

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

20th February 2022

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday 9:15am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 10-10:30am



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MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday 10:15am

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)

8:00pm (Neocatechumenal way)

Sunday 9am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

PASCOE VALE & COBURG

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SACRED SPACE

MANY DESIRE TO HAVE POWER

Power that having money gives. Power of being influential, having prestige. Power of the politician. Power of having access to the inside track, "friends" in high places. Power of the blackmailer. Power of the teenage bully in school.

In general it is seen as the ability to force people to do what I want. However, the Gospel today speaks of another kind of power – the power of love and justice. In this power, both the giver and receiver benefit.

At first sight, gospel seems downright silly, hopelessly idealistic. Jesus tells his disciples: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you..."

But there is worse to come:

"To the one who slaps you on one cheek, give the other, To the one who takes your cloak, give your tunic [the rest of your clothes], Do not ask your property back from the robber."

What Jesus is saying is far from impossible or idealistic. It is really the only truly human, and not just the Christian, way to go. And, much of the time, it is not as difficult as it seems. It is a question of an attitude, a conviction. It is easy for the Christian to love enemies because the real Christian does not have any in the sense of people against whom he feels deep-seated hatred or resentments.

It is also important to know that "love" here does not mean being "in love" or even feeling affection or a liking for those who want to destroy us. Loving those out to get us is obviously not the same love I have for my closest friends. Love here means genuinely wanting the good, the well-being of the other person. I hate the evil, I denounce murder, bodily violence, sexual abuse, exploitation and manipulation but I am deeply concerned for the conversion, for the healing of the perpetrator.

We have no real right to sit in judgment on others. "Forgive and you will be forgiven." Forgiveness in the Gospel is not just saying, "Forget it, let it pass, it's no big deal."

Forgiveness in the gospel always implies reconciliation, it involves bringing people together again and the healing of wounds but not the destruction of the wrongdoer. That is something very different. It can take time and a lot of effort and a lot of real concern for people.

Jesus is not offering us an option today but the only way that makes sense, the only way that is truly human. Jesus himself is our model. As he hangs naked, stripped of all dignity, the victim of unspeakable violence, this moment, contrary to all appearance, is the moment of his triumph, the triumph of love over hate, violence and murder. It is a message our violence-ridden cultures desperately need to learn.



Mass Times

St Oliver's 9.15am & 7.00pm

St Paul's 10.15am & 7.00pm

Way of the Cross during Lent

Wed & Fri 9.00am

Each Fri 7.00pm

Remember - LENTEN PROGRAM 2022 - St Oliver's and St Pauls

You are invited to participate in the Lenten Program to be held each Thursday evening from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Centre, St Oliver Plunkett Parish, commencing Thur 3 March. **Remember** includes daily reflections for Lent and Easter with reflections from Fr Antony Jukes and spiritual direction from Mother Hilda Scott. We hope that these sessions will help us focus on getting to know the compassion and mercy of God through Jesus – both personally and as a community – helping us to reconnect with ourselves as members of the body of Christ. To help defray the cost of books provided, a donation of \$8 would be appreciated. Please contact Parish Office 7036-8330 or 9354-1564 or leave your name on list provided at back of church if you wish to attend.

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 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

A Reading from the first book of Samuel.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.' The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 102:1-4,8-10,12-13

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. R.
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. R.
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:45-49

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
Love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for

those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Monica Wickerson, Auora Ashwood

Anniversaries: Pietro Ambesi, Carmelo Ambesi,
Hermogenes Tamayo, Thomas Watts

Those who are ill: Peter Cushen, Anna Romeo, Josephina Varghese, Kath Leyden, Amelie Gutierrez, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero

READERS:	19/20 February	26/27 February
Sat 5.00pm	J.Pertile(L), C.Rowland(R)	L.Teoh(L), A.Breen(R)
Sun 8.45am	M.Carabott(L), B.Messina(R)	M.Tamayo(L), M.Ziccone(R)
10.30am	R.Polastri(L), S.Bennardo(R)	L. Willason(L), C.Grech(R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	L. Bellio	C. Rowland
Sun 8.45am	M. Bolitho	B. Messina
10.30am	B. Watts	L. Verduci

ALTAR CARE

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

If you would like to join the 10.30am Mass Choir, please contact Michael our Music Director on 0466 655 514.

ENROLMENTS SACRAMENTS

Registration is now open for Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation classes. Classes are held on Thursdays from 4pm – 5pm. Please contact parish office on 7036 9330 for further information.

