

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B

4/5 May 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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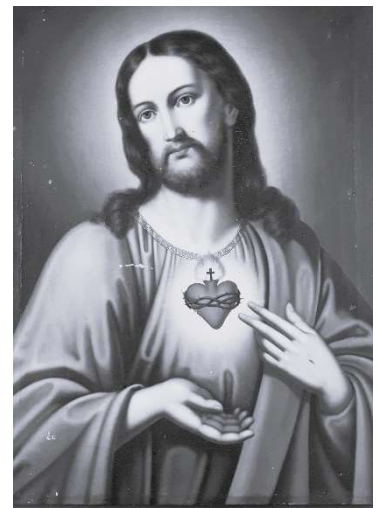
## REFLECTION



The Italian film, *Life is Beautiful* vividly portrays the truth of today's Gospel. It shows a father convincing his five-year-old son that the concentration camp is an elaborate game that the Nazis had invented to test the Italians. Some members of the Jewish community criticised this film because they claimed it made light of the holocaust. Writer and director, Roberto Benigni, however, argued that the heart of the film lies in the fact that most parents will do anything to spare their children the reality of evil. Most parents who have seen and wept through the film know exactly what he's talking about. And if parents could take such risks

and go to such lengths for their children, how much more has God done for us in Christ Jesus. We are the only world religion to believe that our God took our form and died out of love for us so that we might understand the love God has for us, and the love we are called to have for each other. It isn't, however, just any old love Christ calls us to practise. It's not about a fleeting feeling or having a warm fuzzy inside. Jesus tells us today that the character of Christian love is the degree to which it's sacrificial. This is a challenging way of working out who we really love, isn't it? The people we love are those for whom we are prepared to sacrifice something of ourselves, maybe everything. If that's the case we could decide to stop telling people we don't love that we love them. The goal of the Christian life is to love everyone, but until we achieve that, the more we lie about love the more we lower its currency. It's perfectly acceptable to like, enjoy, be fond of, respect, admire and be grateful to others, and not love them. There are a very few people for whom most of us would be prepared to lay down our lives. This criteria sorts out our intimates fairly quickly. We could also decide to stop saying we love things, animals, ideas or organisations which cannot love us back. Human beings can only truly love people. Jesus did not die for an ideology or an institution. He was put to death because of his uncompromising love for all humanity everywhere. If we find ourselves saying we love our pets, house, car, job, our ideology, even our Church more than we love other human beings, then we're in trouble. That's what I like best about the model of loving Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Just when we might expect to find him using the analogy of a family, he talks about us being his friends. Sometimes we can hear people lament that they are 'stuck' with their families, and that they prefer their friends. It's an instructive moment, usually born out of a bitter and unloving history. We choose our friends, and the strength of any particular friendship is usually found in how we know their history and story, and they know ours, in the way we give them time, attention and affection.

A true friendship is mutual. Jesus loves us, his friends, enough to know us, be available to us, challenge and forgive us. And his love is mutual. The only thing stopping us from having a deeper relationship with Christ is our desire for it. But Jesus also shows how friends are prepared to give their lives for one another. That's what we celebrate here each Sunday, that Jesus the Lord showed the quality and care of his love for us so that we might be empowered to go out and enable others to know and experience his love in the joyful way we sacrifice ourselves for them. No one promised us that the Christian life would be easy. All we have is our brother Jesus and all our friends, our family in faith, to support us in every loving sacrifice we make.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48*

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 97:1-4*

**R. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.***

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. R.
2. The Lord has made known his  
salvation; has shown his justice to  
the nations. He has remembered his  
truth and love for the house of  
Israel. R.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
ring out your joy. R.

## SECOND READING *1 John 4:7-10*

*A reading from the first letter of St John.*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.  
The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we  
will come to them.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL *John 15:9-17*

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down

his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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:** Rev Fr. Thomas Patrick Brophy, Salvatore Pricone

**-Anniversaries:** Concettina Polimeni,

**-Those who are ill:** Watts, Anna Alessi, Irene Mary Wymer, Betty Galladh, Mary Mobbs Gerard, 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, Carmelo & Paul, Fr Emmanuel Bonello, Salvatore Pricone

READERS:	4/5 May	11/12 May
<b>Sat 5.00pm</b>	J. Pertile(L), A. Breen(R)	T. Ryan(L), T. Srejcic(R)
<b>Sun 8.45am</b>	B. Messina(L), C. D'Orazio(R)	M. Carabott(L), R. Vargas(R)
<b>10.30am</b>	L. Verduci(L), T. Baltatzis(R)	E. Monaco(L), S. Bennardo(R)

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

<b>Sat 5.00pm</b>	A. Taglieri	A. Giaccotto
<b>Sun 8.45am</b>	M. Tamayo	M. Bolitho
<b>10.30am</b>	S. Bennardo	S. Harrison

## ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

### WE PRAY FOR:

**Those who have died:** Tim McNeil, Carmela Rischitelli, Giuseppa Buonannata, Fortunata Conditorio, Salvatore Rapita, Rev Fr. Thomas Patrick Brophy, Dante Martola

