

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C

28/29 December 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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**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:**

**PASCOE VALE & COBURG**

[facebook.com/pascoevalecoburg](https://facebook.com/pascoevalecoburg)

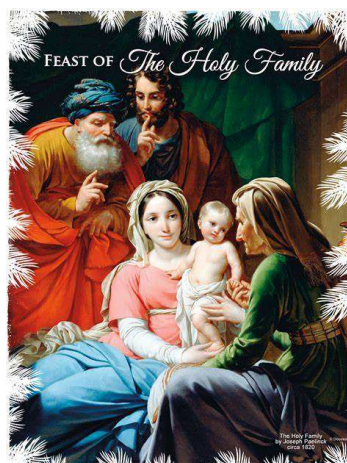
### REFLECTION



We live in an era when we are constantly hearing about the demise of the family and the demise of family values. It seems that the family is under constant attack. Divorce rates are at an all-time high and a huge number of young people are raised in single-parent families, divided families or blended families. To talk about a 'typical' family is increasingly irrelevant.

What we are learning to appreciate more and more is the diversity of family experience. Despite all this, there is no disputing the value of the family unit. Family is at the heart of our society; at the heart of our development; and at the heart of our Church. When we stop and think about it, the Holy Family that we honour today wasn't exactly what we might describe as a 'typical' family and yet they provide a model for all families.

In today's gospel, we get a snapshot of family life for Jesus, Mary and Joseph at a time when Jesus was 12 years old. We're reminded that the family was a faithful Jewish family, attending the Passover celebrations in Jerusalem every year. We're also reminded that it is at the Passover celebrations some 20 or so years later that Jesus will be tried and crucified. When Mary chastises the boy Jesus, he reminds her that he needs to be busy with his Father's affairs. Mary and Joseph are confused by this, perhaps forgetting momentarily that Jesus is referring to his heavenly Father. This incident, so often dismissed as background 'colour' to the gospel narrative, conveys the significant truth that Jesus shared a family relationship with Mary and Joseph, but also shared a family relationship with God, his Father. It reminds us that Jesus called all of us to enter into the relationship he shared with his Father.



At the centre of every family is Christ. For this reason, whilst all families are unlike, they are all sacred. They can provide identity and security in trialling times. As the book of Revelation tells us, the devil continues to attack all that contains Christ, and the Family is Satan's greatest threat.

For this we are called to remain vigilant in prayer for all families. "Lord God, from You every family in Heaven and on earth takes its name...Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, the fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love. (Pope JP II, *Aletheia* 2017)

**NO CONFESSION SAT 4<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2025 10-10.30AM AT ST OLIVERS. BEFORE OR AFTER MASS UPON REQUEST INSTEAD**

# 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 1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28

*A Reading from the first book of Samuel.*

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 83:2-3,5-6,9-10*

### **R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. R.

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. R.
3. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. R.

## SECOND READING

*1 John 3:1-2,21-24*

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

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. 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

*Cf. Acts 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Luke 2:41-52*

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

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting

among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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:** Joseph Privitera, Maria Merlo, Betty McGrath

**Anniversaries:** Maria Mete Troise

**Those who are ill:** M. Levandowski, Mary Mobbs, Stan Mobbs, Betty Gallagher, Jim Moore, Ana Alessi, Irene Mary Wymer, Oswald Danie, Bill, Josephine Mokbel, Carmelo & Angelo

Left to right = Leader, Reader

**READERS**      28/29 Dec      04/05 Jan 2025

**Sat 5.00pm** L. Teoh, V. Pertile,      A. Giacotta, L. Teoh

**Sun 8.45** M. Carabott, B. Messina M. Ziccone, C. D'Orazio

**10:30am** F. Bucci, B. Watts      F. Henger, J. Pertile

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Sat 5.00pm** L. Bellio      M. Carabott