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Filippo Bisognano, Christofaro Rocco, Marianna Cavalli

Anniversaries: Raffaele Laecchia (10th Anniversary), Francesco Donia, Guiseppe Mazzeo, Filomena Mazzeo, Clara Fortunatt, Dante Pizzi, Giovanni Natale, Maria Incatasciato, Joso Kuzmar, Antonio Garofalo, Salvatore, Vincenzo Aparo, Pippo Rizza, Ernesta Di Matteo Nata Costanzo

READERS:	This Week	Next Week
Sat 6.30pm	Alfred Meilak	Judy O'Meara
Sun 9.00am	A. Meilak & Michael King	Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano
10.30am	Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano	Gino De Fusco & Peter Aurora

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Bar Jim & Lourdes Galea	Mary De Marco
Sun 9.00am	Raf Carnovale	Annette Barnes
10.30am	Maria D'Angelo	Carmelo Ruggiero

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES FOR MARCH-JUNE 2022

Sacrificial envelopes are available to pick up from the side entry to the church. We are grateful for your continued support.



The Parish-based Sacramental Program primarily for children from the surrounding State Schools has been established for over 25 years and prepares them for: First the Sacrament of Reconciliation, then for First Holy Communion & finally for Confirmation. We meet for a 1-hour session, from 10 – 11 a.m. every Sunday during normal term times, in St. Paul's Primary School, which is adjacent to the Church. Classes commence on Sunday 20th Feb 2022. For further info contact the Parish Office or the Program Coordinator Pam Atkinson on 9077 4341.

HEALING MINISTRY - CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL (CCR)

The CCR Healing Ministry works out of the St Oliver Plunkett Parish Centre on Tuesdays and is based on *Isaiah 61:1-3*.

The aim of the Healing Ministry is to allow the Holy Spirit to work through the charisms of the ministers to bring healing, release and freedom to those in need.

We pray for anyone in need for such things as the affects of trauma, depression, occult involvement, grief, physical healing and are led by the Holy Spirit to pray for whatever healing and restoration a person needs.

It is a service of love, confidential and free. *"Freely we have received and freely we give."* Matthew 10:8a

This ministry is deeper than a general prayer for healing which happens in Charismatic Prayer Groups and usually requires an hour of ministry.

To make an appointment at the Pascoe Vale Prayer Centre please call CCR on 9486 6544.

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:

1 st Collection	Presbytery	\$811.35
2 nd Collection	Thanksgiving Offering	\$657.00
Direct Debits for January		\$2122.00

We are very grateful for your support at this time.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

CDFPay Online Payments: <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:

1 st Collection	Sacrificial Offering	\$ 642.80
2 nd Collection	Presbytery	\$ 367.25

We are very grateful for your support at this time.

PARISH NEWS

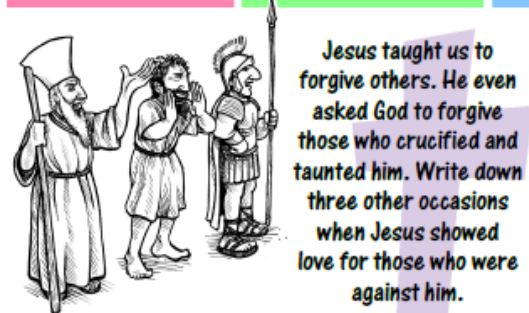
HOME VISIT/BLESSING

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



How can we love our enemies? Tick the best answers in the boxes below.

 If someone slaps you on the cheek, do you... <input type="checkbox"/> A: Slap them back <input type="checkbox"/> B: Forgive them <input type="checkbox"/> C: Call the police	 If someone teases you and calls you names, do you... <input type="checkbox"/> A: Throw a tantrum <input type="checkbox"/> B: Find nice things to say about them <input type="checkbox"/> C: Ask God to punish them	 If someone wants to share your favourite toy, do you... <input type="checkbox"/> A: Tell them to go away <input type="checkbox"/> B: Let them play with it, but only for 5 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> C: Let them have it for as long as they like	 If someone is cruel and mistreats you, do you... <input type="checkbox"/> A: Ask God to bless them <input type="checkbox"/> B: Tell everyone how bad that person is <input type="checkbox"/> C: Get even with them
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Jesus taught us to forgive others. He even asked God to forgive those who crucified and taunted him. Write down three other occasions when Jesus showed love for those who were against him.

Complete the Text Maze:
"Forgive others and God will forgive you."

START

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*CAN YOU FIND THE SIX HIDDEN WORDS FROM THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING?

FINISH

Lk 6:27-37

© Creative Ministry Resources

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion.

Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

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

ANOIDING 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 am.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2021

12 Dec: St Lucy at 10.30am

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

BAPTISMS:

2nd Saturday 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 Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY:

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

THURSDAY:

St Vincent de Paul
5.30pm Parish Centre
(last Tuesday of the month)

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISIONERS

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.