**Anniversaries:** Giuseppe Molina, Emilio Antonio Rossi,

**Those who are ill:** Rachel Inguanti, Rosa Strangis & Marie Virag, Fr Emmanuel Bonello

READERS:	4/5 may	11/12 May
<b>Sat 6.30pm</b>	Paul Kennedy	FAMILY MASS
<b>Sun 9.00am</b>	Adria, D & B Dal Col	Ellise Baviera (FAMILY)
<b>10.30am</b>	Sam Stagliano & T/M Costanzo	Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

## St. Peregrine Service this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Patron of Cancer Sufferers. 2pm Rosary, Mass, Anointing & veneration of relic at St Oliver Plunkett Church Pascoe Vale. Enquiries: Bob 9354 3878

## ST OLIVER'S PARISH FUND RAISER SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT COLES COBURG NORTH (GAFFNEY ST)

A very important part of the parish's upkeep and ongoing maintenance are the fundraisers which require the support of all parishioners who are able to assist. We ask you to please be generous with your time to participate only for a short two-hour block: **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024**. To volunteer, and for all other enquiries please contact Tina on 0417 512 897.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Boxes can be returned to parish office. Tax deductible receipts available on request.

## CatholicCare SUNDAY APPEAL this Sunday MAY 5<sup>th</sup>

As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers all kinds of life-saving services from mental -health to refugee aid. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

## ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT 2024



The Annual Parish Mass count will be taking place in May. The four weekends of 4-5 May, 11-12 May, 18-19 May and 25-26 May have been selected for the count. Four weekends have been chosen to allow for those Parish Masses occurring in an infrequent pattern such as Masses said in languages other than English.

01/10/2024 TO 22/10/2024

## PILGRIMAGE – SAINTS OF ITALY, MARIJA BISTRICA & MEDJUGORJE

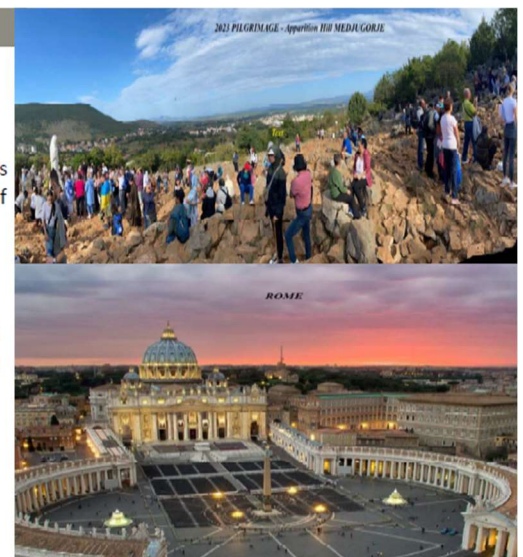
The above pilgrimage is from Tues, 1/10/2024 to Tues, 22/10/2024.

The first part of the pilgrimage will cover The Great Saints of Italy and will include Rome (Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul, St. John Lateran, St. Alphonso, etc), San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Assisi (St. Francis of Assisi), Sienna (St. Catherine), Padua (St. Anthony), Venice (St. Mark), etc. We will also visit Our Lady of Revelation, Manoppello, Lanciano, Loreto and the Shrine of the Mystical Rose.

The second part of the pilgrimage will see us drive through Slovenia to spend two nights in Marija Bistrica (Croatia) and then to Medjugorje (Hercegovina) for a week to have a quiet retreat joining the thousands of pilgrims attending the daily Mass at St. James, reciting the rosary whilst climbing the Apparition Hill & walk the stations of the cross climbing the Krizevic Mountain, a quiet prayer at the statue of the Risen Christ, adoration chapel, listen to the testimonies and enjoy this quiet little town. Experience the healings and miracles of this holy place.

The SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR is FATHER GEORGE JAMES, Sacred Heart Parish, Thornlie

Those interested to join us, please contact, PILGRIM COORDINATORS - EDMAN/RADHA ANTHONY at 0424 437 251 and/or email [edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com) for more details.



# Love one another as I have loved you

6th Sunday of Easter, Year B



## The people I love are...

Draw some pictures of the people you love and write a little bit about each of them.

Jesus is our friend. He loves us so much that he was prepared to give up his life for us. What are some things you can do to show Jesus that you are his friend?



Jesus is my friend...

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**FINISH**



### COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"The Father will keep loving me because I have obeyed him"

## 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: 2023/24

St Lucy Feast Day 10 Dec 2023 2pm

St Joseph Feast Day 17 Mar 2024 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**

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: **The Ascension of The Lord.**

First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11](#)

Second Reading: [Ephesians 1:17-23](#)

Gospel: [Mark 16:15-20](#)

#### 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 \$ 1059.20

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Presbytery \$ 418.60

Direct debits APRIL \$ 3111.00

We are very grateful for your support.

#### 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:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection Sacrificial \$ 824.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Presbytery \$ 329.40

Direct debits APRIL \$ 440.00

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](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.