

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A

14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

### PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. James Puppady

### Parish Secretary:

Mrs Loretta Meilak

### Parish Coordinator

Mr Truc Nguyen



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Mon 8:30am—11:30am

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School Principal: Delfina Pieri

### 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 9:00am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

FAMILY MASS — 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEKEND EACH MONTH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

FACEBOOK PAGE:

PASCOE VALE & COBURG

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## SACRED SPACE



Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus, the one who prepared for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.

Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time. (REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA)



SAT 20TH DEC 2025  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
6.30PM MASS

HOSPITALITY IN THE HALL  
AFTERWARDS

Carols, Kings, Angels,  
LIVE camels, and a donkey

St Paul's Catholic Church,  
562 Sydney Road, Coburg

Children are invited to bring  
their letters to the Three Kings

### MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE

**SYNOD 2026** Archbishop Peter Comensoli has announced preparations for an **Archdiocesan Synod to be held in 2026**, as a fruit of the Jubilee Year of Hope and recent local, national, and global synodal journeys. **Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ** will assist in leading the process with Ms Cathy Jenkins as Synod Program Lead. The Synod will focus on three key themes: Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership, and Formation and Participation, with a Synod Commission to be established and parishioners invited to pray and be open to this journey together as the Church in Melbourne. More details to follow. The Archbishop's letter can be found at rear of church

HEALING MASSES 10am: St Oliver's: Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. St Pauls: Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 35: 6,10*

*A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 145:6-10*

**R. Lord, come and save us.**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. R.
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R.

## SECOND READING

*James 5:7-10*

*A reading from the letter of St James.*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Luke 4:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:2-11*

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

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to

send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

**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:** Reverend Michael Leonard Shadbolt PE, Violet Meli

**Anniversaries:** John Viona, Antonio Racioppi, George Paligaru, Betty Narayan

**Those who are ill:** Daniel Dowling, Keith Redman, Mary Mobbs, Fiona Edwards, John Moore, Justin & Family, Irene Mary Wymer, Anna Alessi, Trish Lee, John Griffin, Marie Comer, Gim, Anthony, Milana, Carmelo family, Ardith Dowling, Joe Mobbs, Greg Patterson, Alan Holman, Charmaine Makumbe, Diana Ferrantino

### READERS 13/14 Dec 20/21 Dec

**Sat 5:00pm** C. Rowland (L) & A. Taglieri (R) V. Pertile (L) & C. Rowland

**Sun 8:45am** M. Ziconne (L) & C. Di'Orazio (R) B. Messina (L) & F. Minutolo (R)

**10:30am** T. Baltatzis (L) & S. Harrison (R) S. Bennardo (L) & M. R-Patterson (R)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Sat 5:00pm** A. Taglieri L. Teoh

**Sun 8:45am** F. Minutolo M. Carabott

**10:30am** B. Watts L. Verduci

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**Those who have died:** Reverend Michael Leonard Shadbolt PE, Maria Bailo, Maria Caruso, Gaetano Racco

**Anniversaries:** Camillo Tamburrino, Albina Giaimis, Lucia Esparza, Andres Ruiz, Iole, Arcangelo, Vincent Avenoso, Laura Vicendese family membrs, Pulvano Family members, Vito & Christina

**Those Who are ill:** Mary Bonnici, Alice, Mark, Luke & Kate, Alexander, Allesandrina, Andrew Cassidy, Christine Reid, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Derrick Tailford, Carmel Veneziano, Sebastiana De Pietro, Malissa Randich, Millie, Paschaline Mmadike, Mia, Frank Veneziano, Sabello Family

### READERS: 13/14 Dec 20/21 Dec

**Sat 6:30pm** Alex Paul De Losa

**Sun 9:00am** Ramon & Ellisse Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano

**10:30am** S. Stagliano (SP) & Costanzo (L) Rita Luci (SP) & Rosa Oppendisano (L)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Sat 6:30pm** Alfred Meilak Mary De Marco

**Sun 9:00am** Angela Greig Rosa Touma

**10:30am** Giuseppe Schivello Giuseppe Schivello

**FUNERAL:** Wed 17 Dec: St Paul's Coburg "Maria Caruso" - 11am | Thurs 18 Dec: St Paul's Coburg "Maria Bailo" - 11am

**St Paul's Coburg – Presbytery Apartment Available for Lease:** Fully furnished, two-bedroom apartment next to the St Paul's Presbytery available for lease from 21 Jan 2026. Separate private entrance from presbytery. Contact Jacob – Peter Leahy Real Estate on 0431-368-666 for more info.



