September
Course runs for 9 weeks. 7.30 - 9.00pm

St Oliver's Parish Centre, Cnr. Landells Road and
Gaffney Street, Pascoe Vale.

Contact Marthese 0421 815 369

September Jubilee Event – St Oliver Plunketts Pascoe Vale

Our Lady of Sorrows special Mass for sick people, nurses,
carers and ministers to receive anointing during the mass.

**ST OLIVER PLUNKETT CHURCH: Sunday 21st Sept 2025 2PM
PROGRAMME: SERVITE ROSARY, HOLY MASS, PROCESSION,
BLESSING & ANNOINTING**

YOU ARE INVITED TO ST PAUL'S & ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH DINNER

An evening of music, dancing, culinary delights
& lively conversation

FRIDAY OCT **10** 6:30 PM

GOLD LEAF RESTAURANT
1/FLR, 417-419 HIGH ST, PRESTON
(parking Preston Market (in front of Aldi))

**Adults \$50
Children 10+ yrs \$50
Children 10 & Under \$30
8 Course Banquet**

**Ticket Sales: Online:
trybooking.com/DFHMR
Or After Mass or Phone Tina:
0417 512 897**



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	\$ 1022.65
2 nd Collection	Presbytery	\$ 603.55
Direct debits	AUGUST	\$2560.00

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	\$ 543.00
2 nd Collection	Presbytery	\$ 302.35
Direct debits	AUGUST	\$ 515.00

PROGRAMS

ST PAULS PARISH

ADORATION:

First Friday of the month: 10.30am-12:00pm

BAPTISMS:

2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month at 12:00pm

COMMUNION TO SICK:

Thursdays & Fridays

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays 10:00am

BIBLE STUDY: Mon 11:30am

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wed 10:30am

Legion of Mary: Monday mornings at 10:30am

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2025

Feast of St Anthony 15 June 10:30am

Feast of the Madonna 17 Aug 2025 2:00pm

St Lucy Feast Day 14 Dec 2025 2:00pm

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

BAPTISMS:

2nd & 4th Saturdays of the Month at 12:00pm

(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

7:00pm-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 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.

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