

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Lent Year C

8/9 March 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

FACEBOOK PAGE:

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REFLECTION



The wilderness, or desert, is used repeatedly throughout the Bible as a place of special encounter with God and preparation for a new direction or a new ministry. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately followed his baptism in the Jordan where his status as the beloved of God was confirmed. He is led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness for a period of fasting, prayer and preparation before entering into his public ministry. In fact, the event that immediately follows this passage is the episode in Nazareth where Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah and declares the intent of his ministry. It is presented as if, having spent his time in preparation and overcoming the temptations before him, Jesus strode out of the wilderness and laid out what he had decided. The episode of the temptations is a clear indicator of the humanity of Jesus – he experienced doubt, uncertainty and fear just as we do. If the gospel intended to emphasise the divinity of Jesus, none of these temptations would have been an issue. We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people's attention – and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path. *Greg Sunter*

St. Paul's/St Oliver's Catholic Church

Sunday School Program

The time for Enrolment for the School Year 2025 is Now!!!



A Program to prepare children attending state/local schools to receive the Sacraments of

❖ (First) Reconciliation

❖ First Holy Communion

❖ Confirmation

Classes begin 2nd March 2025. Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Every Sunday (Except Term breaks)

At St. Paul's Primary School, 562 Sydney Road, Coburg.

Requirements for enrolment: new enrollees must be at least in

Grade 3 or be 9 years of age.

Child's Baptismal Certificate required.

There is a small enrolment fee.

For further information please contact the parish office:
9354 1564 or coburg@cam.org.au

Way of the Cross during Lent

St Oliver's Tues & Thurs 9.30am

St Paul's Wed 9.30am, Fri 9.15am (Italian), Fri 7pm (English)

Morning Prayer: From Mon 10th Mar 7am, then 6am weekdays



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETINGS FOR EACH PARISH Fr James requests all Eucharistic Ministers meet him for Easter & other preparations:
ST OLIVERS CHURCH: Sat 15th Mar 3-4pm **ST PAULS CHURCH:** Sat 22nd Mar 3.30-4.30pm

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me." 'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:1-2,10-15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' R
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. R.
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. R.
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,' I will save him in distress and give him glory. R

SECOND READING *Romans 10:8-13*

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

Scripture says: The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL *Luke 4:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in

charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord

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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: Grazia Sofia, Palmira Gatto, Angela Fazzari, Angela Fazzari, Rev Peter Francis Carrucan

Anniversaries: George Paligaru

Those who are ill: Josephine Mokbel, Carmelo & Angelo, Anthony, Gim, Milana, Angelo, Carmelo, Brenda Watts, Mikayla, Catrina, Lina, Assunta & Family, Gim, Anthony, Milana & Family, Mary Mobbs, Stan Mobbs, John Moore, Betty Gallagher, Fiona Edwards

Left to right = Leader, Reader

READERS	8/9 March	15/16 March
Sat 5.00pm	W. Cahill, L Teoh	A. Taglieri, R. Paligaru
Sun 8.45	M. Carabott, M. Ziccone	B. Messina, F. Minutolo
10.30am	T. Baltatzis, L. Willason	M. Temming, M. Rossi

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	P. Saliba	C. Rowland
Sun 8.45am	M. Bolitho	M. Tamayo
10.30am	E. Monaco	L. Verduci

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Vincenza Lepre, Filippo Dell' Universita, Rev Peter Francis Carrucan

Anniversaries: Pasquale Buonomo

Those Who are ill: Mary Bonnici, Alexander, Allesandrina, Andrew Cassidy, Christine Reid, Maria Ambesi

READERS:	8/9 March	15/16 March
Sat 6.30pm	Family Mass	Paul Kennedy
Sun 9.00am	Family Mass	Adria, Daniella, Brianna
10.30am	T/M Costanzo & Sam Stagliano	Rosa Oppendisano & Rita Luci

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Alfred Meilak	Mary De Marco
Sun 9.00am	Mary Carnovale	Warren Power
10.30am	Giuseppe Schivello	Giuseppe Schivello



MARCH JUBILEE EVENT: Lenten Retreat – 10th, 11th & 12th March 7-9pm by Vincentian Fathers.

Transportation can be arranged for anyone requiring pickup and drop off to the Lenten retreat. Contact the parish office on 9354-1564 to book in.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – DURING LENT (commencing Thurs 6th March 2025)

St Oliver's Pascoe Vale: 9.30am Tuesday and Thursday

St Pauls Coburg: Way of the Cross: Wed's 9.30am (English), Fridays 9.15am (Italian) & 7pm (English)

St Pauls Coburg: Morning Prayer; Commencing Mon 10th Mar 7am, then 6am weekdays during Lent



A Prayer for Pope Francis

Loving & Merciful God, we place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. Amen

Lenten Retreat

LED BY FR. ROJAN GEORGE V.C

Nightly Program:

**Praise & Worship
Mass, Homily & Catechesis**

**Then followed by:
Eucharistic Adoration
After Adoration you are
free to have personal
blessings & counselling.**



A LENTEN RETREAT

Led by Vincentian Fathers



ST OLIVER PLUNKETTS
PARISH, 1 LANDELLS RD,
PASCOE VALE

MARCH 10TH,
11TH, 12TH
7-9PM

MORE INFO CONTACT
PARISH OFFICE 9354-1564
COBURG@CAM.ORG.AU

L'ASSOCIAZIONE CATTOLICA MOLOCHIESE
VI INVITA ALLA CELEBRAZIONE DELLA

FESTA IN ONORE DI SAN GIUSEPPE

CON SANTA MESSA E BENEDIZIONE



**DOMENICA 23 MARZO 2025
NELLA CHIESA DI SAN PAOLO
562 SYDNEY ROAD, COBURG.**

PROGRAMMA

2.00pm: Inizio con il Santo Rosario
2.30pm: Celebrazione della Santa Messa.
3.30pm: Processione intorno all Chiesa
Parroco della Chiesa James Puppady
Celebrante James Puppady

Organista e contor Padre Raffaele Rossi

Le confraternite e le associazioni sono invitate a partecipare a questa festa con le loro standardi.

Le funzione religiose si chiuderanno con la Benedizione Eucarista.

La Benedizione e distribuzione dei panini.
Dopo le funzione sara servito il rinfresco presso la sala parrocchiale con il complesso Fiesta

Per ulteriore informazione telefonate alla Presidente Fiorentina Romeo. Tel: 0402 446 034
or San Paolo 93541564

TUTTI BENVENUTI

PROGRAM - ENGLISH

Feast of St. Joseph Sunday 23rd March 2025.

To be celebrated at St. Paul's Church, 562 Sydney Road, Coburg.
Program commences at 2.00pm with the Holy Rosary followed by Holy Mass

ALL WELCOME

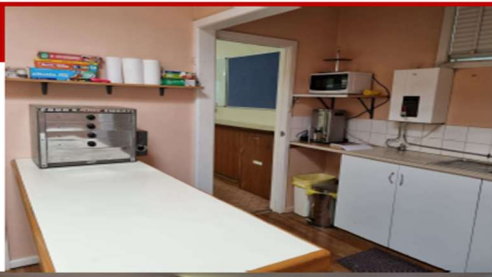
ST OLIVERS PARISH CENTRE

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://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 \$ 996.80
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 500.00
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 Presbytery A/C
BSB: 083-347 BSB: 083-347
Acc.: 67541 0884 Acc: 5310 20158



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial \$ 627.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 349.90
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

St Joseph Feast Day 23 Mar 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

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

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.