

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, Year A

12th April 2026

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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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Wednesday & Friday 10:00am

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)

8:00pm (Neocatechumenal way.

All welcome)

Sunday 9:00am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

FAMILY MASS – 2ND WEEKEND EACH MONTH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

FACEBOOK PAGE:

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SACRED SPACE



The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them. *(by Dianne Bergant)*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 12TH APR 2026 St Oliver's

2.00PM: CONFESSIONS, THE MOST HOLY ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET,

BLESSING OF THE DIVINE MERCY. 3.00PM: HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS



HOLY WEEK

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Holy Week celebrations truly inspiring and joyful. We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated priests for their unwavering leadership, spiritual guidance, and loving service—your support of the priests and people strengthens our faith family, and God bless you all!

Fr James Puppady

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.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
The whole community remained faithful to
the teaching of the apostles, to the
brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and
to the prayers.
The many miracles and signs worked
through the apostles made a deep
impression on everyone.
The faithful all lived together and owned
everything in common; they sold their
goods and possessions and shared out the
proceeds among themselves according to
what each one needed.
They went as a body to the Temple every
day but met in their houses for the breaking
of bread; they shared their food gladly and
generously; they praised God and were
looked up to by everyone. Day by day the
Lord added to their community those
destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has
no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.' Let those who
fear the Lord say: 'His love has no
end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour. There are shouts
of joy and victory in the tents of the
just. (R.)
3. The stone which the builder rejected

has become the corner stone. This is
the work of the Lord, a marvel in our
eyes. This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.
Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a
new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ
from the dead, so that we have a sure hope
and the promise of an inheritance that can
never be spoilt or soiled and never fade
away, because it is being kept for you in the
heavens. Through your faith, God's power
will guard you until the salvation which has
been prepared is revealed at the end of
time. This is a cause of great joy for you,
even though you may for a short time have
to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials;
so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your
faith will have been tested and proved like
gold – only it is more precious than gold,
which is corruptible even though it bears
testing by fire – and then you will have
praise and glory and honour. You did not see
him, yet you love him; and still without
seeing him, you are already filled with a joy
so glorious that it cannot be described,
because you believe; and you are sure of the
end to which your faith looks forward, that
is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you
have seen me; happy those who have not
seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20: 19-31

*A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.*
In the evening of that same day, the first day
of the week, the doors were closed in the
room where the disciples were, for fear of
the Jews. Jesus came and stood among
them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,'
and showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples were filled with joy when they
saw the Lord, and he said to them again,
'Peace be with you.
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and
said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'
Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of
the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus
came. When the disciples said, 'We have
seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see

the holes that the nails made in his hands
and can put my finger into the holes they
made, and unless I can put my hand into his
side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the
disciples were in the house again and
Thomas was with them. The doors were
closed, but Jesus came in and stood among
them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he
spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here;
look, here are my hands. Give me your
hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer
but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and
my God!' Jesus said to him:
'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet
believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus
worked and the disciples saw, but they are
not recorded in this book. These are
recorded so that you may believe that Jesus
is the Christ, the Son of God, and that
believing this you may have life through his
name.

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 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: Fr Grant O'Neill, Mark Rush

Anniversaries: Nazzario Ceddia, Irene Eccles, Rosi Thomas

Those who are ill: Rosetta Fisicaro, Marie Comer, Gim, Anthony, Milana, Carmelo family, Ardith Dowling, Joe Mobbs, Greg Patterson, Alan Holman, Diana Ferrantino, Lorraine Punch, Paul Winston, Charles, Letizia Lauria, Katie Fields, Nunziatina, Anna Nicolazzo, LiRosi family members, Anna, Mary Mobbs, John Moore, Fiona Edwards

READERS

11/12 April

18/19 April

Sat 5:00pm V Pertile (L), J Pertile (R) R. Paligaru (L) & L. Teoh (R)

Sun 8:45am B Messina (L) M. Tamayo (R) M. Ziccone (L) & L. DiNicola (R)

10:30am S. Harrison (L) T. Baltatzis (R) L. Willason (L) & M. Rossi (R)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm Lucy Teoh

Pauline Saliba

Sun 8:45am Bob Messina

Flora Minutolo

10:30am Brenda Watts

Emily Monaco

ALPHA begins Wednesday 15 April at 6:30pm in St Oliver's Parish Centre, Pascoe Vale. It's a relaxed series exploring life, faith and meaning—open to anyone curious. After last year's success, it's back again this year. Register (or just come along on the night). Enq: Marthese on 0421 815 369.

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died Fr Grant O'Neill, Antonio Guzzardi, Paul Muscat, Mario Pellizzer, Rosa Bagnato, Teresa Di Toro, Salvatore Spalato

Anniversaries: Cheryl Van Amelsvoort, Josephine Fenech Lidia Castellucci, Virginia Ridsdale, Francesco Inturrisi, Giovanna Buseti, Francesco Paolo Flammea, Vito & Christina, Phil Chalmers, Faustina Salaris, Vittorio Greco

Those Who are ill: Susie, Alice, Mark, Luke & Kate, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Derrick Tailford, Sebastiana De Pietro, Malissa Randich, Millie, Alessandrina, Mia, Sabello Family, Charles, Maureen McLure, Anna, Mary Seychell

READERS:

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18/19 April

Sat 6:30pm Samantha Ojeda

Phillip Scardilli

Sun 9:00am Brent Concha & Veronica Alfred Meilak & Chiara Dal Col

10:30am T or M Costanzo (SP) & S. Stagliano (L) R. Oppendisano (SP) & A.D'Amato (L)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6:30pm Alfred Meilak

Mary De Marco

Sun 9:00am Raf Carnovale

Annette Barnes

10:30am Laura Scherma

Giuseppe Schiavello

THURS 23RD APRIL MORNING MASS 9.15AM

Please note that Thursday 23rd April morning mass at St Oliver Plunkett Parish will be changed to 9.15am as Fr James is attending a Clergy meeting at 10am.

THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS TO ALPHA

Thank you to all who generously donated to the St Oliver's Easter Raffle, especially Anthony Cianflone, Glenroy Bakery & Erneste Tiles. Also thank you to St. Derby Café for donation of lollies to St Oliver's children at the Easter Vigil Celebration.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TWICE MONTHLY

From May onwards, we will have the regular Eucharistic adoration twice in a month, First Thursday and Third Thursday of the month at St Oliver's Pascoe vale, before mass 9-10am, and First Friday after mass (10-12pm) and Third Friday of the month (before mass 9-10am). This is in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028.



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
**EUCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028**
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

The Secret of The Holy Face
AUSTRALIAN TOUR

Sunday 26th April
Blackburn North, Melbourne

Monday 27th April
Caroline Springs, Melbourne

Sunday 26th April
Mill Park, Melbourne

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD MAKE A DONATION AT THE END OF THE TALKS.

"JOIN THE RANKS OF SAINT THERESA AND OTHER SAINTS IN THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY FACE AND CONTEMPLATE HIS FACE TO HELP RESTORE CHRISTENDOM"

TOUR DATES: APRIL 16 - 27, 2026
SYDNEY • CANBERRA • ALBURY • MELBOURNE

SPEAKER:
FR LAWRENCE CARNEY
AUTHOR - THE SECRET OF THE HOLY FACE: "THE DEVOTION DESTINED TO SAVE SOCIETY"

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VIBRANT PARISH FORMATION SERIES

5 sessions on building vibrant, mission-focused parishes—open to all. Tues/Wed (Mulgrave or Sunshine), May–Sept, 6:30–9:00pm.

Trybooking Link: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1378009

ACU Xavier School of Preaching 2026 For clergy and lay leaders passionate about sharing the Gospel. 30 Apr–2 May, ACU Fitzroy. \$250/\$125. Register VIA melbournecatholic.org/

Permanent Diaconate Information Session – 2 May 2026

Open to single and married men (30s–50s) interested in ordained ministry of service. All welcome, including those who've attended before; wives encouraged to attend.

When: Saturday 2 May, 10:00–11:30am

Where: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

To register, email Deacon (Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au) with your name and parish, or simply come along.



Building the Synodal Way Together

This Easter season, we are invited to grow as a Church that listens, reflects, and walks together. The Synodal

Way calls all to engage in prayerful dialogue, deepen unity in Christ, and discern how we respond to today's needs.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- **Listening with an open heart**
- **Engaging in meaningful conversation**
- **Strengthening our sense of communion**
- **Discerning pathways forward**

To get involved email: Synod2026@cam.org.au

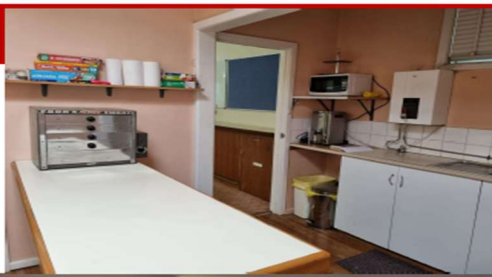
ST OLIVERS PARISH CENTRE

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://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=135>

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 \$ 1511.85
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 2503.60
Direct debits March \$ 3554.25

CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Paul's

Online Offerings ST PAULS
<https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=154>

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 \$ 1305.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 1300.80
Direct debits March \$ 1076.00

PROGRAMS

ST PAULS PARISH

ADORATION:

First Friday of the month: 10.30am-12:00pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays at 12:00pm by appointment

FAMILY MASS: 2nd Weekend of the Month

COMMUNION TO SICK:

Thursdays & Fridays

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays 10:00am

BIBLE STUDY: Mon 11:00am

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wed 10:30am

Legion of Mary: Monday mornings at 10:30am

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2026

Feast of St Anthony 14 June 10:30am

Feast of the Madonna 16 Aug 2026 2:00pm

St Lucy Feast Day 13 Dec 2026 2:00pm

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

BAPTISMS:

Saturdays 12:00pm (By Appointment)

MARRIAGES:

By appointment at least 6 months' notice

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Sundays of the month 10:30am Mass
(except during school holidays)

FAMILY MASS: 1st Weekend of the Month
5pm & 10.30am mass.

CUPPA IN PARISH CENTRE: 1st weekend of the month after 5pm & 10.30am mass. Library open for borrowing

PARISH ACTIVITIES:

MONDAY:

Christian Meditation- Chris Rowland

7:00pm-8:00pm Parish Centre – 0411 440 746

TUESDAY: Italian Ladies Prayer Group

10:00am 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

1:00pm-3:00pm Church/Parish Centre

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.

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