

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

17/18 AUGUST 2024

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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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MASS TIMES

Wednesday & Friday 10:00am

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)

8:00pm (Neocatechumenal way.

All welcome)

Sunday 9am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

FAMILY MASS – 2ND WEEKEND EACH MONTH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

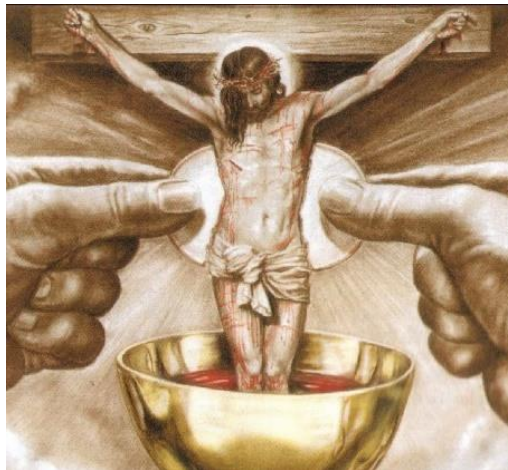
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REFLECTION

This gospel passage continues the 'Bread of Life' discourse that we have been following through the Gospel of John for a few weeks now. It overlaps with the reading from last week with Jesus announcing that his flesh is the 'bread of life'. Not surprisingly, the Jewish audience is horrified by the idea of eating human flesh. Jesus drives his point home further with his audience by also referring to the drinking of blood. In Jewish tradition, even to touch blood made a person ritually unclean. Any meat that was to be eaten had to be drained of blood, according to kosher rules. The words used by Jesus in this passage are so confronting that they cannot possibly be taken literally. It is a complete overstatement of the image to try to make sure that a literal interpretation is



impossible.

When the gospel writer has Jesus speaking about eating his flesh and drinking his blood he is drawing on a very old image of eating and drinking as representing 'absorbing'; or 'comprehending'; or 'understanding' the message of the speaker. In this ancient understanding, to 'eat the flesh' of Jesus is to take into yourself and accept everything that Jesus stands for; everything that Jesus teaches; everything that Jesus believes. It is an

act of faith. When we received Christ in the Eucharist, is this the depth of significance and purpose with which we take communion? Unmistakably, this passage points us to the Christian sacrament of Eucharist. The practice of sharing Eucharist as a memorial of Jesus was already well established in the Christian communities by the time this gospel was written and throughout this extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' the author provides a direct link between the practice of Eucharist and the teachings of Jesus. (*Greg Sunter*)

'The Eucharist', Pope Francis famously said, 'is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' Reflecting on today's Gospel passage, the Pope encourages us to avoid becoming 'arbiters of grace'. Rather, he says, we should be 'its facilitators'. As the Pope points out, Jesus gives us the Eucharist 'with a specific purpose: that we may become one with him.'

'The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us', the Pope reminds us, which helps us to become a living 'gift to God and to our brothers and sisters.' In one sense, we do this individually. Being nourished by the Eucharist, the Pope explains, 'means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour.' Each of us therefore seeks to become what we consume. But we do not do so alone. Communion is a celebration of the Body of Christ – the Church – which means we are being transformed together as the pilgrim People of God. Communion, the Pope says, 'means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity.'

What this all means is that we should approach the Eucharist with openness to being changed, individually and collectively, into the Bread of Life for all (*Nick Brodie*)

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 *Proverbs 9:1-6*

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built herself a house, she
has erected her seven pillars, she has
slaughtered her beasts, prepared her
wine, she has laid her table. She has
despatched her maidservants and
proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my
bread, drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live, walk in
the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33:2-3,10-15

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the
Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his
praise always on my lips; in the Lord
my soul shall make its boast. The
humble shall hear and be glad. R.
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere
him. Strong lions suffer want and
go hungry but those who seek the
Lord lack no blessing. R.

3. Come, children, and hear me that I
may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life and
many days, to enjoy his prosperity?
R.
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. R.

SECOND READING *Eph 5:15-20*

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

Be very careful about the sort of lives
you lead, like intelligent and not like
senseless people. This may be a wicked
age, but you redeem it. And do not be
thoughtless but recognise what is the
will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves
with wine, this is simply dissipation; be
filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and
tunes of the psalms and hymns when
you are together, and go on singing and
chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so
that always and everywhere you are
giving thanks to God who is our Father
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 6:56*

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my
Blood live in me and I in them, says
the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 6:51-58*

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

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living
bread which has come down from
heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will
live for ever; and the bread that I shall
give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'
Then the Jews started arguing with one
another: 'How can this man give us his
flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I
tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat
the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his
blood, you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink
my blood has eternal life, and I shall
raise him up on the last day. For my
flesh is real food and my blood is real
drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks
my blood lives in me and I live in him. As

I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father, so
whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from
heaven; not like the bread our ancestors
ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats
this bread will live for ever.'

