

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday of Advent Year A

30th Nov 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



We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart. (REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA)

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

concluded on Sunday with the celebration of two First Holy Communions and five baptisms for older children. We extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated catechists for their tireless commitment to the formation of our children. Let us keep our catechists, Fr James, the sacramental children, and their families in our prayers. 2026 Program enquiries, contact parish office.



Special Ministers & Readers Meeting

All Special Ministers and Readers are invited to attend a briefing session on Sat, 20 Dec 2025 at 1:30pm, to be held at St Paul's Church, Coburg. Your presence is greatly appreciated as we prepare for the year ahead. Fr James Puppady

Archbishop Comensoli invites all parishioners to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival Launch and WYD Cross Reception & Pilgrimage Walk – Join Fr James & 7 Pilgrims at **St Patrick's Cathedral** on **Sun 30 Nov** and 6,000 young pilgrims coming to Melbourne. Program: • **1:30pm** – Melbourne Catholic Festa • **2:30 pm** – Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon • **3pm** – Pilgrimage Walk (5km to MCEC – ticketed pilgrims only; 3km)



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 2:1-5*

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the
days to come the mountain of the
Temple of the Lord shall tower above
the mountains and be lifted higher than
the hills. All the nations will stream to
it, peoples without number will come to
it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up
to the mountain of the Lord, to the
Temple of the God of Jacob that he may
teach us his ways so that we may walk
in his paths; since the Law will go out
from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord
from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority
over the nations and adjudicate
between many peoples; these will
hammer their swords into
ploughshares, their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war. O
House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the
light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 121:1-2,4-5,6-9

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of
the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's
law it is, there to praise the Lord's
name. There were set the thrones
of judgement of the house of
David. R.
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes! May
peace reign in your walls, in your
palaces, peace!' R.
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. R

SECOND READING *Romans 13:11-14*

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

You know 'the time' has come: you
must wake up now: our salvation is
even nearer than it was when we were
converted. The night is almost over, it
will be daylight soon – let us give up all
the things we prefer to do under cover
of the dark; let us arm ourselves and
appear in the light. Let us live decently
as people do in the daytime: no
drunken orgies, no promiscuity or
licentiousness, and no wrangling or
jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord
Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Psalm 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 24:37-44*

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in
Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of
Man comes. For in those days before
the Flood people were eating, drinking,
taking wives, taking husbands, right up
to the day Noah went into the ark, and
they suspected nothing till the Flood
came and swept all away. It will be like
this when the Son of Man comes. Then
of two men in the fields one is taken,
one left; of two women at the millstone
grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay
awake, because you do not know the

day when your master is coming. You
may be quite sure of this, that if the
householder had known at what time of
the night the burglar would come, he
would have stayed awake and would
not have allowed anyone to break
through the wall of his house.
Therefore, you too must stand ready
because the Son of Man is coming at an
hour you do not expect.'

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: Michele Catalino, Alfina Sparta

Anniversaries: Thomas & Veronica Bolitho, Jacob Family Members, Giuseppe De Maria, Con Di Gioia

Those who are ill: Daniel Dowling, Keith Redman, Mary Mobbs, Fiona Edwards, John Moore, Justin & Family, Irene Mary Wymer, Anna Alessi, Trish Lee, John Griffin, Marie Comer, Gim, Anthony, Milana, Carmelo & family, Ardith Dowling, Joe Mobbs, Greg Patterson

READERS

29/30 Nov

06/07 Dec

Sat 5:00pm L. Teoh (L) & V. Pertile (R)

J. Pertile (L) & R. Paligaru (R)

Sun 8:45am M. Carabott (L) &
F. Minutolo (R)

M. Carabott (L)

L. Di Nicola (R)

10:30am E. Monaco (L) & R. Cassidy (R)

L Verduci (L) & B. Watts (R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm C. Rowland

R. Paligaru

Sun 8:45am J. Mokbel

B. Messina

10:30am S. Bennardo

A. Cocomello

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Giuseppe Rausa

Anniversaries: Leo Wilson, Maria D'Angelo, Belinda Veneziano, Santo Di Pietro, Nemesio & Perumia Batiller, Pedro & Consolacion Lagniton, Francesco Paolo Flammea, Carmelo Malivindi, Jose K

Those Who are ill: Mary Bonnici, Alexander, Allesandrina, Andrew Cassidy, Christine Reid, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Derrick Tailford, Carmel Veneziano, Sebastiana De Pietro, Malissa Randich, Millie, Paschaline Mmadike, Mia, Frank Veneziano

READERS:

29/30 Nov

06/07 Dec

Sat 6:30pm Phillip Scardilli

Alfred Meilak

Sun 9:00am A. Greig & W. Power A.

