

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

5th 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 (Neocat)

Sunday 9am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

(fully vaccinated)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

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SACRED SPACE

THERE ARE MANY STRANGE NAMES in today's Gospel. They are the names of people and places most of us have never heard of. Why does Luke mention these people and places? First of all, because he is simply following the custom of his day both for Jewish and Greek writing. But, more importantly, he is saying that the story of John the Baptist and of Jesus is really historical. This story really happened in this world at a particular time and a particular place. It is not a mere myth in the sense of a story which has meaning but no basis in fact.

Today's Gospel speaks of John the Baptist. He was chosen to announce the coming of Jesus: the Messiah, the Christ, the Saviour King.

"Prepare a way for the Lord," he calls out and his words are equally meant for us as for the people he directly spoke to.

He comes "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins," says Luke. There are three words there which are closely linked – baptism, repentance, and forgiveness.

Baptism, of course, is not here the Sacrament of Baptism by which people are incorporated into the Christian community. But it was a sacramental or symbolic action through which people expressed by their immersion in the waters of the River Jordan their desire to have their evil past totally washed away.

This washing away would not be effected automatically or magically but only by their repentance. In fact, the term Luke uses is "baptism of repentance". 'Repentance' is the common translation for the Greek word 'metanoia', which means not just sorrow for past sins but a total and radical change of outlook in our relationship with God and other people. It calls for a radical and genuine renewal and conversion of heart. This 'metanoia' or conversion in turn will bring about the forgiveness of sin. The word here for forgiveness is *aphesis*, a release, a letting go, a liberation from the chains of sin and evil. Forgiveness is seen as the dropping off of heavy baggage or burdens. Forgiveness, too, involves a total reconciliation with our God and with all those whom we have hurt or with whom we have come in conflict. It is a healing, a making whole.

This was how people were to "prepare a way for the Lord". This was how, as Luke says, echoing the First Reading from the prophet Baruch, valleys were to be filled in, mountains and hills laid low, winding ways straightened and rough roads made smooth. This was how each one was to have the personal experience in their own heart of the saving power of God.

Like John the Baptist, each one of us has a mission to communicate the Spirit of Christ and his message of hope, love, freedom and peace to others. To help people fill their valleys and make their rough paths smoother. A word of affirmation and encouragement can work wonders. To have a naturally cheerful disposition can be a real witness of Christian joy.



Pope Francis on Twitter: 10:45 p.m. 14 November 2021

"A person who is generous, helpful, meek, patient, not envious, does not gossip, brag, or lack respect (cf. 1 Cor 13:4-7), this is a person who builds Heaven on earth. That person may not be noticed, and yet, what he or she does will not be lost because good lasts forever".

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

A Reading from the Prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R.
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

SECOND READING

Phil 1:3-6, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the

forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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: Kevin Taylor, Brendan Gilles

Anniversaries: Joyce Taylor, Stephen Chua,
Frank Desmier, Reg Whiting

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

READERS: 4/5 December

Sat 5.00pm A.Breen(L),W.Cahill(R)
Sun 8.45am M.Carabott(L),M.Temming(R)
10.30am L.Verduci(L), Grech(R)

11/12 December

C.Rowland(L),M.Lynch(R)
M.Carabott(L),F.Minutolo(R)
E.Monaco(L),S.Harrison(R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm L.Teoh
Sun 8.45am V.Ricevuto
10.30am N.Palmieri

R.Saliba
V.Ricevuto
S.Bennardo

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Please contact Ruth Robles McColl:
ruthroblesmccoll@gmail.com or
phone 0419 871 221 if your child
child would like to participate in the
re-enact the very special Gospel telling us about the birth
of Jesus Christ.



ADVENT PRAYER

Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be held each Thursday at 7pm
in the Church (Chapel). (*Unknown Status*)

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Please help St Vincent de Paul provide Christmas Hampers
by taking a tag from the Giving Tree. Please select **one tag**
for one item, this ensures we have enough items for each
hamper. **All goods need to be returned by this Sunday 5th**
December as we are starting to pack hampers.

COLUMBAN CALANDAR \$10 AND CHRISTMAS CARDS \$5

Are now available to purchase at the back of the Church.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

New Thanksgiving Envelopes are available at the back of
the church. Please let us know of any change of address
or movement of parishioners.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

Thanksgiving link: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>
Presbytery Account: **BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Thanksgiving Offering \$ 551.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 738.00
Direct Debit for month of October: \$2432.00
We are very grateful for your support at this time.

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who are Sick

Anniversaries: Santa Montesano, Fr Sean O'Connell

READERS:

This Week

Sat 6.30pm Philip Scardilli
Sun 9am Pam & Trevor Atkinson
Sun 10.30 Gino De Fusco & Peter Aurora

Next Week

Sat 6.30pm Virginia Efthimiou
Sun 9am Alfred Meilak & Michael King
Sun 10.30 Anna D'Amato & Giovanna Navagero

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6.30pm Virginia Efthimiou
Sun 9am Annette Barnes
Sun 10.30 Laura Scherma

Next Week

Jim & Lourdes Galea
Alfred Meilak
Maria D'Angelo

FR JAMES IS COMMENCING HOUSE VISITS AND BLESSING OF THE HOMES.

If you would like your home blessed and a visit from Fr
James, please call the parish office on 9354-1564 to
arrange or fill in the form at the bottom of the bulletin
and place in the collection plate.



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 \$ 669.00
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 363.35
Many thanks to all our contributors.

PARISH NEWS



We pray for our Parish children at St Oliver's who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend Saturday 4 December. May the Lord bless them and their families.

HEALING MASS

We are holding a Healing Mass with Anointing on Wednesday 14th December, all welcome:

St Paul's Coburg 10.15am (*unknown vaccination status*)
St Oliver's Pascoe Vale 5.00pm (*fully vaccinated*)

ST OLIVER'S CHRISTMAS MASSES

2021	Christmas Eve Vigil	5.00 pm	Carols <i>(fully vaccinated)</i>
		5.30 pm	Family Mass
	Christmas Mass	9.30 pm	Carols <i>(fully vaccinated)</i>
		10.00 pm	Mass
	Christmas Day	8.45 am & 10.30 am <i>(fully vaccinated)</i>	
	11.30am <i>(unknown vaccination status)</i>		
	Sunday 26 Dec	8.45 am & 10.30 am <i>(fully vaccinated)</i>	
2022	New Year's Mass	9.15 am	<u>St Oliver's</u> <i>(fully vaccinated)</i>
	<i>Feast of the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
	Vigil (Saturday 1)	5.00pm	



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2021	Christmas Eve Vigil	7.00 pm	<i>(fully vaccinated)</i>
	Christmas Mass	11.30 pm	Carols <i>(fully vaccinated)</i>
		12.00 am	Midnight Mass
	Christmas Day	9.00 am	(English) <i>(fully vaccinated)</i>
		10.30am	(Italian) <i>(fully vaccinated)</i>
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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 'Pascoe Vale 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.

LATEST COVID LITURGICAL GUIDELINES - Religious Gatherings Funerals & Weddings

Fully Vaccinated 12 years + 2 months and over: no capacity limits or density limits.

Unknown Vaccination Status: One person per 4 sqm up to a maximum of 50 people.

Face coverings Recommended - worn if you can't physically distance, *Sanitiser* must continue to be used regularly throughout Liturgies. QR code required.

Community (Parish) Facilities Fully vaccinated only, no limits apply.

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

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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)

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