

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday of Easter Year B

27/28 April 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

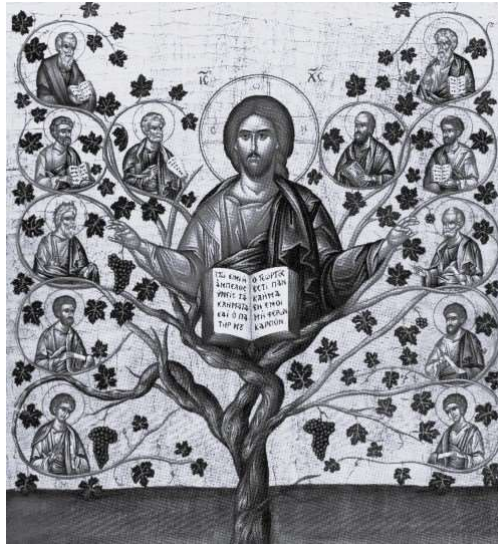
Saturday: 7:15pm

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REFLECTION



Until I spent time on a vineyard ten years ago, I always heard the parable of the vinedresser as a tough, 'shape up or ship out' message. I always imagined God as the vinedresser having a field day lopping and cutting my dead branches, trimming my unproductive stems and uprooting all the rot that undermines my fruitfulness. It always felt like a violent activity. It was a pleasant surprise then, to actually see a vinedresser in action. Far from an act of violence, the care paid by the dresser to each stem is extraordinary. He or she carefully inspects the branch, delicately cutting only the smallest amount so that the vine will be healthier and more productive. A good vinedresser pores over the vines and from

experience knows that to cut too much or too little will render the vine without its distinctive character. Every cut is measured and aimed to prune back only the diseased branch, so as to bring about greater growth for the whole vine and a bigger yield for the vineyard. The vinedresser is not violent with the vine, but extremely tender. The first hearers of today's Gospel would have known that this metaphor is anything but a 'shape up or ship out' message.

This parable is a profound insight into the Christian life. We can claim to belong to the Christian family all we like. We can come to Mass every Sunday. But if the fruit we produce is bitter and poisonous, if we are unforgiving, unjust and uncaring, we cannot claim to be on the vine of Christ's love. And if that's the case we are in desperate need of the gentle hand of the vinedresser, who only wants to see us bring forth the yield we are capable of achieving.

Rev Billy Graham once said, 'Being a member of the Church no more makes you a Christian than living in a garage makes you a car.' That's the point of today's Gospel: God will not judge us by what we say or the public face of goodness we can turn on, we will be judged by our acts of love in and through our kindness and compassion.

This metaphor also reminds us that we are connected to each other. There are moments in our life of faith when we hear or see other Christians saying or doing things we cannot countenance. We can try to disown them by retreating into our denomination, but we are all connected in Christ's vineyard. We need the courage to tell them the truth as we see it, and charitably point out the problems we have with what they think is right. And we need the humility to listen when they challenge us.

It's even harder when the diseased part of the vine is in our own Catholic section of the vineyard. Our first instinct can be to lop off the branch, just to get rid of it. But as any vinedresser knows this is the last resort. Whether we find it easy or not, Christ calls us to limited surgical interventions over amputations every time. This is tough love. Even though there are people within our community who have committed terrible crimes and betrayed our trust, the Gospel calls us to hold on to them until it's clear that no matter what intervention we make, they are dying on Christ's vine already. And even then, we hope and pray that our action towards them might see a new growth within them which could be the beginning of a possible grafting back on to us in the future.

In the face of the world's 'shape up or ship out' principle, today's Gospel challenges us to hang in there with each other, in season and out of season, because as the old folk hymn sings, 'They'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.' (Richard Leonard SJ)

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 9:26-31

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 21:26-28,30-32

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the
assembly of your people.**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! R.
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him; They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' R.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says
the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'
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.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

We Pray for: -Those who have died: Margaret Mary Wilson, Lina de Battista

-Anniversaries: Annunziata Guastalegname, George Paligaru, Fortunato Rizzo, Domenico Cicala, Salvatore Pricone, Henry Bracken

