

GOD TAKES CARE OF HIS PEOPLE. That is the message coming across loud and clear in today's readings. He feeds them not only with material food ("not on bread alone...") but with everything they need for a fully human life lived in close union with God, the Source and Goal of all life. The actions of Jesus in today's story anticipate that Last Supper scene as Jesus "took the bread gave thanks (eucharistesas,), and distributed it to them all."

Jesus is the true source of nourishment for our lives. If we want to share that nourishment we have, as he tells us elsewhere, to "listen to him". We have to be prepared to enter totally with him into the paschal mystery of his love-centred life, his self-giving in suffering, and death as a way to life.

Signs of nourishment

How can we know that we are being nourished by God? We get some pointers in today's Second Reading. Paul writes as a prisoner and, like thousands of Christian prisoners since, is denied the Eucharist. He asks us to live our lives in a way which is "worthy of the calling in which you have been called".

Two signs of such a life are:

- a. A mutually supporting and outreaching love expressed through selflessness, gentleness and tolerant patience.
- b. Each one doing their utmost to preserve a unity that comes through the Spirit by the bond of peace. We are not a collection of individuals separately trying to please God and thus win a heavenly reward in the future. We form one Body, the Body of Christ, one community which people should be able to see is bound by love and caring. The Eucharist is the sign of that Body.
 - There is one Spirit animating all of us and binding us together.
 - There is one hope, the firm expectation that God's Kingdom will be realised and our happiness assured even now.
 - There is one faith, by which we are all committed in our total trust in God's love and care for us. That love and that care are normally channelled through the love and care that people show for each other.
 - There is one Lord, who shows us the Way to follow.
 - There is one Baptism, by which we have all, whatever our origin, become brothers and sister in one caring fellowship, in one new family.

Such unity cannot be achieved by ourselves alone. We need the help of Jesus our Lord as the Bread of Life, who comes to nourish and feed us in all kinds of ways.

Sacred Space

O L I V E R I A N

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

There are no Weekend or Daily Masses or Parish Activities until covid 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 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 <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>

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 24/25 JULY 2021

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Response to the Psalm: **The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Dora De Marco

Anniversaries: Salvatore Spataro

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

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READERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	N. Farrell [L], M. Lynch [R]
Sun 8.45 am	M. Tomayo[L], M. Carabott [R]
10.30 am	C. Grech [L], L. Verduci [R]

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	C. Rowland
Sun 8.45 am	M. Bolitho
10.30 am	C. Steere

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.

Weekend and Daily Mass will resume when restrictions lift. As numbers for attendance will most probably be restricted you will need to book for Weekend Mass through our parish website:

<https://stolivers.org.au>

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,
THE 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.