

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent Year C

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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

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist encourages his followers to be patient, as the wait for salvation will soon be over. The Israelites longed to see the day when the Messiah would come. Each generation hoped and prayed that they would be the one to witness the appearance of God's anointed. The Jewish people still hope and pray for this event in every generation.

But Jesus did not come as many expected. Some thought he would arrive in a dramatic event and the end of the world would occur. Others expected a regal entrance or a political overthrow of the Romans. Luke's Gospel repeatedly points out that the very people who longed for the day to see the Messiah missed out because they were looking for the wrong signs.

John the Baptist is the first to see Jesus for who he really is for the world. He recognises that Jesus' sacrificial love can fill our valleys, lay mountains low, make crooked paths straight and rough ways smooth.

Advent is not a season where we have to pretend that we do not know Jesus is coming and then put on mock surprise at Christmas. Advent is the season which celebrates a 'patient yes'. Every year all of us in the Church stand in a queue and remind ourselves of how blessed we are to have seen our salvation in Jesus. We remember the faith of those who longed to see what we see and to know what we know. And we cultivate our patience for life's valleys, mountains and crooked paths where sometimes we can feel Jesus' absence more than his presence, where only when we look back we can see he was with us all the way.

So, as we all wait together in line this Advent let's say yes to all that salvation holds for us: yes to God's personal love; yes to Jesus' kingdom of justice and peace; yes to every opportunity to serve the Gospel and yes to knowing that our God is a companion to us at every step of our journey, even in the most unexpected ways. Scottish poet John Bell expresses it this way:

'Light looked down and saw the darkness."I will go there", said light.

Peace looked down and saw war."I will go there", said peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred."I will go there", said love.

So he, the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace, the King of Love, came down and crept in beside us.'

NATIVITY PLAYS 2024 ST OLIVERS & ST PAULS PARISHES

ST OLIVERS CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TUES 24TH DEC

On Tues Vigil Mass 24th Dec 5.30pm mass

the children of St Oliver's find inspiration for their own enactment of the Nativity at the Christmas Eve Mass. It's still not too late to take part. Call Ruth: 0419 871 221 or email ruthroblemscoll@gmail.com.

Rehearsals: Fri 20 Dec 4:30 pm & Sun 22 Dec 11:30, after 10:30 mass



ST PAULS VIGIL SAT 21ST DEC 6.30PM MASS

On Sat 21st Dec immediately after 6.30pm Vigil mass is the live nativity at St Paul's where the humble beginnings of Christ Our Saviour becomes a living reality, with live camels, a donkey and carols. Hospitality in the Hall afterwards.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

A Reading from the Prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R.
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

SECOND READING

Phil 1:3-6,8-11

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

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the

whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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.

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: Grazia Guzzardi, Maria Zoggia,, Barry Mullane, Patricia Carroll

Anniversaries: Anthony Leo Wilson, Renee De Giusti, John Viola

Those who are ill: Michael Levandowski, Mary Mobbs, Betty Gallagher, Jim Moore, Wendy Cahill, Ana Alessi, Irene Mary Wymer, Oswald Danie, Bill, Josephine Mokbel, Carmelo & Angelo, Stan Mobbs

Left to right = Leader, Reader

READERS	07/08 December	14/15 December
Sat 5.00pm	J. Pertile T. Ryan	C. Rowland, R. Paligaru
Sun 8.45	M. Carabott, L. Di Nicola	M. Ziconne, C. Di'Orazio
10.30	L Verduci, S. Harrison	T. Baltatzis, B. Watts

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	R. Paligaru	A. Taglieri
Sun 8.45am	B. Messina	R. Vargas
10.30am	C. Steere	B. Watts

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

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Those who have died:

Anniversaries: Pietro & Elina Cerra, Giaimis Albina

Those who are ill: Mary Bonnici, Alexander, Allesandrina

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Sat 6.30pm	William Kennedy	Judy O'Meara
Sun 9.00am	Ellise Baveira & Olivia Harding	A Meilak
10.30am	Anna D'Amato & Rosa Oppendisano	T/M Costanzo & Sam Stagliano

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Mary De Marco	Alfred Meilak
Sun 9.00am	Warren Power	Angela Greig
10.30am	Giuseppe Schievello	Sam Stagliano

ST OLIVER'S CHRISTMAS MASSES

Advent: Morning PRAYER 5.45am Weekdays (St Pauls)

2024 Tuesday	Christmas Eve Vigil	5.00 pm Carols 5.30 pm Family Mass
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For unto us
a child is born!



ST PAULS COBURG
Nativity of
OUR LORD

SAT 21ST DEC 2024
IMMEDIATELY AFTER
6.30PM MASS

HOSPITALITY IN THE HALL
AFTERWARDS

Carols, Kings, Angels,
LIVE camels, and a donkey, etc.

St Paul's Catholic Church,
562 Sydney Road, Coburg

Children are invited to bring
their letters to the Three Kings

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – SOLEMNITY MON 9TH DEC

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Mon 9th Dec 2024. As this is a solemnity, there will be one mass celebrated on Monday morning 10am **ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH COBURG** only.

TAP AND GO DONATIONS – ST OLIVERS PARISH

A new cashless option for St Oliver Plunkett Parishioners thanksgiving donations is now available. The new Terminal is at the back of the church which has payment options and custom amounts for cashless donations. Just select amount and TAP card.

St Paul's Parish to come in the future.

HEALING MASSES ST PAULS & ST OLIVERS

St Olivers: Thurs 19th Dec 10am Mass

St Pauls: Fri 20th Dec 10am Mass



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



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

Feast of the Madonna 24 Aug 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

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



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Acc.: 67541 0884 Acc: 5310 20158



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Collection Thanksgiving \$ 1275.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 518.40
Direct debits NOV \$ 1725.00

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial \$ 685.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$316.35
Direct debits NOV \$ 900.00

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.