

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

24th March 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)

Sunday 9am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

FAMILY MASS – 2ND WEEKEND EACH MONTH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

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REFLECTION

In the third verse of the rousing hymn, *How Great Thou Art*, we sing, 'And when I think that God his Son not sparing sent him to die I scarce can take it in.

**That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.**

This verse enshrines a long-held tradition that Jesus died as a necessary atonement to God for our sins. From this perspective Jesus' suffering and death was the price of the ransom paid to evil so that we might share in God's life. Alternatively, the death of Jesus is seen as the only thing that satisfied God's anger at our sins, and caused God to love us again. We should be very careful about what we sing! On the one hand this theology rightly shows us the extraordinary love Jesus has for us. On the other hand it says some very difficult things about God. What loving creator, for example, would say that the torture and death of his beloved son is the only way he can be happy about his creatures? What just judge, no matter how angry he or she might be at the crimes laid out in the courtroom, would allow an innocent man to die for the guilty? And how powerful is God over evil if the only way to keep it in check is through human sacrifice? These are serious questions and they have an impact on our everyday life of faith, and can sometimes alienate us from believing that God is our all-loving Father in heaven. Today, we rightly hear a lot about victims – people, who through no choice or fault of their own, have been dealt with wrongly by others who are free to act otherwise and who know better. In some of the ways we think about the passion, Jesus becomes God's victim. Through no fault of his own, and seemingly powerless in the face of his Father's will, Jesus becomes a victim of God's need for a sacrifice, a ransom or atonement. As a result, many of us can feel that sometimes we are God's victims too, because if God wanted Jesus to suffer and die, why should we be surprised or complain when we receive large crosses to carry as well? Mark's account of the passion tends to reinforce Jesus as victim. Mark has Jesus eating with the outcasts, his friends betraying, denying or deserting him. He tells us that Jesus is terrified at the prospect of death and calls on his 'Abba' or 'daddy' to help him out. In the end he accepts 'the will of God' but even then feels abandoned by God on the Cross. I often think we misread what Jesus is referring to when he accepts God's will in the Garden. Rather than refer to the particular will of the Father to see Jesus suffer and die on Good Friday, I think it's more helpful and consoling to understand it as referring to God's will that Jesus remains faithful to the way he lived. If by doing that Jesus threatened the religious and political authorities of his day so much that they have to murder him, then his death is the ultimate sacrifice which reveals how far God was prepared to go in love for us. This reveals to us that Jesus came 'to live', and that by faithfully living this life he was put to death by the powers of sin. Through the cross we see the price to be paid in confronting sin in our day and obediently living out the demands of God's kingdom of justice and peace. This Holy Week let's celebrate that God spared nothing in showing us how to live. As we commemorate Jesus' life, death and resurrection may we move from being victims of a bloodthirsty God to choosing again to follow Jesus' example and live lives which are faithful, loving and obedient. May we also appreciate that this life continues to, literally, threaten 'the hell out of' those opposed to the reign of God in our world, but that as Jesus was faithful to God and God to Jesus, so they will remain faithful to us as well, no matter what. (From *Liturgy help* by Richard Leonard)



Please note for Holy Week, normal masses will run till Wednesday, then there will be **no** 10am mass for Holy Thursday nor Good Friday.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 50:4-7*

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24. R. v. 2

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend. R.
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. R.
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! R.
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons. R.

SECOND READING *Phil 2:6-11*

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

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him

high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Phil 2:8-9*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL *Mark 15:1-39*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark..

Key: N. Narrator. ✕ Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes – in short, the whole Sanhedrin – had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

✕ It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again:

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. But, to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again:

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!

N. Pilate asked them,

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Crucify him!

N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

✠ Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N. which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said

C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying:

O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. **All kneel and pause for a moment.**

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died:

Anniversaries: Giovanna & Giuseppe Ficarra

Those who are ill: Gerard Watts, Anna Alessi, Irene Mary Wymer, Betty Galladh, Mary Mobbs, Marjorie Del Rosario, 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, Jessica Ngo, Ardith Dowling, Fr Emmanuel, Maria George

READERS:	23/24 March	EASTER SUNDAY
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Sat 5.00pm	V. Pertile(L), L. Teoh(R)	Please refer to the Holy Week Roster.
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Sun 8.45am	M. Tamayo(L), M. Ziccone(R)
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10.30am	S. Bennardo(L), B. Watts(R)
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	
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Sat 5.00pm	R. Paligaru
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Sun 8.45am	J. Mokbel
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10.30am	D. Petrocco & A. Cocomello
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The roster will be displayed in the church foyer from Holy Thursday.
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ST OLIVER PLUNKETT HOLY WEEK ROSTER:

Readers:

Holy Thursday: V. Pertile(R) & L. Verduci (L)

