

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

4th Sunday of Advent Year B

24th December 2023

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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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SACRED SPACE

On this final Sunday of Advent the Church moves our gaze to the Annunciation. The whole scene hinges around one word: 'Yes.' Mary's fiat sets in motion the entire Christian drama.

In recent years successive popes have reminded us that the best devotion to Mary is one that leads us to do what she did: say 'yes' to Jesus. Mary is not a stop on our journey of faith; she is a guidepost that always sends us on to Christ. Mary does not save us, for we believe she needed to be saved by Christ as well. That's why she could say yes in the first place. Mary recognised the gift and the giver and became the bearer of God for the world.

In this final week of Advent let's keep reminding ourselves of this simple but life-changing fact: Jesus saves us. Jesus saves us from death. Jesus saves us from living lives devoid of purpose and meaning and Jesus saves us from ourselves. We don't save ourselves. We cannot earn salvation by good works or prayers or penance. And, as difficult as it is to hear, we cannot save anyone else. That includes our children, spouse, grandchildren, parents or friends. Our prayers, good works and faith are the responses we make to the salvation of Christ we claim here and now. And how we live is the way by which those we love will find the gift of God's salvation for themselves.

In the midst of this frantic final week before Christmas when so many other things can distract us from what this grace-filled feast is really all about, let's take a moment to join Mary in accepting into our lives and hearts the greatest of all gifts – our undeserved salvation, Jesus Christ the Lord.

ST OLIVER'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SUN 24 DEC



Children's Nativity at the **Christmas Eve Mass**.

It's still not too late to take part: contact Ruth on 0419 81 221 Email: ruthroblemscoll@gmail.com.

Flyers with all details on both events can be found at the back of each Church.

Christmas, Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Mary's dream

I had a dream Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though because the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on top of the tree. It looked like an Angel might look. Oh it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him. I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration, He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus not to be wanted at his own birthday celebration. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real!

"Let's Put Christ back into Christmas"

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

2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

*A Reading from the second book of
Samuel.*

Once David had settled into his house
and the Lord had given him rest from all
the enemies surrounding him, the king
said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am
living in a house of cedar while the ark
of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to
the king, 'Go and do all that is in your
mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that
very night the word of the Lord came to
Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David,
"Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man
to build me a house to dwell in? I took
you from the pasture, from following
the sheep, to be leader of my people
Israel; I have been with you on all your
expeditions; I have cut off all your
enemies before you. I will give you fame
as great as the fame of the greatest on
earth. I will provide a place for my
people Israel; I will plant them there and
they shall dwell in that place and never
be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked
continue to oppress them as they did, in
the days when I appointed judges over
my people Israel; I will give them rest
from all their enemies. The Lord will
make you great; the Lord will make you
a House. And when your days are ended
and you are laid to rest with your
ancestors, I will preserve the offspring
of your body after you and make his

sovereignty secure. I will be a father to
him and he a son to me. Your House and
your sovereignty will always stand
secure before me and your throne be
established for ever."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 88*

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of
the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O
Lord; through all ages my mouth
will proclaim your truth. Of this I
am sure, that your love lasts for
ever, that your truth is firmly
established as the heavens. R.
2. 'I have made a covenant with my
chosen one; I have sworn to David
my servant: I will establish your
dynasty for ever and set up your
throne through all ages. R.
3. 'He will say to me: "You are my
father, my God, the rock who saves
me." I will keep my love for him
always; for him my covenant shall
endure.' R

SECOND READING *Rom 16:25-27*

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

Glory to him who is able to give you the
strength to live according to the Good
News I preach, and in which I proclaim
Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery
kept secret for endless ages, but now so
clear that it must be broadcast to
pagans everywhere to bring them to the
obedience of faith. This is only what
scripture has predicted, and it is all part
of the way the eternal God wants things
to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory
therefore to him through Jesus Christ
for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Luke 1:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 1:26-38*

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

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a
town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a

virgin betrothed to a man named
Joseph, of the House of David; and the
virgin's name was Mary. He went in
and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly
favoured! The Lord is with you.' She
was deeply disturbed by these words
and asked herself what this greeting
could mean, but the angel said to her,
'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won
God's favour. Listen! You are to
conceive and bear a son, and you must
name him Jesus. He will be great and
will be called Son of the Most High. The
Lord God will give him the throne of his
ancestor David; he will rule over the
House of Jacob for ever and his reign
will have no end.' Mary said to the
angel, 'But how can this come about,
since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will
come upon you' the angel answered
'and the power of the Most High will
cover you with its shadow. And so the
child will be holy and will be called Son
of God. Know this too: your kinswoman
Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself
conceived a son, and she whom people
called barren is now in her sixth month,
for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am
the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary
'let what you have said be done to me.'
And the angel left her.
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.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Vincenzo Pennella

Anniversaries: Carolina Virgona, Giuseppe Armenia

Those who are ill: Maria Troise, Marjorie Del Rosario, Mary Mobbs, John Busuttill, Tina Guido, Genevieve Stannard, Anthony Xavier, Dean Ross, Windsor Jones, John Moore, Marie Virag, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero, Francesco Varone

