

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

14th June 2026

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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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Wednesday & Friday 10:00am

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)

8: 00pm (Neocatechumenal way.

All welcome)

Sunday 9:00am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

FAMILY MASS – 2ND WEEKEND EACH MONTH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

FACEBOOK PAGE:

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SACRED SPACE



The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God. Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

MELBOURNE SYNOD – TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL MEETING

On Wednesday evening, members of our parish gathered for the first joint parish synod meeting—an important step in our shared journey of faith within the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Brother Fons introduced the spirit of synodality as a pastoral approach grounded in relationship, listening, discerning, and self-emptying. It invites us beyond our limited understanding of God's presence, into a deeper openness to God at work among us. Echoing St Augustine, "our hearts are restless until they rest in God," he reminded us that true unity draws us into a continual search for God in the realities of daily life. We are called to walk patiently together. The Gospel story of the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35) offers a model: Jesus walks alongside the disciples, listens to their confusion, and helps them see their lives in the light of God. They recognise him in the breaking of the bread—the bread of Scripture and the bread of their lives. The Melbourne Synod, called by Archbishop Peter Comensoli, invites all Catholics to share their lived experience of faith to help foster unity. The task of each parish is not to solve every issue, but to become a listening community that contributes to the *sensus fidei*—the faith of the people.

All parishioners are warmly invited to be part of this journey. Join a listening group by attending upcoming gatherings, and share your experience of faith. **Your voice matters as together we listen to one another and to the Spirit of God in our midst.**



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONING MASS

Sunday, 21 June at 10:30am at St Oliver Plunkett's Church.

Please keep our council members in your prayers as they take up their ministry of service and leadership within our parish community. Also, a blessing will take place for members at the **9am Mass at St Paul's, Coburg, on Sun, 28 June.**

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

Exodus 19:2-6

A Reading from book of Exodus.

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 99:2-3,5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36-10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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: Rosetta Fiscaro, Aniello Rambaldo, Bishop Mallavarapu Prakash

Anniversaries: Thomas Hector, Veronica Bolito, Thomas Joseph

Those who are ill: Mary Mobbs, John Moore, Fiona Edwards, Giovanna Esposito, Antony & Family, Anna Alessi, Margaret Mary O'Flynn, Irene Wymer, Trish Lee, Wendy Cahill, Joe Mobbs

READERS: 13/14 Jun 20/21 Jun

Sat 5:00pm V. Pertile (L); J. Pertile (R) R. Paligaru (L); L. Teoh (R)
Sun 8:45am M. Tamayo (L) F. Minutolo (R) M. Carabott (L) L. Di Nicola (R)
10:30am T. Baltatzis (L) R. Cassidy (R) E. Monaco (L) O. Aquino (R)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5:00pm Livia Bellio Angela Taglieri
Sun 8:45am Flora Minutolo Marta Tamayo
10:30am Franca Henger Tina Baltatzis

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Terri Hartlett, Rosina Fosso, Bishop Mallavarapu Prakash, Francesca Italiano

Anniversaries: Nina D'Angelo (1 year), Vittorio D'Angelo, Claudio D'Angelo, Rosa Gigliotti, Giovina Rivelli, Joseph Duca (9 yrs), Antonio Pugliano (8yrs), Camillo Tamburrino (9 months)

Those Who are ill: Alice, Mark, Luke & Kate, Maria Ambesi, Nissen Saba, John Saba, Millie, Alessandrina, Mia, Sabello Family, Charles, Anna, Mary Seychell, Vlad, Olivia Harding, Fr Noel Bianco

READERS: 13/14 Jun 20/21 Jun

Sat 6:30pm Azriel & George So Judy O'Meara
Sun 9:00am B. Concha & V. Kelly Alfred Meilak & Chiara Dal Col
10:30am R Oppendisano (SP) A D'Amato (L) R Luci (SP) S Stagliano (L)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6:30pm Mary De Marco Alfred Meilak
Sun 9:00am Annette Barnes Mary Carnovale
10:30am Mary De Marco Sam Stagliano

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION JUNE 2026 DATES

St Oliver's Pascoe Vale: Thurs 18th June before mass 9-10am

St Paul's Coburg: Fri 19 June (9-10am) In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028.