Good Friday: L.Verduci (R) & A. Giacotto (L)

Easter Vigil 5pm: T. Srejjic, F. Henger, L.Pereira, R. Vargas

Easter Sunday: **8:45:** C.D'Orazio, R.Vargas, M. Bolitho (L)

10:30: B. Watts(R) & Rick Cassidy(L)

Special Ministers:

Holy Thursday: Franca Henger & Tina Baltatzis (& Armando Giacotto)

Good Friday: (Cross-bearers) Nat Palmieri & John Pertile

Easter Vigil 5pm: Rosemary Paligaru & Nat Palmieri

Easter Sunday: **8:45:** L. Verduci. **10:30:** S. Bernnardo & A. Cocomello

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Elizabeth Cowalec

Anniversaries: Michele D'Inginosange, Antonio Comande, Raffaele Laiacona, Maria Panella, Giamis Albina

Those who are ill: Rachel Inguanti, Rosa Strangis & Maria Spagnolo, Jessica Ngo, Marie Virag

READERS:	This Week	Next Week
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Sat 6.30pm	Marie & Peter
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Sun 9.00am	Annette Barnes &
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	Piotr Kardas
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10.30am	Gino De Fusco &
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	Peter Aurora
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	
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Sat 6.30pm	Alfred Meilak
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Sun 9.00am	Angela Greig
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10.30am	Laura Scherma
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ST PAULS COBURG HOLY WEEK ROSTER:

Readers:

Holy Thursday: Angela Greig & Paul Kennedy

Good Friday: Angela Greig & Warren Power

Easter Vigil 7pm: Phil Scardilli & Paul Kennedy

Easter Sunday: Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano

Special Ministers:

Holy Thursday: Rosa Touma

Good Friday: Patrick Baviera

Easter Vigil 7pm: Mary De Marco

Easter Sunday: Alfred Meilak

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – DURING LENT

St Olivers Pascoe Vale: 9.30am Tues and Thurs, St Pauls Coburg: Wed 9.15am English, Fri 9.15am (Italian), Fri 7pm (English)

2024 CALENDER DATES

Divine Mercy Sunday – 7th April: St Oliver Plunkett's Parish: 2pm Confessions, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm Mass

Parish Dinner: Friday 11th October, **Parish Picnic:** Saturday 26th October

VIA CRUCIS DI NOSTRO SIGNORE

Venerdi' Santo 7pm Chiesa Di San Paolo, 562 Sydney Rd, Coburg. Way of the Cross of our Lord in Italian, Good Friday 7pm St Pauls Church. Friday March 29th.

FESTA IN ONORO DI SAN GIUSEPPE

Domenica 17 Marzo 2024. 2pm: Rosario, 2.30pm Celebrazione della Santa Messa, 3.30pm Processione intorno all Chiesa Parroco della Chiesa James Puppady. Feast of St Joseph Sunday 17th March commencing 2pm.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION March 29th 2024

Since the time of St Paul, who urged his missionary Churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked. Please give generously to the Good Friday Holy Land Appeal. Envelopes are in the side and rear of the church.

ALPHA COURSE MILL PARK

Is there more to life? If you could ask God one question, what would you ask? THE ALPHA COURSE, Thursdays, April 11 – June 20, 2024, 7pm. St Francis of Assisi Church, Mill Park. Phone: Paul 0408-680-976

ST PAUL'S & ST OLIVER'S WELCOMES YOU TO

HOLY TRIDUUM 2024



Holy Thursday March 28 7.00pm **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**
 St Paul's & St Oliver's followed by Adoration at the
Altar of Repose until 10.00 pm

Good Friday March 29 [no Mass] *Fast and Abstinence*
 St Paul's 9.15am Way of the Cross in Italian
 10.00am Morning Prayer
 11.00am Way of the Cross in English
 3.00pm Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion
 7.00pm Italian Celebration of the Lord's Passion

St Oliver's 11.00am Way of the Cross
 3.00pm Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday [no Confessions]
 St Paul's March 30 10.00am Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil
 St Oliver's March 30 5.00pm Mass of the Resurrection
 St Paul's 6.30pm Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday March 31
 St Oliver's 8.45am Easter Mass
 10.30am Easter Mass
 St Paul's 9.00am Easter Mass English
 10.30am Easter Mass Italian



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: 2023/24

St Lucy Feast Day 10 Dec 2023 2pm

St Joseph 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

Next Week's Readings: **Easter Sunday**

First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43](#)

Second Reading: [Colossians 3:1-4](#)

Gospel: [John 20:1-9](#)

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 \$1804.55

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 656.66

Direct debits February \$ 1945.00

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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 \$ 860.50

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 328.15

Direct debits February \$ 400.00

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

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.