

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

4th Sunday of Advent, Year C

19th December 2021

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday 9:15am

(unknown vaccination status)

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

(fully vaccinated)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 10-10:30am



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MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday 10:15am

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)

(unknown vaccination status)

8:00pm (Neocatechumenal way)

Sunday 9am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

(fully vaccinated)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

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SACRED SPACE

THE BIRTH OF JESUS is now imminent. In a few days' time we will be celebrating the memory of that great event. Today's Mass prepares us for the Christmas celebration.

A major theme of Luke's gospel is being unfolded at this early stage in the coming of Jesus, even before his birth in Bethlehem. This promise is magnificent but how is it to come into existence and fulfilment? For we are presented with the humility of the mother and her Son. It is they who go to visit and not they who are visited. There is no question of status or "face" with these two people. Even before he is born, Jesus already comes to serve and not to be served. It is through service we will recognise him as Lord. Later on he will tell his disciples, "You call me Master and Lord and you are right and yet I am the one who washes your feet. You go and do the same" (John 13:13-15).

It is the beginning of God's great plan to bring salvation and wholeness to the world. God's own Son is preparing to come and live among us as a human being. He will be like us in every respect except in his freedom from sinfulness and its source, our fears and insecurity. As we party our way through the Christmas season, let us not forget what it is really about: the coming of God among us to show us the greatest love that can be shown, the laying down of one's life for one's friends.

Jesus invites us to say with him to the Father: "Here I am! I am coming to obey your will." Mary herself has already followed her Son, though he is not yet born. Asked as an unmarried virgin if she is willing to be the mother of Jesus and assured that, with God, all things are possible, she has already said: "Yes! Let all this happen to me as you have planned it." At this stage, she has no idea what is in store but she has said her Yes and she will be faithful to it.

"Have you said 'Yes' yet?" It is a question that the readings of today's Mass are asking each one of us. We are about to celebrate Christmas very soon. Probably all our other preparations have been made or we are up to our eyes making them. But have we made the most important preparation of all? Yes to the Father, Yes to Jesus, Yes to all that we will experience in the coming year, Yes to every call that God makes and will make of us?

Part of the meaning of Christmas is that by contemplating the experiences of Jesus and Mary, we learn from them how to say an unqualified and unconditional Yes. Because that is where the real joy and happiness of Christmas lies. All the rest is tinsel.



"The Advent Season is meant for this: to stop and ask ourselves how to prepare for Christmas. We are so busy with all the preparations, with and things that pass. But let us ask ourselves what we should do for Jesus and for others! What should we do?"

"Let's choose something concrete, even if it is small, that is adapted to our situation in life, and let's continue doing it to prepare us for this Christmas," the Holy Father said. "For example, I can call a person who is alone, visit that elderly person or that person who is ill, do something to serve a poor person, someone in need. Even still: maybe I need to ask forgiveness, grant forgiveness, clarify a situation, pay a debt. Perhaps I have neglected prayer and after so much time has elapsed, it's time to ask the Lord for forgiveness. Brothers and sisters, let's find something concrete and do it!"

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 5:1-4

A Reading from the Prophet Micah.

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.
R.
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
R.
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.
R..

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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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

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Marie Virag

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Armenia, Brendan Gilles,
Mary Vescio, Alfonso Teves Jr

Those who are ill: Felix Alessi, Josephina Varghese,
Jenna Jenson, Kath Leyden, Amelie Gutierrez,
Frances Tamayo, Ocean Goldsmith, Dalmiro Bellio,
Lamberto Cruz, Karen Hardy, Monica Wickerson,
Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero

READERS: 18/19 December

Sat 5.00pm	N. Farrell(L), V. Pertile(R)	J. Pertile(L), L. Teoh(R)
Sun 8.45am	M. Temming(L), M. Carabott(R)	M. Carrabott(L), M. Ziccone(R)
10.30am	S. Bennardo(L), R. Polastri(R)	R. Cassidy(L), B. Watts(R)

26 December

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	L. Bellio	P. Saliba
Sun 8.45am	M. Bolitho	V. Ricevuto
10.30am	M. Dwyer	N. Palmieri

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Please contact Ruth Robles McColl:

ruthroblesmccoll@gmail.com or

phone 0419 871 221 if your child

would like to participate in the re-

enact of the Gospel telling us about the birth of Jesus.



ADVENT GIVING TREE



A big **thankyou** to all who have so generously contributed towards the Advent Giving Tree. We are able give out 22 hampers.

ROSTERS FOR JANUARY

Attention Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, please leave your name in the Roster placed on the table (side entry) for the weekends in January you are available. Or contact Parish Office 73069330 or email pascoevale@cam.or.au

ALTAR CARE

Help urgently needed to join the team to keep Altar area clean and tidy, starting next year. Time taken approx. 1hr once a month. If you can help please contact Parish Office on 7036 9330 or email pascoevale@cam.org.au

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

For collection at front of church.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

CDFPay for Parish: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

St Olivers Church A/C: **BSB: 083-347 ACC: 55158 7979**

Presbytery A/C: **BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Presbytery \$666.15

2nd Collection Thanksgiving Offering \$849.00

Direct Debit for month of November: \$2542.00

We are very grateful for your support at this time.

