

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of Lent Year B

3rd March 2024

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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)

Sunday 9am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

FAMILY MASS – 2ND WEEKEND EACH MONTH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

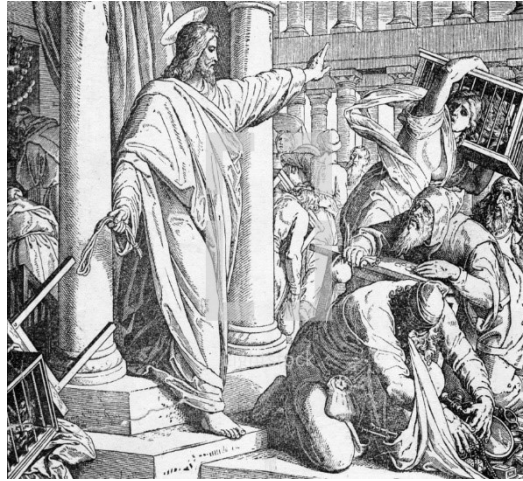
Saturday: 7:15pm

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REFLECTION



Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the *axis mundi*, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where three-way cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims.

We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it?

Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law.

Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him? (by Dianne Bergant CSA)

As Paul explains, writing to the Christians of Corinth, Jesus' death was: *...a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles...*

This is the very heart of our faith.

It was a scandal, an insurmountable obstacle. It was impossible for them to accept that the Messiah, their Saviour and King, could suffer such an ignominious death at the hands, not only of Israel's enemies, but even more, of his own people. That just could not be; God could not allow it.

To the Gentiles, the pagans, it was meaningless. Power and domination and influence were what counted in their world. The idea that someone executed like and with common criminals should be worshipped as Lord was nonsense. It was something to be ignored and laughed at and rubbished – as it still is by many in our own society today.

But to those who have been called and who answer the call – be they Jews or Gentiles, men or women, slave or free – it is the power and wisdom of God. The death of Jesus to any objective observer seems like utter failure, to believe in such a Lord seems stupid, but those with the eyes of faith can see the power of love in that death. (Sacred Space)

Penitential Celebration: MERCY MELBOURNE: A special time for Confessions will be held for Lent on Tues 19th March 6-8pm at St Oliver's, Pascoe Vale. **Both Parishes welcome.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Exodus 20:1-3,7-8,12-17*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 18:8-11 R Jn 6:68

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. R.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R.
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. R.

SECOND READING *1 Cor 1:22-25*

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who

have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 3:16*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL *John 2:13-25*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Maria Troise

Anniversaries: Salvatore & Concetta Serini

Those who are ill: Gerard Watts, Anna Alessi, Irene Mary Wymer, Betty Galladh, Mary Mobbs, Marjorie Del Rosario, John Busuttil, Tina Guido, Genevieve Stannard, Anthony Xavier, Dean Ross, Windsor Jones, John Moore, Marie Virag, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero & Francesco Varone, Jessica Ngo, Ardith Dowling, Fr Emmanuel, Maria George

READERS: 24/25 February

Sat 5.00pm T. Ryan(L), T. Srejic(R)

Sun 8.45am M. Tamay(L), R. Vargas(R)

10.30am R. Robles(L), L. Verduci(R)

9/10 March

A. Taglieri(L), J. Pertile(R)

B. Messina(L), F. Minutolo(R)

R. Cassidy(L), M. Rossi(R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm A. Giaccotto

Sun 8.45am L. Di Nicola

10.30am J. Braganza

C. Rowland

M. Tamayo

L. Verduci

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Grazia Cursio, Giuseppa Galatai

Anniversaries: Nancy Fiume, Antonio Tornatora, Charlie Tornatona, Harry Gianinotti, Joe Tabone, Sofia Gianinotti, Louis Gianinotti, Tony Vangervan, Pina & Andrea Micheli, Anna Monaco.

Those who are ill: Rachel Inguanti, Rosa Strangis & Maria Spagnolo, Jessica Ngo

READERS:

This Week

Next Week

Sat 6.30pm

Paul De Losa

Tamesha Raj

Sun 9.00am

Brent Greig &

Rosa Touma &

Dylan Greig

Patricia Wright

10.30am

Rosa Oppendisano
& Anna D'Amato

Sam Stagliano &
T/M Costanzo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm

Mary De Marco

Alfred Meilak

Sun 9.00am

Alfred Meilak

Mary Carnovale

10.30am

Giuseppe Schivello

Sam Stagliano

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – DURING LENT

St Olivers Pascoe Vale: 9.30am Tues and Thurs, St Pauls Coburg: Wed 9.15am English, Fri 9.15am (Italian), Fri 7pm (English)

2024 CALENDER DATES

Divine Mercy Sunday – 7th April: St Oliver Plunkett's Parish: 2pm Confessions, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm Mass

Parish Dinner: Friday 11th October, **Parish Picnic:** Saturday 26th October

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

Anyone from St Paul's and St Oliver Plunkett's who wishes to become a Eucharistic Minister, or is already ministering but has not yet been commissioned, you are invited to attend The **Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers on Wednesday 13th March, 7pm at St Oliver Plunkett Parish Centre.** Fr James will perform the Commissioning at weekend masses.