-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, Carmelo & Paul

READERS:	27/28 April	4/5 May
Sat 5.00pm	L. Teoh(L), V. Pertile(R)	J. Pertile(L), A. Breen(R)
Sun 8.45am	M.Tamayo(L), B.Messina(R)	B. Messina(L), C. D'Orazio(R)
10.30am	R. Cassidy(L), L. Willason(R)	L. Verduci(L), T. Baltatzis(R)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	L. Bellio	A. Taglieri
Sun 8.45am	L. Di Nicola	M. Tamayo

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Santa (Santina) Antonia Pizzo,
Anniversaries: Phil Chalmers, Solomon Romanos, Roy Mossuto, Emilio Antonio Rossi (1 year), Carmelo Malivindi, Pietro Stefania, Giovanna Ficatro, Juanito Cueva, Elisa Cueva
Those who are ill: Rachel Inguanti, Rosa Strangis & Marie Virag

READERS:	27/28 April	05/06 May
Sat 6.30pm	Tamesha Raj	Paul Kennedy
Sun 9.00am	Rosa Touma & P Wright	Adria, D & B Dal Col
10.30am	Rosa Oppendisano & Anna D'Amato	Sam Stagliano & T/M Costanzo

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: FIRST THURSDAY AND FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

St Olivers Pascoe Vale: Thursday 2nd May 9am-10am before 10am mass

St Pauls Coburg: Friday 3rd May 10.30am – 12pm after 10am mass

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 1st 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 WILL NOW BE IN MAY

CatholicCare Sunday appeal has changed from August to May 4 - 5, 2024. 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 or call (03) 9287 5513.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT 2024



The Annual Parish Mass count will be taking place in May 2024. This year, 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.

The parishes of St. Oliver's & St. Paul's with the Servite Secular Order invite you to a Celebration of the Liturgy in honour of

st. Peregrine

Patron of Cancer Sufferers

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT'S CHURCH

Cnr Gaffney St & Landells Rd
 PASCOE VALE VIC 3044

2.00pm, Sunday

5th May 2024

Ample parking in the grounds of the Church

Programme:

- ◆ Servite Rosary
- ◆ Holy Mass
- ◆ Anointing of the Sick
- ◆ Blessing & Veneration of the Relic of St. Peregrine



Enquiries: St. Peregrine Apostolate
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 ☎ St. Oliver's: (03) 7036 9330

All welcome

St. Peregrine, pray for us!

I am the vine and you are the branches

5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

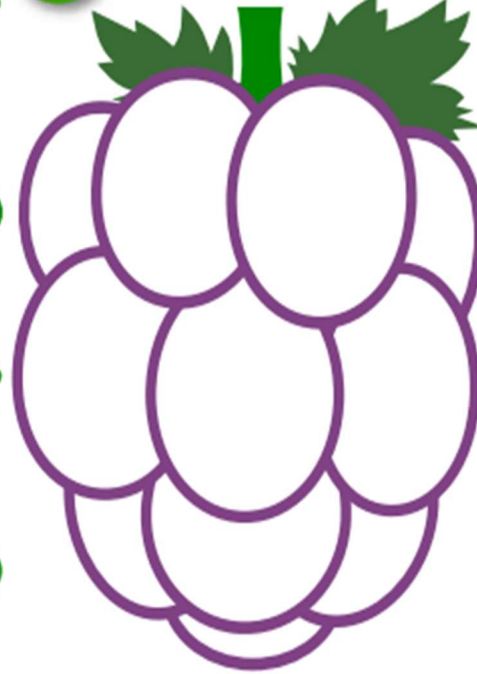
Who are some people in your community who are like branches of the vine? On each branch, write down a name and how they contribute their 'fruit' to the community.



Jesus says that we must be fruitful disciples. What are some of the ways that you can be a disciple to Jesus? Write or draw your answers inside the grapes.

Mrs Smith

takes meals to elderly residents



Can you work out which of these three branches is the one bearing fruit?



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 \$ 1706.25
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 554.00
Direct debits MARCH \$ 2010.00
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:

1st Collection Sacrificial \$ 583.50
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 329.00
Direct debits MARCH \$ 446.00
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

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: **6th Sunday Easter**

First Reading: [Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48](#)

Second Reading: [1 John 4:7-10](#)

Gospel: [John 15:9-17](#)

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.