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who are Sick: Virginia Efthimiou

Anniversaries: Joseph Formosa, Monsignor Touma, Maria Taouk Kairouz, Chorbil Habchi, Antoine Fakry, Carmelinda De Ionno, Theodora Sagum de Jesus, Concetta Ruggero, Mario Carbone, Myles Sievers & John Flattley.

READERS:

This Week

Sat 6.30pm	Judy O'Meara
Sun 9am	Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano
Sun 10.30	Sam Stagliano & T/M Costanzo

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

Christmas Eve 7pm:	Bryan Lees
Midnight Mass 12am:	Pam & Trevor Atkinson
Christmas Day 9am:	Brent Greig & Dylan Greig
Christmas 10.30am:	Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6.30pm	Mary De Marco
Sun 9am	Mary Carnovale
Sun 10.30	Carmelo Ruggero

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

Christmas Eve 7pm:	Mary De Marco
Midnight Mass 12am:	Raf & Mary Carnovale
Christmas Day 9am:	Alfred Meilak
Christmas 10.30am:	Sam Stagliano

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST PHOTO 2021



CASHLESS PAYMENTS

CDFPay for Parishes online payment portal.

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayCoburg>

OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Paul's Church A/C	Presbytery A/C
BSB: 083-347	BSB: 083-347
Account No.: 67541 0884	Account No. 5310 20158

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection	Sacrificial Offering	\$ 637.00
2nd Collection	Presbytery	\$ 320.70

PARISH NEWS

There are no longer vaccination requirements or capacity limits in place. Please note 11.30am Christmas Day Mass **CANCELLED**. No morning Mass Friday 24 Dec at St Olivers 9.15am and St Pauls 10.15am.

ST OLIVER'S CHRISTMAS MASSES

2021	Christmas Eve Vigil (24 Dec)	5.00 pm	Carols
		5.30 pm	Family Mass
	Christmas Mass (24 Dec)	9.30 pm	Carols
		10.00 pm	Mass
2022	Christmas Day (25 Dec)	8.45 am & 10.30 am	
	Sunday (26 Dec)	8.45 am & 10.30 am	
	New Year's Mass (1 Jan)	9.15 am	St Oliver's
	<i>Feast of the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
	Vigil (Sat 1)	5.00pm	

ST PAULS CHRISTMAS MASSES

2021	Christmas Eve Vigil (24 Dec)	7.00 pm	
	Christmas Mass (24 Dec)	11.40 pm	Carols
		12.00 am	Midnight Mass
2022	Christmas Day (25 Dec)	9.00 am	(English)
		10.30am	(Italian)
	Sunday (26 Dec)	9.00am	(English)
		10.30am	(Italian)
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	Vigil (Sat 1)	6.30pm	



We pray for our Parish children at St Oliver's who are making their Confirmation this weekend. May the Lord bless them and their families.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

To help provide financial assistance to the Australians who will spend Christmas in poverty call 13 18 12 or donate online at vinnies.org.au (giving the name of the conference in the field supplied 'Pascoeale 963'). Bank details as follows: *Account Name:* St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Gift Fund
Bank: Comm Bank BSB: 063 000 Account No: 106 07556
Reference: X21 + your conference ID. Receipts on request.

PROTOCOL FOR FUNERAL/MEMORIAL MASS

Visiting priests are most welcome to concelebrate at Funeral/Memorial Mass for Parishioners at St Paul's and St Oliver's Communities. Parish Priest will be the principal celebrant.

HOME VISIT/BLESSING

Please fill in form at bottom back page for a home visit/blessing from Fr James and place in collection plate.

LATEST COVID LITURGICAL GUIDELINES – Religious Gatherings Funerals & Weddings

There are no vaccination requirements or capacity limits in place for weddings, funerals and religious ceremonies. It is recommended that face coverings be worn if you are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19. QR code and check-ins required for activities involving hospitality, outside of worship.

For further COVID Liturgical Guidelines: <https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

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

PROGRAMS

ST PAULS PARISH

ADORATION:

First Fri of month: 10.30am-12pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 12.00 pm.

COMMUNION TO SICK:

Thursdays & Fridays

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays 10am

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wed at 10.30 am

Legion of Mary:

Monday mornings at 10.30 am.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2021

12 Dec: St Lucy at 10.30am

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

BAPTISMS:

2nd Sunday of the Month
(By Appointment)

MARRIAGES:

By appointment with at least
6 months notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES:

MONDAY:

Christian Mediation
7-8pm Parish Centre

TUESDAY:

Italian Ladies Prayer Group
10am Meeting Room
Charismatic Prayer Group
7.30pm Church

WEDNESDAY:

Drop-In Centre
1-3pm Church/Parish Centre

THURSDAY:

St Vincent de Paul
5.30pm Meeting Room
(last Thursday of the month)

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.