Loretta & Mia Stibilj

10:30am P. Aurora (SP) & Gino De Fusco (L) R. Oppendisano(SP)&A.D'Amato(L)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6:30pm Alfred Meilak

Mary De Marco

Sun 9:00am Mary Carnovale

Warren Power

10:30am Laura Scherma

Sam Stagliano

FUNERAL: Wed 3rd Dec: St Oliver's Pascoe Vale: "Alfina Sparta" – 11am

St Paul's Coburg – Presbytery Apartment Available for Lease: Fully furnished, two-bedroom apartment next to the St Paul's Presbytery available for lease from 21 Jan 2026. Separate private entrance from presbytery.

Contact Jacob – Peter Leahy Real Estate on 0431-368-666 for more info.



Fr Frank Buhagiar – 54th Ordination Anniversary This Thur, 4 Dec, marks the 54th anniversary of Fr Frank Buhagiar's ordination (1971–2025). We give thanks to God for his many years of faithful priestly service. Please keep Fr Frank in your daily prayers.



OFFERING FOR THE POOR JUBILEE YEAR 2025

At the beginning of the Jubilee Year you were asked to save money for the offering for the Poor. You can now return the offering in the coming weeks and place in the box at the front of the church labelled **OFFERING FOR THE POOR.**

END OF 2025 JUBILEE MASS SUN 7 DEC 10.30AM BISHOP RENE
St Oliver Plunkett Parish 10.30am mass followed by a BBQ, Drinks & snacks.

Mary Glowrey Declared "Venerable"

Pope Leo XIV has recognised the heroic virtues of Australian doctor and missionary Mary Glowrey, advancing her cause toward sainthood. Now known as Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart, she is only the second Australian to receive this title. Born in Victoria and later serving 37 years in India, she dedicated her life to caring for vulnerable women and children and founded the Catholic Health Association of India. Now awaiting a confirmed miracle for the next step, beatification. Archbishop Comensoli invites you to pray for her cause & to be inspired by her life of service.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT & ST PAUL'S
JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

ST PAUL'S & ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S
END OF 2025 JUBILEE YEAR
PARISH
mass
WITH
BISHOP RENE RAMIREZ RCJ

7 DEC SUNDAY 10:30AM

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH
1 LANDELLS RD PASCOE VALE

REFRESHMENTS IN THE PARISH CENTRE AFTERWARDS

RSVP or Enquiries contact Parish Office: 9354-1564 or coburg@cam.org.au

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S
& ST PAUL'S
PARISH FAMILY

Christmas
PARTY

DECEMBER
FRIDAY 5 6:30PM
2025

ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL
562 SYDNEY RD, COBURG

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& A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – SOLEMNITY

MASS: Mon 8th Dec
10am - St Oliver Plunkett, Pascoe Vale

HOUR OF GRACE:

12-1pm - St Pauls Coburg – Prayers for 1 hour in Silence for Our Blessed Mother.



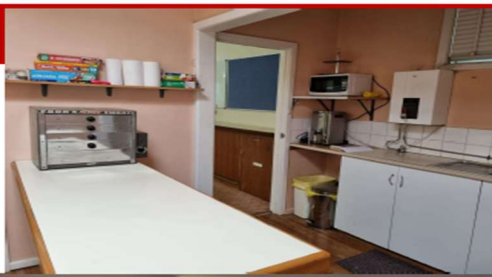
ST OLIVERS PARISH CENTRE

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 \$ 1379.80
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 516.05
Direct debits October \$ 2470.00

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 Presbytery A/C
BSB: 083-347 BSB: 083-347
Acc.: 67541 0884 Acc: 5310 20158

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial \$ 654.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 332.50
Direct debits October \$ 595.00

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 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