

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The ASCENSION of the LORD

29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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### MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday 9:15am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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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

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## SACRED SPACE

THE FIRST READING and the Gospel today seem to be in contradiction. Although both are written by Luke, the Gospel says that Jesus' ascension was on Easter Sunday and the Acts of the Apostles says it was 40 days after the resurrection. The Gospel also seems to say that the resurrection and the ascension are one thing while the Acts seems to say they are two separate events.

In fact, the ascension is part of the resurrection. Resurrection emphasises that Jesus has entered a new life and not just that he recovered his previous life. The ascension emphasises that the risen Jesus is together with the Father, that he shares the place and dignity of the Father.

The real meaning of the Ascension is in the Second Reading, a passage from the magnificent Letter to the Hebrews. The author makes a clear distinction between the role of Jesus and that of the Jewish High Priest. Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands; he entered the dwelling place of God himself. Nor, unlike the High Priest, did or does Jesus enter the sanctuary again and again, as the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies every year. Nor did he, again unlike the High Priest, offer blood that was not his own, the blood of goats and bulls. Jesus entered God's presence by the spilling of his own blood on the cross. "Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many (that is, of all); and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him."

Therefore, we have no need to fear. We have freedom and, by the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, we can go into the holiest place. This is the path which has been opened for us through our baptism and our participation in the life of the Christian community.

But before we go to share Jesus' glory, there is work to be done. When Jesus left us, he made it clear that he wanted us to carry on the work he had begun. He said that we could do the same things he did and even greater. So before leaving them, he tells his disciples to go back to Jerusalem and there wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

When people see me, do they see Jesus? When people see me, do they want to know Jesus? When people see me, do they want to join our community, share our life, and take the Gospel as the foundation of their life?

Today we gather here not only to remember something that happened a long time ago; we are also here to remind ourselves that when Jesus left us he gave us a very important mission. That mission was and is to continue his loving and redemptive presence in the world. Let us ask him today to help us, together with him, to carry out that huge responsibility in the way he wants.

### FROM FR PAUL

It was a delight to celebrate my ordination anniversary with you all in my old parish of St Oliver's last Sunday. I want to thank everyone for their good wishes, gifts and the work of providing such a beautiful morning tea. I hope to be able to share the Eucharist with you again in the future. Please continue to pray for me, as I will for you: that God will pour his Spirit more deeply into our lives and that we will all carry God's compassionate love to those around us.

**PLEASE NOTE:** COMMUNION SERVICE AT ST OLIVER'S 9.15AM ON TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE. MASS AT ST PAULS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THESE DAYS AT 10.15AM.

## 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

*Acts 1:1-11*

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you

into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 46:2-3,6-9*

***R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must  
fear, great king over all the earth. R.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the  
Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing  
praise to our king, sing praise. R.
3. God is king of all the earth,  
sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. R.

### SECOND READING

*Ephesians 1:17-23*

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matt 28:19.20*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

*Luke 24:46-53*

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God. 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

**Please remember in your prayers the following:**

**Those who have died:** Cecilia Sartori, John Paul Scerri,  
Fr Eric John Hodgins PE

**Anniversaries:** June Thompson, Baldo Iacobacci,  
Lora Iacobacci, Simon Vittorio

**Those who are ill:** Oscar Ferrante, Anna Romeo,  
Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag,  
Kath Leyden, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz,  
Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero

### READERS: 28/29 May

Sat 5.00pm C.Rowland(L), W.Cahill(R)  
Sun 8.45am M.Tamayo(L), B.Messina(R)  
10.30am R.Robles-McColl(L),  
S.Bennardo(R)

### 4/5 June

V.Pertile(L), M.Lynch(R),  
M.Tamayo(L), L.DiNicola(R)  
O.Aquino(L), R.Polastri(R)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm P. Saliba  
Sun 8.45am L. Di Nicola  
10.30am N. Palmieri

P. Saliba  
M. Carrabott  
N. Palmieri

## ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

**WE PRAY FOR:**

**Those who have died:** Benedetto Conte, Teresa Greco  
Fr Eric John Hodgins PE

**Anniversaries:** Rachele Daniele, Maria Concetta Fazzolari  
Terrence Skinner, Marianne Howard

### READERS:

	This Week	Next Week
Sat 6.30pm	Alfred Meilak	Judy O'Meara
Sun 9.00am	Dora Youil & Chiara Dal Cal	Adria, Daniella & Brianna Dal Col
10.30am	Anna D'Amato & Giovanna Navigaro	Sam Stagliano & T/M Costanzo

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Barbara Romanos	Jim & Lourdes Galea
Sun 9.00am	Alfred Meilak	Mary Carnovale
10.30am	Sam Stagliano	Anna D'Amato



"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. They are a Good news of your life!

