

OFTEN, IT IS SAID, when looking for a job it is not what you know but whom you know that counts most. Today we see two brothers, who belong to the innermost circle of Jesus' disciples, trying to exert their connections.

Their opening gambit seems a quite modest request: "Master, we want you to do something for us." As a question it is an opening for which we probably have fallen many times: "Could you do something for me?" Jesus is not so easily duped. He counters with another question: "What do you want me to do for you?" We should remember this question because it is going to come up again in next Sunday's Gospel. But it is also a question we should hear Jesus asking us now. Let us give the answer today and see whether we might change it in the light of next Sunday's Gospel. Our answer to the question should be very fundamental. In other words, it should go to the very root of what we want out of life.

Understandably, when the other 10 disciples heard about this, they were very angry. It was not because they disagreed but because they felt cheated. These two had gone behind their backs and pulled a fast one. Their understanding of Jesus was not one whit better.

The Second Reading from the letter to the Hebrews tells us today that in Jesus we have a "great" high priest. When is Jesus our great high priest? When he is in a temple built with exotic marble and wearing vestments made of costly cloth and precious stones and people bowing down before him? No, he is our great high priest when he, the priest and victim, hangs stark naked on the altar of the cross while the crowds mock and jeer below.

In our own time, I suppose Mother Teresa is an outstanding example. Why did she get a state funeral? Surely it was in recognition of her greatness and also something she had never dreamt of or wanted. Her greatness was in the giving of her whole self to the very lowest, treating them as brothers and sisters and living close to them and like them. And the people of India recognised that.

Mother Teresa was a great missionary bringing the Gospel message of service to the very poorest. She was not only an Albanian who became a missionary in India. She and her sisters went on missionary work to New York and Los Angeles, to London and even Rome. A missionary in Rome?! Yes, there too. Missionary work goes in all directions today.

Like James and John and the other disciples, like Mother Teresa and many others, we are ALL called to be missionaries, most of us right where we are. To be good missionaries we have to hear Jesus' words about where real greatness lies. It is a message that is not always easy to hear in a society like ours.

We are all called to be not only disciples and followers but also apostles and missionaries. We cannot live our Christian faith fully unless we are sharing it and witnessing to it in our daily lives.

*Sacred Space*

# OLIVERIAN

## ST OLIVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PASCOE VALE

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**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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16/17 OCTOBER 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**Response to the Psalm:** **Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Son of Man has come  
to give his life as a ransom for many.

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

**Those who have died:** Kevin Hannan, Michael DePasquale

**Anniversaries:**

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

It is with a sad heart to inform our parishioners of the death of Kevin Hannan. For those who attended the Saturday Vigil Mass, they would know Kevin, as he was a regular collector and usually the first person to arrive at Mass and make sure the OLIVERIAN was out and ready for parishioners as they entered church. Kevin was also a member of St. Vincent de Paul serving the community for over 19 years. We shall surely miss him. Let us keep Kevin and his family in our prayers.

Please join us in the celebration of his life through livestream on  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am.

Link [www.vividstream.live/kevin-hannan](http://www.vividstream.live/kevin-hannan)

A Guest Book is up and ready for viewers to leave a comment.  
Streaming starts about 10 minutes before the Mass commences.

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

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We are very grateful for your support at this time.



**Lockdown Light—week seven**

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

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? 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: Theology of the Body and Healing**

In this podcast, Catholic therapists, Dr Bob Schuchts & Jake Khym discuss how we can glorify God in and through our bodies. Using St John Paul II's Theology of the Body, they look at ways we can receive healing and peace. Listen here [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving7](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving7).

**Getting to know your Bible: How do Scripture and Tradition work together?**

Getting Started: Why do we believe in things like the Trinity, purgatory or even what books make up the Bible? They all form part of Sacred Tradition. In this 3-minute video, hear how Scripture and Tradition work together in the life of the Church. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted7](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted7)

Going Deeper: Written for Catholic teachers, this short article 'Catholic Teaching on Sacred Scripture' explains the role and importance of both Sacred Scripture and Tradition in our understanding of the revelation of God. View here [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper7](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper7)

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.