

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent Year C

14 / 15 December 2024

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### MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

**FAMILY MASS – 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 – 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEKEND EACH MONTH**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

### FACEBOOK PAGE:

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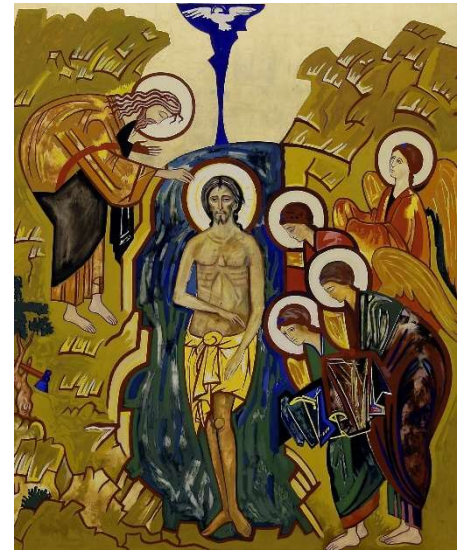
## REFLECTION

During Advent, Daniel went to his mother demanding a new bicycle for Christmas. 'Danny, we can't afford it', she said, 'so write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead.' 'Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy this year and would appreciate a new bicycle. Your friend, Daniel.'

Now Danny guessed that Jesus really knew he was a brat so he tore it up and tried again. 'Dear Jesus, I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle. Yours truly, Daniel.'

Danny knew this wasn't true so he tore it up and tried again. 'Dear Jesus, I've thought about being a good boy so may I have a new bicycle? Daniel.'

Finally, Danny thought better of making these false claims and so ran to the Church.



He went inside and stole a small statue of Mary and ran out the door. He went home, hid it under his bed and wrote this letter. 'Jesus, let's face it, I've broken most of the Commandments; tore up my sister's doll and lots more. I'm desperate. I've got your mother Mary, if you ever want to see her again, give me a bike for Christmas. You know who.' There is something of Danny in all of us. We often think that we can bargain with God to get the best possible deal out of life. The problem with this bargaining image is that it is based on faith that does not believe in Advent. The bargaining image of God is the furthest thing from the mind of the writers of today's readings – Zephaniah, the Canticle from Isaiah, Philippians and Luke. Each of them rejoices in the undeserved gift God gives to the world. We do not deserve God's love given to us in the Babe of Bethlehem. It is God's overflowing goodness which pours out in Jesus and through him and the Spirit we have been welcomed into the family of God and bear his name. These Scriptures remind us that God has not held back one thing in his love for us.

In today's Gospel John's disciples, the crowds, tax collectors and soldiers are full of wanting to know what they can do to earn God's love. Advent reminds us every year that all we do is a response to the initial, undeserved goodness of God. Still the image of us 'doing a deal' with God is so prevalent in our theology and prayer. 'I will be a better person if I get well.' 'I will return to Sunday Mass if I pass my exams.' All dreadful stuff. The Church has to take some responsibility for this and correct it. Advent teaches us that we have to witness to a God who risked everything so that we might know love and life in this world and in the next. That's not the profile of a deal-doer. It's the portrait of a lover.

So, this Advent let's not ransom ourselves to a benevolent dictator. Let's ask for anything we need with confidence that God has heard our words and so sent love itself in Jesus Christ. (by © Richard Leonard SJ)

### HEALING MASSES ST PAULS & ST OLIVERS

**St Olivers: Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am Mass St Pauls: Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am Mass**

**NO CONFESSION SAT 4<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2025 10-10.30AM AT ST OLIVERS. BEFORE OR AFTER MASS UPON REQUEST INSTEAD.**



**CONGRATULATIONS to Tony & Connie Bucci,** who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary last Sunday at St Oliver Plunkett's. What a wonderful family tribute to a blessed marriage. Congratulations on your amazing milestone!



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-18

*A Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your  
sentence; he has driven your  
enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in  
Your midst; you have no more evil  
to fear. When that day comes, word  
will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for  
you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Is 12:2-6

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and  
Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my  
song, he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. R.
2. Give thanks to the Lord,  
give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known  
to the peoples! Declare the  
greatness of his name. R.
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the  
earth! People of Zion, sing and  
shout for joy, for great in your  
midst is the Holy One of  
Israel. R.