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: Joan Stezens,

Anniversaries: Richard Saliba, Concetta Defazio, Owen & Maureen Davis, Marion Barnes,

Those who are ill: Judy Knapp, Brian Wright, Mary Mobbs, Betty Gallagher, Jim Moore

READERS: 17/18 August 24/25 August

Sat 5.00pm V. Pertile(L), L. Teoh(R) A. Taglieri(L), T. Ryan(R)
Sun 8.45 M. Ziccone(L), L. Di Nicola(R) B. Messina(L), C. D'Orazio(R)
10.30am M. Temming(L), T. Baltatzis(R) R. Polastri(L), L. Willason(R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm L. Teoh P. Saliba
Sun 8.45am F. Minutolo J. Mokbel
10.30am S. Bennardo N. Palmieri

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Margaret Enriquez, Josiph Savle, Lucrezia Fabris, Connie Tabone,

Anniversaries: Concetta Magnano, Carmelo Malivindi, Lucy Assunta, Rocco & Maris Trimarchi, Carmel Romeo, Teresa Matalone, Francesco Luci, Angela Comande, Clive, Merlyn Greig, Vittorio d'Angelo, Claudio d'Angelo, Nancy Fiume
Those who are ill: Mary Bonnici, Alexander, Felipe and Anne.

READERS: 17/18 August 24/25 Aug

Sat 6.30pm William Kennedy Phillip Scardilli
Sun 9.00am Grace Baviera & Brent & Dylan Greig
Tess Pugliano
10.30am Anna D'Amato & T/M Costanzo & S Stagliano
Rosa Oppendisano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm Mary De Marco Alfred Meilak
Sun 9.00am Warren Power Angela Greig
10.30am Giuseppe Schivello Sam Stagliano

ST PAUL'S COBURG NEO-CATECHUMENAL CATECHESIS / TALKS



"I am the light of the world, anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12)

Come and Listen to a set of Catechesis (talks) and receive this light in your life
A Good news for your life!

Beginning **Monday & Thursday August 12th 7:30pm**, St Paul's Catholic Church, O'Connor Building (Hall), 562 Sydney Road Coburg 3058

If you require any further details or assistance to attend, please contact:

Colin Tomelty (M) 0407 346 413 or Fr Joe Pelle (M) 0409 585 806

Dear Parishioners, COURAGE, we all need help in our journey of faith. These talks offered are IN the parish, FOR the parish, come and support your local church. Leanne (Your PA)

CHANGE TO PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN THE NEWSLETTER

We are experiencing the regular occurrence of remaining uninformed when a parishioner placed on the prayers for the sick have either recovered or passed away. Thus, we have a build up of names that no longer require mentioning. As such, the Parish Council have agreed to a 1-month policy for sick list names, unless otherwise advised. The current list consists of names that have been on for quite a while, so starting from next week, some of these names will be removed if no request has been made. Thank you all for your understanding.

2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN – SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

As the first disciples responded to Jesus' invitation to 'Come, follow me' so too are we called to continue this vital and life-giving work today. To do this we have streamlined our approach to fundraising by moving to just one annual campaign for the purposes of the Archdiocese. Your contribution to the Archbishop's Campaign supports the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese and helps build the community of faith of the future.

CONFESSION ST OLIVER PLUNKETTS CANCELLED

Saturday 10-10:30am cancelled until 21st September while Fr James is away. Confession can be made by appointment with the presiding priest.

PERMANENT DIACONATE



Earlier this year there was an Information session on the Permanent Diaconate. It was a successful gathering. The awareness that those men interested are most likely working full time, perhaps raising a family and therefore limited in available time has led to the decision to offer a different style of information session in September. This session will be on a weekday evening via ZOOM. For further information please visit our website:

<https://northmelbournecatholic.org.au/login/admin/uploads/2718Catholic-Vocations-zoom-meetings.pdf>



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:

2nd & 4th 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: 2023/24

St Lucy Feast Day 10 Dec 2023 2pm

St Joseph Feast Day 17 Mar 2024 2pm

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

BAPTISMS:

2nd & 4th Saturday's of the Month at 12pm

(By Appointment)

MARRIAGES:

By appointment with at least

6 months notice

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st 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 Olivers Church A/C:

BSB: 083-347

ACC: 55158 7979

Presbytery A/C:

BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158



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Online Offerings ST PAULS
<https://bit.ly/CDFpayCoburg>

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 \$ 1255.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 592.05

Direct debits JULY \$ 2110.00

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial \$ 667.50

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 306.15

Direct debits JULY \$ 815.00

Next Week: 21st Sunday Ordinary Time B

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:25-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

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