

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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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

### FACEBOOK PAGE:

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## Passion (Palm) Sunday Year A

29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### SACRED SPACE



What we see in today's readings is God using perfectly human situations in order to convey, in dramatic fashion, his relationship to us. And it is only with genuine faith that we are able to see the work of God in the tragic death of Jesus. As Paul says, for many of the Jews it was a stumbling block, and

for many non-believers, sheer nonsense. He also said that it is not altogether unusual for a person to die for good people. It is altogether unusual for one to give up their life for evildoers. And, basically, that is what all of us are, in one way or another.

The theme of this week and of today's liturgy is clear. What Jesus experiences for us, is a manifestation of God's overwhelming love for each one of us. By our identifying ourselves with the 'mystery' of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, we ourselves experience a great liberation, a 'passover' from various forms of sin and enslavement to a life of joy and freedom. Certainly our celebration of Holy Week is not just to be one of memories, or even just of thanks, but of entering, together with Jesus, into a new experience of living.

### ST PAUL'S & ST OLIVER'S WELCOMES YOU TO

#### HOLY TRIDUUM 2026

<b>Holy Thursday</b> April 2 <b>St Paul's &amp; St Oliver's</b>	7.00pm	<b>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> followed by Adoration at the <i>Altar of Repose</i> until 10.00 pm
<b>Good Friday</b> April 3 <b>St Paul's</b>	[no Mass] 9.00am 10.00am	<i>Fast and Abstinence</i> Way of the Cross in Italian Morning Prayer
<b>St Oliver's</b>	11.00am 3.00pm 7.00pm	Way of the Cross in English <b>Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion</b> Italian Celebration of the Lord's Passion
<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>St Paul's</b>	[no Confessions] 10.00am	Way of the Cross <b>Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion</b> Morning Prayer
<b>Easter Vigil</b> <b>St Oliver's</b> April 4 <b>St Paul's</b>	5.00pm 6.30pm	<b>Mass of the Resurrection</b> <b>Mass of the Resurrection</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b> April 5 <b>St Oliver's</b>	8.45am 10.30am	Easter Mass Easter Mass
<b>St Paul's</b>	9.00am 10.30am	Easter Mass English Easter Mass Italian



### CHRISM MASS AT ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL Tues 31 Mar 10am-12pm -

In this ancient and beautiful liturgy, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, together with all of Melbourne's priests, will bless the oils being used in the sacraments for the year ahead. **NB: There will be a communion service at St Oliver's 10am mass.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

*A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24. R. v. 2*

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend. R.
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. R.
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! R.
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons. R.

## SECOND READING

*Phil 2:6-11*

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

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him

high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Phil 2:8-9*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 27:11-54*

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

*Key: N. Narrator. ✠ Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.*

**N.** Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

**O.** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N.** Jesus replied,

✠ It is you who say it.

**N.** But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him,

**O.** Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

**N.** But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

**O.** Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

**N.** For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

**O.** Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

**N.** The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and

the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them,

**O.** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

**N.** they said,

**C. Barabbas.**

**N.** Pilate said to them:

**O.** But in that case, what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

**N.** They all said:

**C. Let him be crucified!**

**N.** Pilate asked:

**O.** Why? What harm has he done?

**N.** But they shouted all the louder,

**C. Let him be crucified!**

**N.** Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

**O.** I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

**N.** And the people, to a man, shouted back,

**C. His blood be on us and on our children!**

**N.** Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying,

**C. Hail, king of the Jews!**

**N.** And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge

against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

**C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!**

**N.** The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

**C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He puts his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God.'**

**N.** Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

✠ Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

**N.** That is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said,

**C. The man is calling on Elijah.**

**N.** and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

**N.** But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*

**N.** At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said,

**C. In truth this was a son of God.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

## ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

**Anniversaries:** Antonio Nicolaci, Giustino Tamburrino, Ennio Vope, Paul John Gites, Fabian, Salud, Rodulpo Mangao, Felix Cruz, Peter De Fazio

**Those who are ill:** 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

## ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Antonio Guzzardi, Paul Muscat, Mario Pellizzer, Rosa Bagnato, Teresa Di Toro

**Anniversaries:** Vito & Christina, Phil Chalmers, Faustina Salaris, Vittorio Greco

**Those who are ill:** Alice, Mark, Luke & Kate, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Derrick Tailford, Sebastiana De Pietro, Malissa Randich, Millie, Paschaline Mmadike, Mia, Sabello Family, Charles, Maureen McLure, Mary, Anna