## SECOND READING Phil 4:4-7

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

I want you to be happy, always  
happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I  
want is your happiness.  
Let your tolerance be evident to  
everyone: the Lord is very near.  
There is no need to worry; but if  
there is anything you need, pray for  
it, asking God for it with prayer and  
thanksgiving, and that peace of God,  
which is so much greater than we  
can understand, will guard your  
hearts and your thoughts, in Christ  
Jesus.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Is 61:1 Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to  
the poor.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18

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

When all the people asked John,  
'What must we do?' he answered, 'If  
anyone has two tunics he must share  
with the man who has none, and the  
one with something to eat must do  
the same.' There were tax collectors  
too who came for baptism, and  
these said to him, 'Master, what  
must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact  
no more than your rate.' Some  
soldiers asked him in their turn,  
'What must we do?' He said to them,  
'No intimidation! No extortion! Be  
content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown  
among the people, who were  
beginning to think that John might  
be the Christ, so John declared  
before them all, 'I baptise you with  
water, but someone is coming,  
someone who is more powerful than  
I am, and I am not fit to undo the

strap of his sandals; he will baptise  
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His  
winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear  
his threshing-floor and to gather the  
wheat into his barn; but the chaff he  
will burn in a fire that will never go  
out.' As well as this, there were  
many other things he said to exhort  
the people and to announce the  
Good News to them.

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

### WE PRAY FOR:

**Those who have died:** Sara Orjuelade Gacha, Caterina Vottari, Pat Carrol, Joseph Privitera, Maria Zoggia

**Anniversaries:** Anna Tenace (1 month), Antonio Racioppi

**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	14/15 Dec	21/22 Dec
Sat 5.00pm	J. Pertile T. Ryan	T. Ryan, A. Taglieri
Sun 8.45	M. Carabott, L. Di Nicola	B. Messina, F. Minutolo
10.30	L. Verduci, S. Harrison	S. Bennardo, O. Aquino

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	R. Paligaru	L. Teoh
Sun 8.45am	B. Messina	M. Carabott
10.30am	C. Steere	L. Verduci

## ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

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**Those who have died:** Vilma D'Intinosante

**Anniversaries:** Gennaro Gallo, Concetta Ruggiero, Albina Giaimis, Carmela & Carmine De Donato

**Those who are ill:** Mary Bonnici, Alexander, Allesandrina

READERS:	14/15 Dec	21/22 Dec
Sat 6.30pm	Judy O'Meara	Paul De Losa
Sun 9.00am	A Meilak	G Baviera & T Pugliano
10.30am	T/M Costanzo & Sam Stagliano	Rosa Oppendisano & Rita Luci

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Alfred Meilak	Mary De Marco
Sun 9.00am	Angela Greig	Rosa Touma
10.30am	Sam Stagliano	Giuseppe Schivello

## ST OLIVER'S CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Advent: Morning PRAYER 5.45am Weekdays (St Pauls)**

<b>2024 Tuesday</b>	Christmas Eve Vigil	5.00 pm Carols 5.30 pm Family Mass
	Christmas Mass	9.30 pm Carols 10.00 pm Mass
<b>Wed</b>	Christmas Day	8.45 am & 10.30 am
<b>2024 Thurs</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec (NO MASS)	
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ALPHA is starting in our parishes in May next year. It is a series of videos and conversations focused on the questions of life, faith and meaning. It is a non-judgemental and open environment where it's easy for anyone who is simply curious about faith to explore questions of life with new friends.

## NATIVITY PLAYS 2024 ST OLIVERS & ST PAULS PARISHES

### ST OLIVERS CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TUES 24<sup>TH</sup> DEC

**On Tues Vigil Mass 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 5.30pm mass** the children of St Oliver's can find inspiration for their own enactment of the Nativity at the Christmas Eve Mass. It's still not too late to take part: contact Ruth on 0419 81 221 Email: [ruthroblesmccoll@gmail.com](mailto:ruthroblesmccoll@gmail.com). Rehearsals: Fri 20 Dec 4:30pm, Sun 22 Dec 11:30

### ST PAULS VIGIL SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> DEC 6.30PM MASS

**On Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec immediately after 6.30pm Vigil mass** is the live nativity at St Paul's: live characters, 3 camels, a donkey and carols. Hospitality in the Hall afterwards. Past experience has seen adults filled with joy and the children memorised by the sights and fully participating. **Courage! The Lord awaits us!**

### Gen Bryant Music Concert last Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Gen and her band put on an wonderful performance last Friday. Gen has an amazing gift to share her spirit of God through music with all she encounters. Sadly, the attendance was poor, and despite the efforts put in to advertise & encourage, many missed a



brilliant opportunity to be filled with the holy spirit and support others who need this gift. Thanks be to God, this did not impact GB's magnificent performance and those who attended were compelled to join in with the singing & dancing.



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

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:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday's of the Month at 12pm  
(By Appointment)

#### MARRIAGES:

By appointment with at least 6 months notice

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

1<sup>st</sup> 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 Olivers Church A/C:

BSB: 083-347

ACC: 55158 7979

Presbytery A/C:

BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158



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Presbytery A/C

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Acc: 5310 20158



#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

**Collection** Thanksgiving \$ 1368.80

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 591.90

**Direct debits NOV** \$ 1725.00

#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** Sacrificial \$ 795.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 348.35

**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](http://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.