3 Lenten Reflection Opportunities

Please join us in the Parish Centre at St Oliver's, from 7.00-8.30pm on three Thursday evenings:

2 Thursday March 7. This second evening will be a reflection on the Gospel of St Matthew, including the context of the Sermon on the Mount (more information in next newsletter)

3 Thursday 21 March. Leading up to Holy Week will focus on the Gospel of John. (more information in next newsletter)
Don't miss these sessions- about an hour of your time + a cuppa if you would like to stay on and process some more of your questions or insights.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2024 – VOLUNTEER STILL REQUIRED - St Oliver Plunkett

We are calling out for a volunteer to assist Emily during Children's Liturgy. No qualifications or experience necessary! If you are someone who attends Sunday 10:30 mass regularly and can assist **once a month** in this program, contact office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2024 – St Paul's

Alfa will be assisting to start up this program again for the benefit to all **school-aged children** in the parish. **Every Second-Sunday of the month** at 9am mass. The first session will be held on 10th March. We encourage families to bring their children along to assist them in building a relationship with Christ.

2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – IMPORTANT UPDATE

This Sunday will be the start of St Paul/St Oliver Plunkett's Sacramental program. This will continue every Sunday in **St Paul's Hall** from Sunday **25th February at 10am -11am** till October. *Please note that St Oliver Plunkett Parish members who are partaking in the sacramental program can still have their final ceremonies celebrated at St Oliver's Church.* Registration for all is required.

VIA CRUCIS DI NOSTRO SIGNORE

Venerdi' Santo 7pm Chiesa Di San Paolo, 562 Sydney Rd, Coburg. Way of the Cross of our Lord in Italian, Good Friday 7pm St Pauls Church. Friday March 29th.

FESTA IN ONORO DI SAN GIUSEPPE

Domenica 17 Marzo 2024. 2pm: Rosario, 2.30pm Celebrazione della Santa Messa, 3.30pm Processione intorno all Chiesa Parroco della Chiesa James Puppady. Feast of St Joseph Sunday 17th March commencing 2pm.

CHILDREN'S PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Children from St Paul's & St Oliver's School & Parishes are invited to join our Praise & Worship on Sat 9th Mar 2.30pm-3.30pm at St Oliver Plunkett's Church, Pascoe Vale. See info on back of newsletter.

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE?

If you could ask God one question, what would you ask?

THE ALPHA COURSE

Thursdays: April 11 - June 20, 2024, 7.00pm

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
MILL PARK
PAUL 0408 680 976

"Alpha is a way to explore what we hunger after - meaning and intimacy and relationship...in a very non-pressured, non-judgemental environment".
BEAR GRYLLS

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 All children from St Paul's & St Oliver's
 School and Parishes are invited to join our
 Praise and Worship
 on Saturday 9th March
 from 2.30pm - 3.30pm
 at St Oliver Plunkett's Church, Pascoe Vale

Come and join in the Singing, Scripture
 Verse and Sharing,
 Join us for a cuppa after the service.
 Bring a plate to share.

For more information please contact:
 Parish Office: 9354-1564

INVITATION

Dear parishioners, families, and friends of St. Oliver's Parish. You are all invited to enjoy a 'cuppa' after the 5 pm Saturday masses and 10.30 am Sunday masses on the following dates:

March 2/3

April 8/9

May 4/5

June 1/2

July 6/7

August 3/4

September 7/8

October 5/6

November 2/3

December 7/8



PROGRAMS

ST PAULS PARISH

ADORATION:

First Fri of 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: 2023/24

St Lucy Feast Day 10 Dec 2023 2pm

St Joseph Feast Day 17 Mar 2024 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

5.00pm Parish Centre

(last Tuesday of the month)

Charismatic Prayer Group

7.30pm Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY:

Drop-In Centre

1-3pm Church/Parish Centre

Next Week's Readings: **3rd Sunday Lent**

First Reading: [2 Chronicles 36:14-16](#), [19-23](#)

Second Reading: [Ephesians 2:4-10](#)

Gospel: [John 3:14-21](#)

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.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

St Oliver's

CDFPay for Parish:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

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 \$ 1445.55

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 431.00

Direct debits February \$ 1945.00

We are very grateful for your support.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

St Paul's

CDFPay Online Payments:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayCoburg>

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 \$ 852.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 340.20

Direct debits February \$ 400.00

We are very grateful for your support.

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