

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Resurrection of the Lord, Year A

5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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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 9:00am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

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## SACRED SPACE

# HAPPY



# EASTER

"The Lord has risen Alleluia". Jesus invites each and every one of us to rise with him to a new life. Let us find the Risen Lord in every person especially who is suffering Physically, mentally and spiritually. I wish you all a very Joyful and blessed Easter. May The Risen Lord bless you and your families.

Fr. James Puppady. PP.



### 2026 EASTER MESSAGE – Easter offers a way forward

Friends,

Easter invites us to stand at the threshold from night into dawn. In the Gospel, we meet Mary Magdalen arriving at the tomb while it was still dark (Jn 20:1). She carries grief and confusion, yet a fragile hope. What she finds is not an ending but a beginning: the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty. And before her stands the One who knows her name: Mary.

As dawn breaks, a quiet truth emerges: death has not had the final word; life has arisen. The resurrection unfolds like morning light. It does not blind, but illumines. It does not erase wounds, but transfigures them. Christ, the Light of the World, comes to meet us as the light we need. Christ is present; Christ is life.

Yet many today experience absence. For the young especially, the world can feel stripped of mystery—flattened, reduced. Meaning feels distant; hope can seem lost. Our lives can appear dark and empty. Conflict and war confront us.

And yet, it is precisely there that Easter speaks our name. The empty tomb is the sign which awakens us to the truth that God is still with us; Jesus is still for us. This Easter, we are called not only to receive Christ's light, but to rediscover its wonder—and to bear that light for others.

Here in Melbourne, we see both vitality and vulnerability: generosity among neighbours, yet distance towards others. Into this world comes the risen Christ, shining light into every darkness and upon every life. To be a light is to reflect the One who brings hope, and to keep it alive in a world that can forget to hold in safety those in need.

In our divided and conflicted world, Easter offers not escape but a way forward: to live with compassion, seek truth, build peace, and stand for hope.

To the steadfast in faith: may this Easter renew your joy and courage. To those who feel distant: the light of Christ is already seeking you. To people of goodwill: Easter proclaims that life is stronger than death, love stronger than fear, and hope stronger than despair.

May the risen Christ bless Melbourne and all its people this Easter. And may we rediscover his company as we walk from darkness into his marvelous light.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**

Archbishop of Melbourne

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## EASTER VIGIL

### 1) Ceremony of the LIGHT

- a) Blessing of the **EASTER FIRE**
- b) Preparation of the **PASCHAL CANDLE**
- c) Procession into the Church...  
**LUMEN CHRISTI / DEO GRATIAS**
- d) The “**Exultet**”  
*(church is lit after Exultet)*

### 2) Liturgy of the WORD:

- a) Genesis 1,26-31; Response: 'Lord send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.'
- b) Exodus 14:15-15:1; Response: 'Let us sing to the Lord, he has covered himself in glory.'
- c) Isaiah 55:1-11. Response: 'You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.'
- d) As the **GLORIA** hymn is sung, the Alter candles are lit.
- e) **Epistle Reading:** Romans 6:3-11
- f) Gospel: **Matthew 28:1-10.**

## HOMILY

### 3) Blessing of Water

- a) Blessing of Water
- b) Renewal of Baptismal Promises:  
Q. **Do you reject Satan?** R. **I do**  
Q. **And all his works?** R. **I do**  
Q. **And all his empty promises?** R. **I do**  
Q. **Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?** R. **I do**  
Q. **Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?** R. **I do**  
Q. **Do you 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?** R. **I do**  
c) Blessing of the people
- d) Prayers of the Faithful

### 4) Liturgy of the EUCHARIST:

Preparation of the Altar  
The Eucharistic Prayer  
Holy Communion.

## EASTER VIGIL READINGS

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 1:1,26-31*

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.' God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. Evening came and morning came: the sixth day. Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

### SECOND READING

*Ex 14:15-15:1*

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.' Then the angel of God, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the

sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried. 'The Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!' 'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses, 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant. It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

**R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

### THIRD READING

*Isaiah 55:1-11*

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in

forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

**R: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

#### EPISTLE READING

*Rom 6:3-11*

*A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a Christian dies, of course, he has finished with sin. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

**R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end". R.
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.  
R.
3. The stone which the builder rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.  
R.

#### GOSPEL

*Matthew 28:1-10*

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

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala

and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### EASTER SUNDAY READINGS

##### FIRST READING

*Acts 10:34, 37-43*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.' The Word of the Lord.

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end". R.
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.  
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R.

#### SECOND READING

*Col 3:1-4*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*1 Cor 5:7-8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

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The Gospel of the Lord.

# ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

**Those who have died:** Amalia Masciantonio

**Anniversaries:** Rosi Thomas, Irene Eccles

**Those who are ill:** Rosetta Fiscaro, 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:	4/5 April	11/12 April
Sat 5.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> : Chris McKeon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Vicki Pertile 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Sylvia Vella, 4 <sup>th</sup> : Brenda Watts	V Pertile (L), J Pertile (R)
Sun 8.45am	1 <sup>st</sup> Italian, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bob Messina Leader: Lavinia Verduci	B Messina (L) M. Tamayo (R)
10.30am	Narelle Farrell & Olivia Aquino	Stuart Harrison (L) Tina Baltatzis (R)

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	Rosemary Paligaru, Pauline Saliba	Lucy Teoh
Sun 8.45am	Maria Tamaye	Bob Messina
10.30am	Nat Palmieri, Emily Monaco, Silvana Bennardo	Brenda Watts

# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

## WE PRAY FOR:

**Those who have died:** Antonio Guzzardi, Paul Muscat, Mario Pellizzer, Rosa Bagnato, Teresa Di Toro, Salvatore Spalato

**Anniversaries:** 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, Mary, Anna

READERS:	This Week	Next Week
Sat 6.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Paul Kennedy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Angela Greig 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anthony Jarmache, 4 <sup>th</sup> Elie Jarmache	FAMILY MASS
Sun 9.00am	Patricia Wright & Warren Power	FAMILY MASS
10.30am	T/M Costanzo, Sam Stagliano	Peter Aurora, T/M Costanzo

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Warren Power	Alfred Meilak
Sun 9.00am	Warren Power & Rosa Touma	Raf Carnovale
10.30am	Laura Scherma, Giuseppe Schiavello	Laura Scherma



## 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.

### Reflection: How can we deepen synodality in our parish life?

The Diocesan Synod Commission meets on Thursday 9 April—please keep this work in your prayers. To get involved: Synod2026@cam.org.au

## CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Oliver's

Online Offerings: ST OLIVERS  
<https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=135>

### OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Oliver's Church A/C:  
**BSB: 083-347 ACC: 55158 7979**  
 Presbytery A/C:  
**BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158**



## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

**Collection** Thanksgiving \$ 1856.40  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 1047.85  
**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  
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**Acc.: 67541 0884 Acc: 5310 20158**



## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** Sacrificial \$ 1445.00  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 647.35  
**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

**FAMILY MASS:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Weekend of the Month  
 5pm & 10.30am mass.

**CUPPA IN PARISH CENTRE:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.