## St Oliver Plunkett 2026 Holy Week Volunteers

Holy Thursday	Good Friday:	Easter Vigil:	Easter Sunday:
<b>Reader: Vicki Pertile</b>	<b>Reader: Vicki Pertile</b>	<b>First Reading, Genesis</b>	<b>8:45am Mass</b>
<b>Leader: Lucy Teoh</b>	<b>Leader: Lucy Teoh</b>	<b>* Chris McKeon</b>	<b>1st Reader: (Italian)</b>
<b>Two Special Ministers</b>	<b>Narrator: Chris Rowland</b>		
<b>1. Tina Baltatzis</b>	<b>Other: Rosemary Paligaru</b>	<b>Second Reading, Exodus</b>	<b>2nd Reader: (English): Bob Messina</b>
<b>2. Rosemary Paligaru</b>		<b>* Vicki Pertile</b>	
<b>12 people for washing of the feet.</b>	<b>Two Cross-Bearers</b>		<b>Leader: Lavinia Verduci</b>
(All from the age of 8 to 80 are invited to come forward)	<b>1. Nat Palmieri</b>	<b>Third Reading, Isaiah</b>	<b>Special Minister: Maria Tamaye</b>
<b>1. Tina Baltatzis</b>	<b>Two Readers Solemn Intercessions</b>	<b>* Sylvia Vella</b>	<b>10:30am Mass</b>
<b>2. Anna Coconello</b>	(5 intercessions per reader)	<b>Fourth Reading, Romans</b>	<b>Reader: Narelle Farrell</b>
<b>3. Emily Monaco</b>	<b>1. Franca Henger</b>	<b>* Brenda Watts</b>	<b>Leader: Olivia Aquino (TBC)</b>
<b>4. Franca Henger</b>	<b>2. Chris Rowland</b>		
<b>5. Robin Thomas</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
<b>6. Roan Robin</b>	<b>1. Brenda Watts</b>	<b>1. Rosemary Paligaru</b>	<b>1. Nat Palmieri</b>
<b>7. Rosemary Paligaru</b>	<b>2. Nat Palmieri</b>	<b>2. Sylvia Vella</b>	<b>2. Emily Monaco</b>
<b>8. Livia Bellio</b>	<b>3. Christine Rowland</b>	<b>3. Pauline Saliba</b>	<b>3. Silvana Bennardo</b>

## St Paul's Coburg 2026 Holy Week Volunteers

Holy Thursday	Good Friday:	Easter Vigil:	Easter Sunday:
<b>Reader 1: Paul Kennedy</b>	<b>Reader: Patricia Wright</b>	<b>First Reading, Genesis</b>	<b>9am Mass</b>
<b>Reader 2: Warren Power</b>	<b>Narrator: Angela Greig</b>	<b>* Paul Kennedy</b>	<b>1st Reader: Patricia Wright</b>
<b>Special Ministers</b>	<b>Other Speaker: Paul Kennedy</b>		
<b>1. Warren Power</b>		<b>Second Reading, Exodus</b>	<b>2nd Reader: Warren Power</b>
<b>2. Patrick Baviera</b>	<b>Two Cross-Bearers</b>	<b>* Angela Greig</b>	
<b>12 people for washing of the feet.</b>	<b>1. Brent Greig</b>		<b>Special Ministers</b>
(All from the age of 8 to 80 are invited to come forward)	<b>2. Dylan Greig</b>	<b>Third Reading, Isaiah</b>	<b>1. Warren Power</b>
<b>1. Jean Skinner</b>	<b>Two Readers Solemn Intercessions</b>	<b>* Anthony Jarmache</b>	<b>2. Rosa Touma</b>
<b>2. Michelle Villani</b>	(5 intercessions per reader)	<b>Fourth Reading, Romans</b>	<b>10:30am Mass (ITALIAN)</b>
<b>3. Magdalena</b>	<b>1. Angela Greig</b>	<b>* Elie Jarmache</b>	<b>1st Reader: T or M Costanzo</b>
<b>4. Rosa Oppendisano</b>	<b>2. Magdalena and Josie Anna Diacono</b>		<b>2nd Reader: Sam Stagliano</b>
<b>5. Susie Romanos</b>		<b>Special Ministers</b>	
<b>6. Paul Liparoti</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>	<b>1. Warren Power</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
<b>7. Sawsan Rashed</b>	<b>1. Warren Power</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1. Laura Scherma</b>
<b>8. Maria Liparoti</b>	<b>2. Rosa Touma</b>		<b>2. Giuseppe Schiavello</b>
<b>9. Barbara Romanos</b>			

# FEAST OF MERCY - Celebration 2026

St Oliver Plunkett & St Paul's Parish  
 cnr Gaffney St & Landells Rd, Pascoe Vale, Vic 3044

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

PROGRAMME: 2.00PM: CONFESSIONS  
 THE MOST HOLY ROSARY OF THE  
 DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET  
 BLESSING OF THE DIVINE MERCY

## 3.00PM: HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SOLEMN BENEDICTION

All most cordially welcome  
 St Plunkett Church: (03) 9354-1564  
 Divine Mercy Apostolate: (03) 9354 3878




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**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 \$ 1520.10  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 663.80  
**Direct debits** February \$2971.75

**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 \$ 647.70  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 300.00  
**Direct debits** February \$ 895.00

**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)

## 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 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.