

As today's Gospel opens, the disciples, gathered in the room, are hearing the account of the two disciples who have just returned from Emmaus after a powerful experience of meeting the Risen Jesus. All of a sudden there is Jesus among them. He gives them the conventional greeting, "Peace to you!" (Shalom!)

The disciples' first reaction, however, is one of fear and alarm. As any normal person of the day would have reasoned, Jesus is dead and so this must be his ghost. But Jesus reassures them: he points out to the solidity of his body. He invites them to touch his hands and feet. Ghosts do not have flesh and bones. Now their feelings turn to inexpressible joy. As they look on him with a mixture of happiness and wonder, he pushes them a bit further and asks for food to eat. He now, as he did with the disciples going to Emmaus, explained how what had happened to him was all foretold clearly in the Scriptures. His suffering and death were no tragedies; his resurrection was no surprise. It was all part of God's plan.

But it does not stop there. In the name of that Jesus who suffered, died and rose, forgiveness of sin, that is, total reconciliation with God, was to be proclaimed to the whole world. And then comes their mission and mandate: "You are witnesses to this."

Obviously, this mission and mandate is also for us. We also, through our baptism and incorporation in the Church as the Body of Christ, have received the same mission. Without our co-operating with Jesus, the message of reconciliation and forgiveness will not be heard. It is not enough for us just to hear the message and implement it in our own lives, as we sometimes seem to think is all that is required of us.

All round us there are people who have never heard the message at all. Others have never heard it in all its clarity and power. Many others have heard it only in a distorted form (and that can include many Christians). Yet the constant pursuit of money and goods, of power and status, the constant escape into drugs, nicotine, alcohol and the high incident of suicides, especially among young people, all point to people who are looking for meaning, peace and happiness in their lives.

They all need to hear that greeting: "Peace with you" and to experience the peace that only Jesus can give. Will I be the one to carry that message today to even one other person? If we all did just that, we would reach a very large number of people.

*Sacred Space*

# OLIVERIAN

## ST OLIVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PASCOE VALE

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### MASS TIMES

**Saturday** 6.00 pm (Vigil for Sunday)

**Sunday** 8.45 am & 10.30 am

**Wednesday** 9.15 am

**Thursday** 7.00 pm

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

**Confessions** Saturday 10 —10.30 am (*Held outside at back of church  
 between church and presbytery*)

**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> ( <i>starting after Easter</i> ) (contact Chris Rowland 0411 440 746)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Italian Ladies Prayer Group</b>	<b>10.30 am Meeting Room</b> ( <i>starting after Easter</i> )
	<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>

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 17/18 APRIL 2021

- Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.
- Response to the Psalm:** **Lord, let your face shine on us.**
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

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

##### Those who have died:

**Anniversaries:** Venanzio, Teresa, Giuseppe & Rocco Mazzarella  
Maria Cavalieri, Antonio Cavalieri, Fortunato Rizzo,  
Domenico Cicala

**Those who are ill:** Gina, Scerri, Maria Coreno, Monica Wickerson, Joe Grech,  
Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy,  
Eileen Squires, Lamberto, Adelaida & Luisa Cruz,  
Vicenta Santos

17/18 April

24/25 April

#### READERS:

Sat 6 pm	A. Borelli [L], J. Pertile [R]	N. Farrell [L], W. Cahill [R]
Sun 8.45 am	M. Tamayo [L], T. Baltatzis [R]	M. Carabott [L], M. Ziccone [R]
10.30 am	R. Robles-McColl [L], M. Temming [R]	O. Aquino [L], B. Watts [L]

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6 pm	L. Bellio	C. Rowland
Sun 8.45 am	V. Ricevuto	M. Bolitho
10.30 am	C. Steere	S. Harrison

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.

### Parish News!

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has appointed a new parish priest for St Oliver Plunkett!

Fr James Puppady is currently the parish priest at Drysdale. He will begin his ministry at our parish from 9th of June. He will look after St Paul's, Coburg as well.

The Archbishop will send us a letter about the future plan for both communities.

The Archbishop asked Fr Michael to go to Rome for further study. He will be doing "Church Communication" at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross. Fr Michael will finish up his ministry at St Oliver's on 24th of May.

### Project compassion

Please return the project compassion box. You can place it in the box provided at the altar steps on the right side of church or drop off at the parish office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9am and 3pm.

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

People must carry a fitted face covering at all times. Fitted face coverings are no longer mandatory indoors or outdoors, but should be worn by participants (unless they have a lawful exemption or are children under 12 years of age) if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.

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/>