

If we are honest, many of us are not very good at either listening or speaking, where God is concerned. Some have even stopped hearing. In catechism class they heard all about the 7 sacraments, the 10 commandments of God, the 6 commandments of the Church, the 7 deadly sins and they now feel there is nothing more to learn.

They may not realise it but they have become deaf! And, being deaf, they cannot speak either. They have nothing to say, nothing to share. Alas, it is not infrequent to meet Catholics who are highly qualified in their secular profession but are basically illiterate in their faith. What really is distressing is that, in their ignorance, they are often not slow to pontificate and tell others what Christianity is about.

Others, though, are good at listening. They want to know more about the meaning of Jesus and his Gospel in the changing circumstances of their lives. But they, too, though good at hearing may do very little speaking, very little sharing. Yet, to hear the Word of God and not to proclaim it is, in the mind of the Gospel, a contradiction. As Jesus said once, there is not much point in lighting a lamp and then hiding it away. A light is supposed to share its light.

In the Gospel, really to hear the Word of God is to carry it out. "Hearing" implies: listening, understanding, making the message one's own and living it out in word and action.

Although Jesus tried to restrain the man in today's Gospel, the cured man and all those around proclaimed what had happened everywhere they went. Really the man just had to do it. After all, he was now hearing and he was now able to share with others what he had heard and experienced. If we were really excited about the Good News of Jesus Christ, if we were really excited about the experience of having the Christian vision of life, we would have to do exactly the same.

If we were like the disciples after Pentecost, if our being Christian was truly a deep and liberating experience and not just a set of doctrines to be conformed to, we too could not keep ourselves from letting other people know.

Let us pray today for the gift of hearing, to hear the voice of God calling to us in everything that will happen this day. Let us pray for the gift of speech, that is, to be so filled with the liberating experience of knowing Jesus that we simply cannot refrain from sharing that experience with all those around us.

*Sacred Space*

# O L I V E R I A N

## ST OLIVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PASCOE VALE

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Parish Office Hours: 9am – 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

**There are no Weekend or Daily Masses or Parish Activities until COVID19 lockdown restrictions lift.**

### MASS TIMES

**Saturday** 5.00 pm (Vigil for Sunday)  
**Sunday** 8.45 am & 10.30 am

**Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri** 9.15 am

**Confessions** **Saturday 10 – 10.30 am**  
(In church through both side doors)

**Baptisms** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month (by appointment)

**Marriages** By appointment with at least 6 months notice

### PARISH ACTIVITIES

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Christian Meditation</b>	<b>7 - 8 pm Parish Centre</b> (contact Chris Rowland 0411 440 746)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Italian Ladies Prayer Group</b>	<b>10.00 am Meeting Room</b>
	<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	<b>7.30 pm Church</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Drop-In Centre</b>	<b>1 - 3 pm Church/Parish Centre</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>5.30 pm Meeting Room</b> (last Thursday of the month)

### FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

**SUNDAY** **11AM:** Live Streamed and C31 Televised (Channel 44 on Digital TV)  
**6AM:** Channel 10 - "Mass for You at Home"

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 1PM :** Live Streamed. (Link below)

**SATURDAY 8.00AM:** Live Streamed. (Link below)

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 4/5 SEPTEMBER 2021

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Response to the Psalm:** **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

### Please remember in your prayers the following:

**Those who have died:** Palma Gandolfo

**Anniversaries:** Benilde Graser, Sestilio Briganti, Carmen Zammit,  
Frank Vescio

**Those who are ill:** Frances Tamayo, Ocean Goldsmith, Dalmiro Bellio,  
Kath Layden, Lamberto Cruz, Monica Wickerson,  
Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy

## Father's Day Appeal

Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Masses not being able to be said at Parishes, donations to **the Father's Day appeal** can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued.

The site is: [www.cam.org.au/foundation](http://www.cam.org.au/foundation).

At St Oliver's parish we aim to create a child-safe and child-friendly environment. Privacy: In 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This Parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr James. The link:  
<https://bit.ly/CDfpayPascoeVale>

You can also donate directly to the Presbytery Account

**BSB: 083-347**

**ACC: 53102 0158**

We are very grateful for your support at this time.



### **Lockdown Light—week one**

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

### **Podcasts for Christian living**

Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life

Parenting as a team

This podcast from the Messy Family Project gives some great practical advice on how couples can be truly in sync with one another and parent together with unity, respect and God's grace. Listen at [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving1](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving1)

### **Getting to know your Bible**

Resources to help you explore the Bible

*How to read the Bible*

*Getting started:* In this short video, Fr Mike Schmitz shares several reasons we should pick up our Bible again, see it with fresh eyes and allow it to transform our lives. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted1](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted1)

*Going deeper:* In this video, Bishop Robert Barron looks at different approaches to understanding Scripture and how we can use them to hear God speaking to us today. View here [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper1](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper1)