

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Year A

7th June 2026

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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:

PASCOE VALE & COBURG

facebook.com/pascoealecoburg

SACRED SPACE



This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity. **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

MELBOURNE SYNOD – TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

First Parish Synod Meeting – Wednesday 10 June at 7:00pm – St Oliver's Parish Centre. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend our first Parish Synod Meeting on Wed 10 June at 7:00pm at St Oliver's Parish Centre. The Synodal Way calls all to engage in prayerful dialogue, deepen unity in Christ, & discern how we respond to today's needs. **In the coming weeks, we will focus on the three key themes:**

- **Young Discipleship**
- **Missionary Leadership**
- **Formation & Participation**



❖ Alpha Retreat Success! ❖

The Alpha Retreat was a wonderful success. Thank you for your prayers and support. We give thanks to the Holy Spirit for the many blessings received and for all who attended this grace-filled weekend.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONING

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for the Parish Pastoral Council Commissioning

Mass on **Sunday, 21 June at 10:30am at St Oliver Plunkett's Church.** Please keep our council members in your prayers as they take up their ministry of service and leadership within our parish community. A blessing for members will also take place at the **9:00am Mass at St Paul's, Coburg, on Sunday, 28 June.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deut 8:2-3,14-16

A Reading from book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

147:12-15,19-20

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

1. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. R
2. He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. R.
3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. R

SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:16-17

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children
meant, That may not unto dogs be
given: Oft in the olden types
foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar
bowed, And in the ancient paschal
food, And in the manna sent from
heaven. Come then, good shepherd,
bread divine, Still show to us thy
mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still
keep us thine; So may we see thy
glories shine In fields of immortality;
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen
guest, Co-heirs of thine, and
comrades blest With saints whose
dwelling is with thee.

Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord. Whoever eats this
bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I

shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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.

PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more. Bless us in ways that you know best and form us into a true community of worship and love. Deepen our understanding of your message today. Give us especially your spirit of love, so that it may touch all people with whom we come into contact. Encircle our families with your loving care and assist parents in their role as leaders in faith. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and peace, and to those in sadness joy. May we grow stronger in faith and our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Aniello Rambaldo, Francine Petran
Anniversaries Francesco Liparota, Jennifer McMahon, Peter Bolitho,
Those who are ill: Mary Mobbs, John Moore, Fiona Edwards,
 Giovanna Esposito, Antony & Family, Rosetta Fiscaro, Anna Alessi,
 Margaret Mary O'Flynn, Irene Wymer, Trish Lee, Wendy Cahill, Joe
 Mobbs

READERS:	06/07 Jun	13/14 Jun
Sat 5:00pm	R. Paligaru (L); Roan & Ada (R)	V. Pertile (L); J. Pertile (R)
Sun 8:45am	B. Messina (L) M. Ziccone (R)	M. Tamayo (L) F. Minutolo (R)
10:30am	L Verduci (L) Liam (R)	Tina Baltatzis (L) Rick Cassidy (R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm	Pauline Saliba	Livia Bellio
Sun 8:45am	Bob Messina	Flora Minutolo
10:30am	Jolene Braganza	Franca Henger

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION JUNE 2026 DATES

St Oliver's Pascoe Vale: Thurs 18th June before mass **9-10am**
St Paul's Coburg: Fri 19 June (9-10am) In preparation for the
 Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028.



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE: Parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass will be celebrated at **10am at St Paul's Church, Coburg**, and at **12pm at St Oliver Plunkett's Church, Pascoe Vale**. Join us and the school children as we honour the loving Heart of Jesus and pray for our parish communities.



PARISH DINNER COMMITTEE MEETING

The 2026 Parish Dinner committee meeting is on **Thursday 11th June at 7.15pm at St Oliver's Parish Centre**, with the Parish Dinner on Friday 16th October 2026. **Volunteers are needed to assist with organising the dinner**, please call Tina on 0417-512-897.

CATECHESIS AT ST PAULS COBURG

CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT AND OUR SALVATION!

Does your life have meaning? What are you living for? Do you want the answer? Come and listen to a catechesis (talks) that will enlighten your life! 📅 Mondays & Thursdays from 1 June

🕒 7:30pm (1 hour) 📍 St Paul's Parish Hall, 562 Sydney Road, Coburg VIC. For enquiries or babysitting assistance:

Colin Tomelty – 0407 346 413

Fr Joe Pelle – 0409 585 806

ALL ARE WELCOME!



PROCLAIM 26 – 26-27 JUNE 2026

Join Catholics from across Melbourne for PROCLAIM26 at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. Through inspiring keynote presentations, practical workshops, and real-life stories of parish renewal, you'll be equipped to share the Gospel and renew your community. More Details & Registration here: melbournecatholic.org/proclaim26

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Salvatore Greco, Maria Evangelista
Anniversaries: Giovanna Di Stefano, Maria Campisi (13yrs),
 Sebastiano Tuccitto (1yr), Maria D'Angelo (1yr)
Those Who are ill: Alice, Mark, Luke & Kate, Maria Ambesi, Nissen
 Saba, John Saba, Millie, Alessandrina, Mia, Sabello Family, Charles,
 Anna, Mary Seychell

READERS:	06/07 Jun	13/14 Jun
Sat 6:30pm	Phillip Scardilli	Family Mass
Sun 9:00am	A Greig & W Power	Brent Concha (FM)
10:30am	T Costanzo (SP) S Stagliano (L) R Oppendisano (SP) A D'Amato (L)	

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6:30pm	Alfred Meilak	Mary De Marco
Sun 9:00am	Raf Carnovale	Annette Barnes
10:30am	Giuseppe Schiavello	Laura Scherma

Parish Mass Count Results (2023–2026)

What a blessing to witness the continued growth of our parish communities!

🏠 **St Oliver's** average Mass attendance increased from 276 in 2023 to 327 in 2026 — a remarkable **19% increase**.

🏠 **St Paul's** average Mass attendance increased from 244 in 2023 to 316 in 2026 — an outstanding **30% increase**.

These encouraging figures reflect a growing, vibrant faith community. Thank you for your faithful participation!

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL



This week, we support Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as they help families recover from floods and provide children with access to education through projects such as St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School.


Please support this important work using the appeal envelope, QR code, or by visiting Catholic Mission online.

Melbourne
Corpus Christi
 Procession
 2026

Jesus himself came near and was walking with them
 LUKE 24:15

SUNDAY 7 JUNE, 2PM
STARTS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
CONCLUDES AT FED SQUARE

Together with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, let us bring Christ in the Eucharist—our light—into the heart of the city of Melbourne.
 Communities are invited to bring their banners!

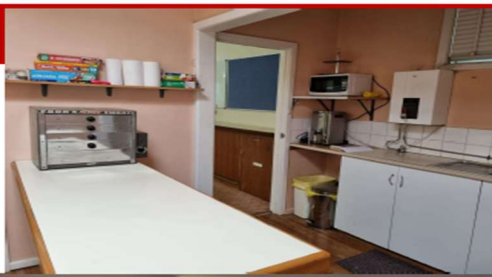

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ST OLIVER'S HALL HIRE

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 \$ 1586.30
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 677.45
Direct debits May \$ 5737.00

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 \$ 610.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 303.15
Direct debits May \$ 1229.75

PROGRAMS

ST PAUL'S 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