

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Nativity of The Lord, Year B

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**MASS TIMES 2023**

**Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am**

**Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 10-10:30am**



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**MASS TIMES 2023**

**Wednesday & Friday 10:00am**

**Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)**

**8:00pm (Neocatechumenal way)**

**Sunday 9am (English)**

**10:30am (Italian)**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 7:15pm**

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*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year*



My dear brothers and sisters,

Christmas is a time of great Joy and an occasion for deep reflection, and it is important to keep in mind 'the reason for the season'. Christmas is when we welcome Jesus into our lives. When we do that, we move closer not only to the meaning of Christmas but also to the traditions regarding its celebration.

Christmas giving goes back to a time when Christmas gave one another small gifts in celebration and in imitation of God's great gift to us, which is the incarnation. The spirit of Christmas, then, is very much one of recognizing the value of all people, because our God has identified with us in a special way: and has told us that we find him in each other.

This is a refrain through the bible, reminding us that God is with us: Emmanuel! And that is the Christmas message: God is with us. He loved us so much that he became one of us in the helpless child of Bethlehem, so that we might see and know God as he really is and welcome him into our lives.

As we join in the festivities that are part of Christmas, may we have the freedom to go our knees before the small child, who is God of everything that is important in our day-to-day living. Let us remember that because of the incarnation, we respond to a living and loving person, who comes to us through Mary, as a babe in a manger.

The family is the first place in which we learn about love. At home love holds us together. And the family before us this night, Joseph, Mary, and the child Jesus is the finest teacher of that love.

May the coming of the Christ-child this Christmas, bathe you and your family in love and in the light of hope that never fades. May Christmas be a time of blessing and peace for you and your loved ones and may the Peace of Christmas rest upon today and always.

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR 2024.

Yours in Christ.

Fr. James Puppady.

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Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,... all is calm, all is bright...*

*Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes... Noel, Noel, Noel...*

*O come let us adore him.... born is the king of Israel.*

A cave in Bethlehem echoes with the multi-lingual songs of pilgrims... 'sleep in heavenly peace... Christ the saviour is born.' This cave, the hearts of these pilgrims beat with utter certainty – God is here. This same certainty explodes as 'good news' from the pages of the Christian Scriptures as men and women discovered in the life and death of Jesus, 'God is here'.

In any birthday celebration, we pause to celebrate the life of the person as it has unfolded so far. It is not so much the baby we remember, but the person now, in whatever stage of life they are and with memories of all the richness of their life – both its joys and sorrows. So it is today. We celebrate a birth, but more importantly we celebrate a life given for us. We celebrate that God has joined our human story in the person of Jesus and lives on with us in the Spirit.

*Silent night, Holy night ... sleep in heavenly peace...*

The song continues in the hearts of all Christians, for the cave of Bethlehem we now carry within. The holy place of Israel has become the holy place of our own lives. When we enter this sacred place with the longings and hopes of pilgrims we too can find the Christ of God born ever anew. In the silence and stillness of our own Bethlehem, our voices can sing with the voices of pilgrims through the ages, God is here; God is truly here.

# 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.

## 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.

## VIGIL MASS READINGS

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

*A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

About Zion I will not be silent, about  
Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her  
integrity shines out like the dawn and her  
salvation flames like a torch. The nations  
then will see your integrity, all the kings  
your glory, and you will be called by a new  
name, one which the mouth of the Lord will  
confer. You are to be a crown of splendour

in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in  
the hand of your God; no longer are you to  
be named 'Forsaken', nor your land  
'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My  
Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the  
Lord takes delight in you and your land will  
have its wedding. Like a young man  
marrying a virgin, so will the one who built  
you wed you, and as the bridegroom  
rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice  
in you.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29*

### R. *For ever I will sing the goodness Of the Lord*

1. '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.
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a  
king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of  
your face, who find their joy every day in  
your name, who make your justice the  
source of their bliss. 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; with him  
my covenant shall endure.' R.

## SECOND READING *Acts 13:16-17,22-25*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he  
stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand  
for silence and began to speak: 'Men of  
Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of  
our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and  
made our people great when they were  
living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine  
power he led them out. Then he made  
David their king, of whom he approved in  
these words, "I have selected David son of  
Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will  
carry out my whole purpose." To keep his  
promise, God has raised up for Israel one of  
David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour,  
whose coming was heralded by John when  
he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for  
the whole people of Israel. Before John  
ended his career he said, "I am not the one  
you imagine me to be; that one is coming  
after me and I am not fit to undo his  
sandal.'"

