

WE ARE NOW into the great season of Lent, when we spend six weeks preparing to celebrate the high point of our faith: the Paschal Mystery, the suffering, death and resurrection of the Incarnate God.

Even though we are no longer asked by the Church to observe the severe penances of former times, it is surely fitting that we make some form of preparation.

Our reflections should not only focus on the negative. What are the positive things which should be part and parcel of my daily life? What kind of a person am I in relation to my family, friends, working colleagues and other people with whom I come in contact? How active am I as a member of my Christian community e.g. my parish? What difference do I make to other people's lives? What do I do, within my limitations, to help eradicate the abuses which are part of our society? These are just some of the questions I can ask myself during these six weeks. And it is never too late to get started. Let us not rigidly think that, because Ash Wednesday has already come and gone, that I cannot start today. Remember that even those who came to the vineyard at the eleventh hour were paid the same amount. But the earlier I start the better.

Some of the things I can do are:

- Celebrating the Eucharist each day or at least on a few days in the week.
- Setting aside some part of my day for personal prayer.
- Reflecting on some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others. The Scripture readings for each day in Lent provide excellent material.
- Setting aside some money that I might spend on myself for a meal, entertainment or clothes and giving it to an organisation which takes care of the less fortunate in our society.
- Similarly, if I decide to abstain from smoking or alcohol.

### ***Jesus' Lent***

After his baptism, Jesus goes to the desert for forty days. And, during that time, he is tested by the Evil One. Mark does not say how – but Matthew and Luke do. These tests are really examples of the kind of tests that Jesus was to face in the course of his public life. The meaning and symbolism of the passage is to be focused on rather than its historical accuracy. Its purpose is to help us to understand the conflicts that were in Jesus' own life and which will also be found in ours too.

*Sacred Space*

# O L I V E R I A N

## ST OLIVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PASCOE VALE

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School: Landells Road, PO Box 667, Pascoe Vale 3044 Telephone: 9354 5411  
Parish Office Hours: 9am – 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

### **Sunday Mass**

Saturday (vigil) 6pm  
Sunday 8.45am & 10.30am.

### **Weekday Mass**

Wednesday 9.15am  
Thursday 6pm

You can register through the parish website <https://stolivers.org.au/>  
& Click "Join Sunday Mass"

### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 10.00am – 10.30am

Reconciliation is held outside at back of church between church and presbytery.

### **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>

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 20/21 FEBRUARY 2021

- Entrance Antiphon:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
- Response to the Psalm:** **Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**
- Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
- Communion Antiphon:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**Please remember in your prayers the following:**

**Those who have died:** Maria Casey

**Anniversaries:**

**Those who are ill:** Monica Wickerson, Joe Grech, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy, Eileen Squires, Lamberto Cruz, Vicenta Santos

We welcome our newly baptized  
Zoe Rose Rocca  
into our parish family.

	20/21 February	27/28 February
<b>READERS:</b>		
Sat 6 pm	V. Pertile [L], A. Taglieri [R]	J. Pertile [L], C. Rowland [R]
Sun 8.45 am	B. Messina	
10.30 am	R. Polastri [L], S. Bennardo [R]	L. Willason [L], C. Grech [R]
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>		
Sat 6 pm	L. Bellio	C. Rowland
Sun 8.45 am	V. Ricevuto	M. Bolitho
10.30 am	B. Watts	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.

You can register for Mass each weekend during Lent via parish website

<https://stolivers.org.au/>

For parishioners unable to register online you can register as you come in.

**Every Friday during Lent:**

7pm - 8pm the Way of the Cross followed by Adoration and Confession.

We are looking for Lectors to read at 8.45am Mass on Sundays.  
Please contact Parish Office during office hours for more information.  
Ph. 93543015

Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available at all weekend Masses on the weekend and during Office Hours during the week.

## Simply Jesus Reflect, Renew, Recommit

You are invited to join us online to hear and be inspired by internationally renowned speaker Dr Mary Healy on the topic  
'Simply Jesus: An Easter Time Encounter'.

Registration free: To receive the online event link, please register individually or as a group at: [www.trybooking.com/BOVXZ](http://www.trybooking.com/BOVXZ) by Wednesday 3 March 2021.

*Dr Mary Healy one of the first three women to be appointed a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, is a professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. Dr Healy is an international speaker on topics related to Scripture, evangelisation and the spiritual life.*

Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr Michael. The link:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

We are very grateful for your support at this challenging time.

## COVID19 INSTRUCTIONS

**All participants must wear a face covering in church at all times, unless under 12 years of age or have a lawful reason not to. Contact recording is required.**  
Please come 10 to 15 minutes before Mass. Doors will close when Mass starts.

Please visit our website for the newest update from the Archdiocese regarding liturgical guidelines: <https://stolivers.org.au/>