READERS:	16/17 December	Next Week
Sat 5.00pm	N. Farrell(L), C. Rowland(R)	(See Christmas Roster)
Sun 8.45am	M. Carabott(L), C.Di Orazio(R)	B. Messina(L), F. Minutolo(R)
10.30am	S. Bernardo(L), R. Polastri(R)	NO MASS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	A. Giacotta	(See Christmas Roster)
Sun 8.45am	M. Tamayo	J. Mokbel
10.30am	B. Watts	NO MASS

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

READERS:	24/25 December	
Christmas Eve Vigil (Family Mass)	Sunday 5.30pm	R. Robles (L), N. Farrell (R)
Christmas Eve Vigil	Sunday 10.00pm	E. Monaco (L), A. Taglieri (R)
Christmas Day	Monday 8.45am	B. Messina(L), C. Di Orazio (R)
Christmas Day	Monday 10.30am	O. Aquino(L), R. Cassidy (R)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

		24/25 December
Christmas Eve Vigil	Sunday 5.30pm	M. Carabott, A. Giacotta
Christmas Eve Vigil	Sunday 10.00pm	S. Harrison
Christmas Day	Monday 8.45am	F. Minutolo
Christmas Day	Monday 10.30am	S. Bennardo

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died:

Anniversaries: Robert Henger, Rosa Giuffrida & Antonino Giuffrida, Sam Borg, Mary Borg, Joseph Azzopardi, Felina Azzopardi

READERS:	This Week	Next Week
Sat 6.30pm	Alfred Meilak	Tamesha Raj
Sun 9.00am	NO MASS	Brent & D. Greig
10.30am	Rita Luci & Rosa Opendisano	Anna D'Amato & G. Navagero

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Mary De Marco	Alfred Meilak
Sun 9.00am	NO MASS	Rosa Touma
10.30am	Carmelo Ruggero	Sam Stagliano

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

READERS:	24/25 December	
Christmas Eve Vigil Sunday 7.00pm	J. O'Meara & Tamesha Raj	
Christmas Eve Vigil Sunday 12.00am	Paul & Amelia De Losa	
Christmas Day Monday 9.00am	G. Baviera & Tess Pugliano	
Christmas Day Monday 10.30am	Rita Luci & R. Opendisano	

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

		24/25 December
Christmas Eve Vigil	Sunday 7.00pm	Alfred Meilak
Christmas Eve Vigil	Sunday 12.00am	Mary De Marco
Christmas Day	Monday 9.00am	Warren Power
Christmas Day	Monday 10.30am	Carmelo Ruggero

NB: Saturday Vigil Mass as usual, however due to Christmas Vigil Mass falling on Sunday, THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SUNDAY MORNING MASS 24/12 AT EACH CHURCH. 8.45am PASCOE VALE & 10.30am (ITALIAN) COBURG.

ST OLIVER'S CHRISTMAS MASSES

2023 Sunday	Christmas Eve Vigil	4:45 pm	Carols
	(Family mass)	5.30 pm	Family Mass
	Sunday Christmas Mass	9.30 pm	Carols
		10.00 pm	Mass
	Monday Christmas Day	8.45 am & 10.30 am	
2023	Tuesday 26 th Dec	(NO MASS)	
2024	Monday 1 st Jan	New Year's Day	10am (COBURG)

ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS MASSES

2023 Sunday	Christmas Eve Vigil	7.00 pm
	Sunday Christmas Mass	11.40 pm
		12.00 am
	Monday Christmas Day	9.00 am (English)
		10.30 am (Italian)
2023	Tuesday 26 th Dec	(NO MASS)
2024	Monday 1 st Jan	New Year's Day
		10am (COBURG)

ST PAUL'S LIVE NATIVITY EVENT



The Nativity play last Saturday evening was an incredibly faith-filled event, with

many attendees. From King Herod and his guards to the miracle birth of Christ our Saviour, the entire enactment was a spectacular announcement of the love of God for his creation. The thought that came to me as I witnessed the beauty of the nativity; 'Who could have ever known it possible that eternal life begins with the birth of Our Saviour into humanity, in the form of a helpless baby. What a wondrous God of mercy!' The after-banquet found thirsts already quenched,



hunger already satisfied and spirits already soaring amongst all who were gathered. We take this opportunity to thank our parishioners who made this event possible, particularly the neo-catechumenal communities in our parish, namely Amanda Hanssens, director, and all her crew who happily put in so much time and effort to share God's message of love. For those who missed it this year, God willing there is always next year. For now, may Christ allow us all to be in union with his spirit, filled with new hope and joy this Christmas.



His name will be Jesus

4th Sunday of Advent, Year B

Draw a picture of yourself doing something special for your family or friends during Christmas



In the story of the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that God has chosen her to bring his Son into the world. What are some ways that we can bring Christ into the world for others?

Use the words below to find out what the angel Gabriel and the Blessed Virgin Mary are saying to each other.

favoured one!
The _____ is with you.
Don't be _____!
God is _____
with you. You shall
have a _____ and his
name will be _____.



I am the

of the Lord!
Let this

as you
have said.

Jesus afraid happen servant Lord Greetings pleased son

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 \$ 1,641.80
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 600.00
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 \$ 720.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 350.00
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

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 am.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2023/24

St Lucy Feast Day 10 Dec 2023 2pm

St Joesph 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

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.