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will  
be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will  
be our king.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 1:18-25*

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

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His  
mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but  
before they came to live together she was  
found to be with child through the Holy  
Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of  
honour and wanting to spare her publicity,  
decided to divorce her informally. He had  
made up his mind to do this when the angel  
of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and  
said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid  
to take Mary home as your wife, because  
she has conceived what is in her by the Holy  
Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you  
must name him Jesus, because he is the one  
who is to save his people from their sins.'  
Now all this took place to fulfil the words  
spoken by the Lord through the prophet:  
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a  
son and they will call him Emmanuel, a  
name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When  
Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the  
Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to  
his home and, though he had not had  
intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son;  
and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## MIDNIGHT MASS READINGS

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 9:1-7*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

The people that walked in darkness has seen  
a great light; on those who live in a land of  
deep shadow a light has shone. You have  
made their gladness greater, you have made  
their joy increase; they rejoice in your  
presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as  
men are happy when they are dividing the  
spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on  
him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of  
his oppressor, these you break as on the day  
of Midian. For all the footgear of battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and  
consumed by fire. For there is a child born  
for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid  
on his shoulders; and this is the name they  
give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,  
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his  
dominion in a peace that has no end, for the  
throne of David and for his royal power,  
which he establishes and makes secure in  
justice and integrity. From this time  
onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the  
Lord of Hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 95:1-3,11-13

**R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.**

1. sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
sing to the Lord, bless his name. R.
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell  
among the nations his glory and his  
wonders among all the peoples. R.
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be  
glad, let the sea and all within it  
thunder praise, let the land and all it  
bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood  
shout for joy at the presence of the  
Lord for he comes, he comes to rule  
the earth. R.
4. With justice he will rule the world, he  
will judge the peoples with his truth. R.

**SECOND READING**

Titus 2:11-14

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

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Luke 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Luke 2:1-14

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

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with

child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**CHRISTMAS DAY READINGS****FIRST READING**

Isaiah 52:7-10

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 97:1-6

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. R.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. R.
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. R.

**SECOND READING**

Heb 1:1-6

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-Born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord, Today a great light has come upon the earth.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

John 1:1-5,9-14

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

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

**Those who have died:**

**Anniversaries:** Sebastiano Acciarito, Rosa Belfiore, Maria Mancarella, Carolina Virgona, Bernard Barnes

**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:

#### 24 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)

#### 25 December

Christmas Day Monday 8.45am B. Messina(L), C. Di Orazio (R)  
Christmas Day Monday 10.30am O. Aquino(L), R. Cassidy (R)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

#### 24 December

Christmas Eve Vigil Sunday 5.30pm M. Carabott, A. Giaccotto  
Christmas Eve Vigil Sunday 10.00pm S. Harrison

#### 25 December

Christmas Day Monday 8.45am F. Minutolo  
Christmas Day Monday 10.30am S. Bennardo

### ST OLIVER'S MASS TIME 2023/2024

**2023 Tues 26 Dec NO MASS**

Thur 28 Dec 10.00am  
Sat 30 Dec 5.00 pm Vigil  
Sun 31 Dec 8.45am & 10.30am

**2024** Tue 2 Jan 10.00 am  
Thur 4 Jan 10.00 am

## ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

**Those who have died:**

**Those who are Sick:**

**Anniversaries:** Angela Pingitore, Giovanna Luci, Vita Luci, Carmela & Carmine De Donato, Fr Sean O'Connell, Assunta Zesta, Luciano Di Sciuillo, Guisinta Muscente, Francesco Muscente, Filomena Di Sciuillo, Maria Faceimi, Giuseppina Campous, Faleo Campana, Gino Companur, Mozolololeus Campana, Tersa Couione, Antonio Chiaverini, Giuseppe & Giuseppina Mascara, Franceso & Rosa Paladino & family, Pauline Galeotti, Adolfina Galeotti, Angela Lumericisi

### READERS:

#### CHRISTMAS ROSTER

Christmas Eve 7pm: Judy O'Meara & Tamesha Raj  
Midnight Mass 12am: Paul & Amelia De Losa  
Christmas Day 9am: G. Baviera & Tess Pugliano  
Christmas 10.30am: Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano

### SPECIAL MINISTERS:

#### CHRISTMAS ROSTER

Christmas Eve 7pm: Alfred Meilak  
Midnight Mass 12am: Mary De Marco  
Christmas Day 9am: Warren Power  
Christmas 10.30am: Carmelo Ruggero

### ST PAUL'S MASS TIME 2023/2024

**2023** Wed 27 Dec 10.00am  
Fri 29 Dec 10.00am  
Sat 30 Dec 6.30 pm Vigil  
Sun 31 Dec 9am (English)& 10.30am (Italian)  
**2024** Mon 1 Jan 10.00am  
Wed 3 Jan 10.00 am  
Fri 5 Jan 10.00 am *Follow by 1<sup>st</sup> Fri Adoration*

### A BIG THANKS!

As the year draws to an end we are compelled to express immense gratitude to our parishioners from the neo-catechumenal communities of St Paul's, for all the major works performed on our parish buildings over this past year. They have freely offered their time, labour, professional services and purchase of materials in service to our parishes, without which our church life would not be possible. Here is just a snap shot of just some the major works to which they have contributed over the past year:

| Pascoe Vale  | Coburg                         |
|--|--------------------------------|
| - Brick Fence repair                               | - Refurbishment of rental unit |
| - Church Roof leak repair                          | - Ongoing cleaning             |
| - Gardening  | - Gardening                    |
| - Repair of burst water pipe and concrete (recent) | - Electrical repairs           |

And a special thanks for Fr Crispine and Fr Joe Pelle for all their services, particularly all their supplying during the absences of Fr James.

