

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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21/22 December 2024

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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 visitation is one of the moving scenes in the Gospel. On a human level, here are two cousins, unexpectedly pregnant in the most extraordinary circumstances, meeting and offering each other greetings and support. We can see the scene and feel the bond.

In the Gospel of Luke this moment is pivotal. These women meet in the mountains where God has always been

manifest to the Israelites. Elizabeth is the Old Covenant made to Israel and she carries John who will be the herald of the Messiah. Mary, literally, embodies the new, and final, covenant in Jesus.

Elizabeth recognises what is happening here and she embraces all that God is doing for the world. She has tasted the promise of God and now sees its fulfilment. *(Richard Leonard)*

In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it. The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God. We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually reenact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished. *(Dianne Bergant)*

JANUARY ROSTER FOR ST OLIVER'S

All readers and ministers please note this weekend the roster for January will be displayed in the sacristy. If you are around during the month to volunteer for these tasks, please help by placing your name on the roster. If you are rostered on for Christmas as per below, please ensure you are attending your allocated mass, or find a replacement. Much appreciated.

2024 CHRISTMAS BREAKUP LUNCH

Fr James & both parish groups celebrated their Christmas breakup lunch at the RSL on Wednesday, a lovely day out for all!



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 5:1-4

A Reading from the Prophet Micah.

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 79:2-3,15-16,18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.
R.
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
R.
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.
R.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

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 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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: Joseph Privitera, Fr Leonard Thomas
Anniversaries: Giuseppe Armenia, Bernard Barnes, Pasquale Alessi, Maria Mete Troise, Gabrielle Bedrock, Anita Pidutto, Sr. Maria Rose Nga, Iole (Jasmine) & Carlo Svokelj
Those who are ill: M. Levandowski, Mary Mobbs, Stan Mobbs, Betty Gallagher, Jim Moore, Wendy Cahill, Ana Alessi, Irene Mary Wymer, Oswald Danie, Bill, Josephine Mokbel, Carmelo & Angelo

Left to right = Leader, Reader

READERS	21/22 Dec	24/25 Christmas
Sat 5.00pm	T. Ryan, A. Taglieri	R. Robles, Children TBC
10pm		E. Monaco, B. Watts
Sun 8.45	B. Messina, F. Minutolo	F. Minutolo, M. Ziccone
10.30am	S. Bennardo, O. Aquino	R. Cassidy, S. Harrison

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	L. Teoh	A. Giacotto, P. Saliba
10pm		M. Carabott, S. Thompson
Sun 8.45am	M. Carabott	L. Di Nicola
10.30am	L. Verduci	S. Bernnardo, F. Henger

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
	Christmas Mass	9.30 pm Carols 10.00 pm Mass
Wed	Christmas Day	8.45 am & 10.30 am
2024 Thurs	26 th Dec (NO MASS)	
2025 Wed	1 st Jan New Year's Day	10am (Coburg)

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Those who have died: Elena Vestri, Fr Leonard Thomas
Anniversaries: Fr Sean O'Connell, Angela Pingitore, Giovanna Luci, Antonio Luci, Salvatore Piccirillo (1 yr)
Those who are ill: Mary Bonnici, Alexander, Allesandrina

READERS:	21/22 Dec	24/25 Christmas
Sat 6.30	Paul De Losa	7pm T Raj & Paul Kennedy 12am Paul & Amelia De Losa
Sun 9.00am	G Baviera & T Pugliano	Brent & Dylan Greig
10.30am	Rosa Oppendisano & Rita Luci	Anna D'Amato & Rosa Oppendisano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Mary De Marco	7pm Alfred Meilak 12am Mary De Marco
Sun 9.00am	Rosa Touma	Patrick Baviera
10.30am	Giuseppe Schivello	Laura Scherma

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



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.



ST OLIVERS CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TUES 24TH DEC

On Tues Vigil Mass 24th 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. Rehearsals: Fri 20 Dec 4:30pm, Sun 22 Dec 11:30



ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S GIVING TREE UPDATE

Thank you to our wonderful parishioners for their support to The Giving Tree. Many families will have a good Christmas because of your generosity!



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 \$ 1347.90
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 453.20
Direct debits NOV \$ 1725.00

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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 \$ 795.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 348.35
Direct debits NOV \$ 900.00

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

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

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.