**Sun 8.45am** R. Vargas      J. Mokbel

**10.30am** N. Palmieri      J. Braganza

## ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

### WE PRAY FOR:

**Those who have died:** Eugenia Raso, Joseph Ciantar

**Anniversaries:** Francesco Paolo Flammea

**Those who are ill:** Mary Bonnici, Alexander, Allesandrina

**READERS:**      28/29 Dec      4/5 Jan 2025

**Sat 6.30** Paul Kennedy      William Kennedy

**Sun 9.00am** R Touma & P Wright      A. Greig & Warren Power

**10.30am** T/M Costanzo &      Rosa Oppendisano &  
S. Stagliano      Rita Luci

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Sat 6.30pm** Mary De Marco      Alfred Meilak

**Sun 9.00am** Raf Carnovale      Annette Barnes

**10.30am** Giuseppe Schivello      Giuseppe Schivello

## NEWSLETTERS RESUME FIRST SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY 2025

This edition marks the final Newsletter for the duration of the summer break. Newsletters will resume on the first Sunday of February 2025. The parish office will continue to attend enquiries, anniversary requests and other matters during this period, and will endeavour to return all emails and calls at our nearest convenience.



ALPHA is starting in our parishes in May next year. It is a series of videos and conversations focused on the questions of life, faith and meaning. It is a non-judgemental and open environment where it's easy for anyone who is simply curious about faith to explore questions of life with new friends.



## 2024 NATIVITY PLAYS ST PAULS & ST OLIVERS PARISHES

St Paul's & St Oliver's Plunkett's Parishes both had their Nativity Plays this week. Both were a huge success with many families and children participating in each of them. Thanks to the many volunteers that participated!



Fr James would like to wish all a very safe, happy and blessed New Year for 2025 and we look forward to continuing our work in the new year alongside parishioners, for God and His beloved Church.

## A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the blessings of the past year. Thank you for your faithfulness, your love, and your constant presence in our lives. Lord, as we enter into the unknown of the coming year, we ask for your guidance and wisdom. Illuminate our path with your light so that we may walk in your ways and make choices that align with your will. Help us to seek first your kingdom and trust that all other things will be added unto us. We Make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

ST OLIVERS PARISH CENTRE

# ST OLIVER'S HALL HIRE

AVAILABLE WEEKDAYS & WEEKENDS ANYTIME

KITCHEN TABLES & CHAIRS TO SEAT 60

1 Landells Rd, Pascoe Vale  
\$200 up to 4hrs  
\$300 4+ hours



ST PAULS PARISH HALL

# ST PAUL'S HALL HIRE

AVAILABLE WEEKENDS (EXC. SAT EVENING)

KITCHEN TABLES & CHAIRS TO SEAT 80 BATHROOMS

562 Sydney Rd, Coburg  
\$350 up to 4hrs  
\$450 4+ hours



## 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: 2025

St Joseph Feast Day 23 Mar 2025 2pm

Feast of the Madonna 24 Aug 2025 2pm

St Lucy Feast Day 14 Dec 2025 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**  
4:00pm Parish Centre  
(last Tuesday of the month)

**Charismatic Prayer Group**  
Tuesday 7.30pm Parish Centre

#### WEDNESDAY:

#### Drop-In Centre

1-3pm Church/Parish Centre

#### CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Oliver's

Online Offerings: ST OLIVERS  
<https://bit.ly/CDfpayPascoeVale>

#### OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Oliver's Church A/C:

BSB: 083-347

ACC: 55158 7979

Presbytery A/C:

BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158



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#### OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Paul's Church A/C

BSB: 083-347

Acc.: 67541 0884

Presbytery A/C

BSB: 083-347

Acc: 5310 20158



#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

**Collection** Thanksgiving \$ 1480.90

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 780.45

**Direct debits NOV** \$ 1725.00

#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** Sacrificial \$ 1311.60

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 441.75

**Direct debits NOV** \$ 900.00

**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)

**Next Week: The Epiphany of the Lord**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

#### A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISONERS

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.