

NOW THAT JESUS IS RISEN it means that he is now IN his people. Of course, Jesus is present in every person in some way ("as often as you do it to one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me") but he is present in a special way in his own disciples, that is, those who accept him as their Lord.

Today's Gospel says that our relationship to him is similar to a tree and its branches. The branch cannot be separated from the parent tree and continue to live. At the same time, it is not enough to be a branch on the tree. There must also be fruit produced. It is not enough to be a Christian and "fulfil one's religious duties".

I have to ask myself : Am I really a living branch on the vine that is Jesus? Am I really a Christian that bears fruit? Am I living my life creatively so that others also benefit?

Can other people see the influence that Jesus has on my life – in my words, my actions, my general behaviour and lifestyle? Am I unmistakably a follower of Jesus?

How many people have come to know and believe in Jesus because of me? How many people have asked to be baptised because of my example?

It is only through the way that we live that people will be inspired to follow our footsteps and discover what we have discovered: the joy of knowing God's love that comes to us through Jesus and his Church.

Love, is shown in ACTION, in DEEDS. Only when we are loving in deed can we know that Jesus lives in us. If the love God communicates to me does not pass on to others, then it does not come to me either. For me to experience God's love, others have to experience mine. And I cannot make an exception of even one person, because God doesn't.

We must abandon entirely the idea that we "earn" God's love by our "good deeds". God does not love me because I am good; I am good because God's love is working in and through me to others.

Sacred Space

OLIVERIAN

ST OLIVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PASCOE VALE

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

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 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>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 1/2 MAY 2021

- Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.
- Response to the Psalm:** **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit..
Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,

Please remember in your prayers the following:

- Those who have died:** Gina Scerri, Marcello Umer
- Anniversaries:** Maria Ng, Patrick McGrath
- Those who are ill:** Maria Coreno, Monica Wickerson, Joe Grech, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy, Eileen Squires, Lamberto, Adelaida & Luisa Cruz, Vicenta Santos

1/2 May

8/9 May

READERS:

Sat 6 pm	A. Breen [L], C. Rowland [R]	V. Pertile [L], A. Taglieri [R]
Sun 8.45 am	B. Messina [L], M. Tamayo [R]	M. Tamayo [L], M. Carabott [R]
10.30 am	R. Cassidy [L], C. Grech [R]	L. Verduci [L], W. Willason [R]

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6 pm	M. Pascoe	P. Saliba
Sun 8.45 am	M. Carabott	B. Messina
10.30 am	E. Monaco	R. Polastri

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.

Project Compassion

We have counted the money donated through the Project Compassion Box for Caritas and the amount donated at St Olivers is \$3,798.50. Receipts will be made available next weekend after each Mass and the following week at the Parish Office (during office hours) for those requiring them.

The school community raised \$1,195.65.
Thankyou to all who so generously donated.

Please return your project compassion box located 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.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall

Thankyou to parishioners who helped raise \$276.50 for St Vincent DePaul at the Piety Stall held at the back of the church last month.

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/>