

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL the twelve apostles receive their mission from Jesus. He tells them to go out, two by two, and drive out "unclean" spirits. What are these "unclean" spirits? Sometimes it seems it really was an evil influence – a demon, if you like – which controlled a person's life, what he said and what he did. But in those days there were many manifestations which people did not understand fully. These, for want of a better explanation, were attributed to demonic influences and possession.

For instance, there were some sicknesses which people thought were due to the influence of a devil. A clear example is the story of the epileptic boy healed by Jesus. In an epileptic fit a seemingly normal person suddenly begins to act in a bizarre way as if controlled by an outside force. It was a long time before people began to understand physiological and neurological malfunctions in the brain.

There would be similar misunderstandings of people who were mentally disturbed in other ways (psychotic behaviour, schizophrenia, etc.) or, for instance, people who had some brain damage but were otherwise of perfectly normal intelligence, e.g. people with cerebral palsy (spastics).

Probably, most of us have never seen a genuinely possessed person, although one does hear of cases in other parts of the world. But, in our own time, there are many other kinds of demons which can control people, where people become the slaves of these things.

For instance, there is the demon of nicotine, the demon of alcohol, the demon of gambling, the demon of promiscuous sex, the demon of materialism and consumerism, or any other activity which somehow can take control of our lives. All of these, or any one of them, can turn us into slaves. They reduce our freedom.

We need the help of Jesus to liberate us from these things. Jesus today is inviting us to cooperate with him. He wants us to be his instruments of liberation, to help others recover their freedom.

But if we are to help people recover their freedom, we too must be a free people. So Jesus tells his apostles when they go out to evangelise, they should not bring many things with them. No food, no backpack, no money, no extra clothes. This teaching does not seem to be very practical to our ears.

But Jesus spoke like this because he knew that when his disciples went to any place to evangelise, a family or house would take them in, welcome them and give them what they needed. Hospitality is still an important tradition in the world of the Eastern Mediterranean. They were to be satisfied with the first house that took them in and not go around looking for somewhere more comfortable. And, if no one received them in that place, they were to shake the dust off their feet and go to a more hospitable environment. The people in that place were obviously not yet ready for the Gospel.

This was all part of the ideal of the early Church – groups of mutually helping communities.

*Sacred Space*

# OLIVERIAN

## 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 both side doors of church)*

**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> <i>(last Thursday of the month)</i>

## 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>

## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10/11 JULY 2021

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Response to the Psalm:** **Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of your heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

### Please remember in your prayers the following:

**Those who have died:** Anthony Toh, Vito (Vic) Barravecchio, Ida Pirro

**Anniversaries:** Michel Angelo Bellofiore, Giuseppe Todarello,  
Michele Gualano, Alfonso Teves Jr, Aldolfo Aguilar

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

10/11 July

17/18 July

### READERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	V. Pertile [L], C. Rowland [R]	A. Breen [L], W. Cahill [R]
Sun 8.45 am	M. Carabott [L], M. Tamayo [R]	B. Messina [L], M. Ziccone [R]
10.30 am	M. Temming [L], B. Watts [R]	R. Robles-McColl [L], O. Aquino [R]

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	L. Teoh	P. Saliba
Sun 8.45 am	J. Mokbel	M. Tamayo
10.30 am	L. Verduci	D. Petrocco

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.

## THANKYOU

Heartfelt thanks to all who helped me celebrate my Installation  
at St Oliver's last Saturday evening and especially  
to all who helped with liturgy, music, supper,  
baking, serving and cleaning.

Thankyou for helping create wonderful memories.

*Fr James Puppady*

## We welcome our newly Baptized children

**Aria Rose Mosticone. Harley & Stella Featherson,  
Zaylee Ava Baring, Thea & Angus Soper**

**Let us keep these children and their families  
in our prayers.**



## OZANAM CONVERSATION

Please join us in a conversation about how we can build stronger relationships  
and deeper listening with our First Nation's brothers and sisters.

Guest speakers: Marie Murfet, Vicki Clark, Sherry Balcombe and Kevin Sheedy

When: 31 August 2021 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Where: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

RSVP: 19 August 2021 Email: [brad.stephensen@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:brad.stephensen@svdp-vic.org.au)

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## LAST WEEKENDS COLLECTION

Thanksgiving \$801 Presbytery \$836

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 unless an exemption applies. We can  
accommodate 240 people indoors, density quotient 1 person per 2sqm.

QR code applies. Come 10 – 15 minutes before Mass.

Doors will close when Mass begins.