**Special Ministers & Readers Meeting:** All Special Ministers and Readers are invited to attend a briefing session on Sat, 20 Dec 2025 at 1:30pm, to be held at St Paul's Church, Coburg. Your presence is greatly appreciated as we prepare for the year ahead. Fr James Puppady

### END OF JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE CELEBRATION WITH BISHOP RENE

Last Sunday, we were blessed to welcome Bishop René to St Oliver's for the Closing Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope. It was a joyful and faith-filled celebration for our parish community. A report of the Jubilee events held throughout the year was presented, highlighting the many graces and moments of renewal we have shared. After Mass, parishioners gathered for a BBQ and refreshments, enjoying fellowship and giving thanks for a wonderful year of hope. We extend our gratitude to all who contributed to the celebrations, especially Wendy & Olivia and to everyone who participated throughout the Jubilee Year. May the blessings of hope continue to grow in our parish family.



### CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 4pm

Merri-Bek City Salvos Brass Band, Carol Singing, Visit from Santa, Popcorn & Refreshments

15 Headley St, Coburg Nth



**St Oliver's' choir** currently has nine regular members including musicians, vocalist and technology and generally practices monthly on a Wed evening. The choir is always looking for new musicians and vocalists to complement our music ministry. If you have an interest in joining the choir ministry or have any questions please contact Choir Director, Michael Levandowski, via email at michael11dski@gmail.com, mobile on 04 666 555 14 or after a Sunday Mass when the choir is providing music ministry.

# St. Paul's Church Coburg

## CHRISTMAS 2025



### Advent Morning Prayer COBURG

Weekdays 6am

St Pauls Coburg (begins Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec)

### Nativity Play (LIVE camels, donkeys & carols)

Saturday 20 Dec after 6.30pm Vigil Mass (St Pauls)

### Confessions

17 Dec	-	Wednes	10.30 am
19 Dec	-	Friday	10.30 am
20 Dec	-	Saturday	10.00 am (St Olivers)

24 Dec. - Wednesday

Vigil Mass: 7.00 pm

Christmas Carols: 11.40pm

Midnight Mass: 12.00 am

25 Dec. - Thursday

### Christmas Day:

English Mass - 9:00 am

Italian Mass - 10.30 am

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec Boxing Day **NO MASS** at St Pauls Coburg



## PROGRAMS

### ST PAULS PARISH

#### ADORATION:

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

#### BAPTISMS:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month at 12:00pm

#### COMMUNION TO SICK:

Thursdays & Fridays

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays 10:00am

BIBLE STUDY: Mon 11:30am

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wed 10:30am

Legion of Mary: Monday mornings at 10:30am

#### ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2025

Feast of St Anthony 15 June 10:30am

Feast of the Madonna 17 Aug 2025 2:00pm

St Lucy Feast Day 14 Dec 2025 2:00pm

### ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

#### BAPTISMS:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the Month at 12:00pm

(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 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

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Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm Nativity Play

Christmas Carols: 9.30 pm

Vigil Mass: 10.00 pm

25 Dec. - Thursday

### Christmas Day:

Mass - 8.45 am

Mass - 10.30 am



#### 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 \$ 1500.15

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Presbytery \$ 520.95

Direct debits December \$ 5280.00

#### 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:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection Sacrificial \$ 841.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Presbytery \$ 368.30

Direct debits December \$ 1015.00

#### 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.