Beginning Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

**St Pauls Catholic Church, O'Connell Building (Hall)**  
**562 Sydney Road Coburg 3058**

If you require any further details or require any assistance to attend, please contact:  
Colin Tomelty (M) 0407 346 413 or Fr Joe Pelle (M) 0409 585 806

## VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2022 – Make A Donation & Change Lives



Support vulnerable Australians facing Hardship by donating to our Winter Appeal.

- Donate over the phone using a credit card by calling **13 18 12** (Receipts issued to donors)
- To make an online donation: [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) (Receipts automatically emailed to donors)

Donors can allocate donations to a specific conference by giving the conference name in the comments field. (Pascoe Vale 963)

## "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP" – AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMATE

The Sisters of St Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. Many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry will be visited. For itinerary and application, contact [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or 8912 4818.

## Taster Session', Tuesday 14 June 2022, 7.30pm-9pm (AEST), via Zoom.

Are you called to be a spiritual director? A pastoral supervisor? A spiritual leader? Would you like to participate in spiritual formation that develops a compassionate, contemplative, listening heart? We invite you to join our Taster Session for a facilitated reflection and more information about Heart of Life's courses. Led by the formation team at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings [www.trybooking.com/BZAWV](http://www.trybooking.com/BZAWV), or [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne) for more info.

## TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Church in Melbourne is being invited into a conversation on how we might come together and discern our common mission for the years ahead. We are calling for five leaders, each from St Paul's and St Oliver's Parish, to advise and be a point of reference for **Take the Way of the Gospel**. This will be a temporary group which will meet with the Advisory Board for this mission. Parishioners who would like to join for discussion and give their opinions are also needed. Expressions of Interest will close late May. Please contact Parish Office: St Paul's - 9354 1564; St Oliver's - 7036 9330

The following link leads to information: <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/take-the-way-of-the-gospel>

## 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.

## Jesus was taken up to heaven

F C E M Z Y E F R A I S E D X  
Q K R B A O U R V C M C N K Y  
A F B E T H A N Y H A P P Y J  
D Z Q I M V B F Q T H V R B V  
U Z H S D I S C I P L E S L D  
L P C J X P Y T S M R N P Z Z  
A B E C F A L T Z W S F K R C  
M P U W O R S H I P P E D X J  
B L Z R V B L E S S E D D T I  
C K F A C P R A I S I N G E J  
G T J E R U S A L E M T C M E  
W G U H A N D S U G S M O P S  
L L M R M A U S R Z P D O L U  
Y J T I M E S K S I E N E E S

Bethany  
blessed  
disciples  
hands  
happy  
Jerusalem

Jesus  
praising  
raised  
temple  
time  
worshipped

#### CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Oliver's

CDFPay for Parish:

<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

#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection Presbytery \$1101.40

1<sup>nd</sup> Collection Thanksgiving \$ 542.00

Project Compassion (Church) \$1265.00

We are very grateful for your support.

#### CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Paul's

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

Acc.: 67541 0884 Acc: 5310 20158

#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection Sacrificial \$ TBA

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Presbytery \$ TBA

We are very grateful for your support.

**COVID- 19** Response Division of the Department of Health has asked that we remain mindful of the continued safe practices that assist in reducing the transmission of the virus – this particularly includes the encouragement of wearing masks indoors for large gatherings; good ventilation of environments where possible; and the ready availability of sanitising stations at all entrances and exits.

**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)

## 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 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:

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

##### St Vincent de Paul

5.30pm Parish Centre

(last Tuesday of the month)

##### Charismatic Prayer Group

7.30pm Parish Centre

##### WEDNESDAY:

##### Drop-In Centre

1-3pm Church/Parish Centre

### 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.