

JESUS GOES BACK to his hometown, Nazareth. And he is accompanied by his disciples. As was the right of any devout Jew, he gave the homily in the synagogue on a Sabbath. The townspeople are amazed. They are astonished at the wisdom with which he speaks, and the power of the miracles they had heard he was performing.

They are even more amazed because they think they know who Jesus is. He is the carpenter, the son of Mary and Joseph, and they know all his relatives. They grew up with him. And because they think they know him, they refuse to accept him. They see the outward person but they do not listen to the words. They had made up their minds about him long ago.

So many people in our society have made up their minds about Jesus and presume that what they know is the whole story about him. And what they reject is often not the real Jesus, the Jesus of the Gospels, but some distortion that has found its way into their thinking. Bertrand Russell, the English philosopher, once wrote a book called "Why I am not a Christian". Many Christians would say, after reading the book, that if Christianity was what Russell said it was, they would not be Christians either.

Dangers of familiarity

They do not hear the message because they are blinded by the familiarity of the person. A perfect example of the saying that familiarity breeds contempt, not just boredom but contempt.

We are not much different from the people of Nazareth. The same thing can happen to us all the time. God is constantly speaking to us through the people we know, through things that happen to us, through situations in which we find ourselves. Again and again we do not recognise his voice, his message because he is speaking through someone we know very well, or someone we do not like, or someone who is a total stranger or a foreigner.

Because of their blindness, we are told that Jesus was not able to do any of his great works there. How often have we too blocked out God's love and healing power because we refused to recognise him in a particular person or a situation? Yet, it was precisely through this person or experience he was trying to reach us.

Jesus now makes a sad comment on his townspeople. "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." While people in other places greeted Jesus with enthusiasm and hung on his words, his own townspeople, his own family wrote him off, treated him with cynicism.

It is an experience all prophets must be ready for. A prophet is a person who has been commissioned to proclaim God's message, to call people to accept God's word, to urge them to change their lives and base them on truth and love.

Sacred Space

O L I V E R I A N

ST OLIVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PASCOE VALE

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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 Landells Rd side door)

Baptisms **2nd Saturday of the month (by appointment)**

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 3/4 JULY 2021

- Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.
- Response to the Psalm:** **Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Please remember in your prayers the following:

- Those who have died:** Fr Kevin Condon, Fr Lawrence Nemer
- Anniversaries:** Baldo Iacobacci, Lora Iacobacci, Antonino Pati,
Anthony Zammit, Maria Erneste, Geoffrey Comer
- Those who are ill:** Ida Pirro, Frances Tamayo, Ocean Goldsmith,
Dalmiro Bellio, Kath Layden, Lamberto Cruz,
Monica Wickerson, Pasquale Buonomo, Joe Grech,
Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy

3/4 July

10/11 July

READERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	J. Pertile [L], A. Taglieri [R]	V. Pertile [L], C. Rowland [R]
Sun 8.45 am	M. Tamayo [L], B. Messina [R]	M. Carabott, [L], T. Baltatzis [R]
10.30 am	R. Cassidy [L], S. Bennardo [R]	M. Temming [L], B. Watts [R]

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	A. McConnell	L. Teoh
Sun 8.45 am	M. Carabott	J. Mokbel
10.30 am	N. Palmieri	L. Verduci

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.

We are thankful for the **Installation of Fr James Puppady**

this weekend by Bishop Terry Curtin.
Thankyou to all volunteers who have helped with Liturgy,
organizing supper, baking, serving and cleaning.
St Oliver's is truly blessed.



PARISH PRAYER

This weekend we begin to pray our PARISH PRAYER
after the Prayers of the Faithful.
Please take home with you a bookmark with the prayer,
which is kept on the table at the front of the church.

LAST WEEKENDS COLLECTION

Thanksgiving \$1059 Presbytery \$459.20

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Catholic Mission \$411.55

You can still give a donation by taking envelopes provided
at front of church.

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

We are very grateful for your support at this time.

COVID19 Instructions

Face coverings mandatory indoors. We can accommodate
120 people indoors, density quotient 1 person per 4sqm.
QR code applies. Come 10 – 15 minutes before Mass.
Doors will close when Mass begins.