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Many parishioners from St Paul's and St Oliver Plunkett's Parish joined more than five thousand Catholics in Melbourne for a joyful Corpus

Christi procession. Beginning at St Patrick's Cathedral, the faithful processed through the city in prayer and song, witnessing to Christ's presence and hope in the heart of the city. Archbishop Comensoli urged the faithful to see the procession as a public act of hope bringing healing and life.

MARIA'S 90TH BIRTHDAY & PAPAL BLESSING

Last Sunday, St Oliver Plunkett's Parish Community was delighted to celebrate the 90th birthday of one of our parishioners Maria. During Mass, she received a Papal Blessing and a special birthday blessing from Fr James, marking this wonderful milestone of faith and life. We wish her God's continued blessings, good health, and joy in the years ahead.



PROCLAIM 26 – 26-27 JUNE 2026

Join Catholics from across Melbourne for PROCLAIM26 at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. Through inspiring keynote presentations, practical workshops, and real-life stories of parish renewal, you'll be equipped to share the Gospel and renew your community. More Details & Registration here: melbournecatholic.org/proclaim26

CATECHESIS AT ST PAULS COBURG

CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT AND OUR SALVATION!

Does your life have meaning? What are you living for? Do you want the answer? Come and listen to a catechesis (talks) that will enlighten your life! 📅 Mondays & Thursdays from 1 June

Colin Tomelty – 0407 346 413

Fr Joe Pelle – 0409 585 806

ALL ARE WELCOME!



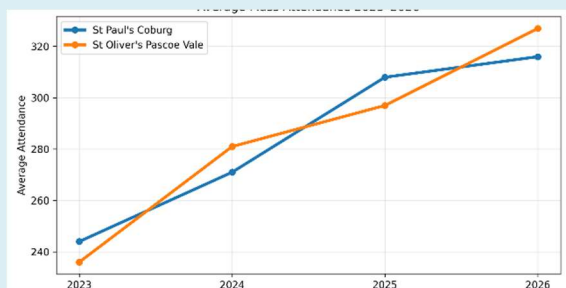
Parish Mass Count Results (2023–2026)

What a blessing to witness the continued growth of our parish communities!

🏡 **St Oliver's** average Mass attendance increased from 276 in 2023 to 327 in 2026 — a remarkable **19% increase**.

🏡 **St Paul's** average Mass attendance increased from 244 in 2023 to 316 in 2026 — an outstanding **30% increase**.

These encouraging figures reflect a growing, vibrant faith community. Thank you for your faithful participation.

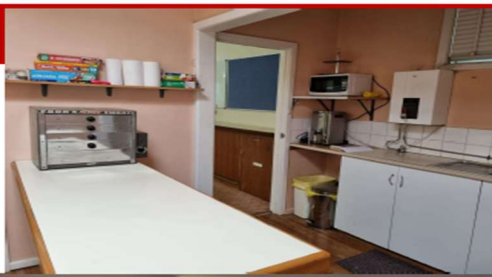


ST OLIVER'S HALL HIRE

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



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 \$ 1209.60
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 502.55
Direct debits May \$ 5737.00

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:

1st Collection Sacrificial \$ 870.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 425.85
Direct debits May \$ 1229.75

PROGRAMS

ST PAUL'S PARISH

ADORATION:

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

BAPTISMS:

Sundays at 12:00pm by appointment

FAMILY MASS: 2nd 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

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

FAMILY MASS: 1st Weekend of the Month
5pm & 10.30am mass.

CUPPA IN PARISH CENTRE: 1st 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.

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