

In the narratives given in the readings of today's Mass, Jesus, before he leaves his disciples, gives them their mission. There are four aspects to this mission which Jesus gives in today's Gospel:

- a. There is the duty of the Christian community to evangelise, that is, to communicate the life vision that is contained in the Christian Testament and especially the Gospel. It must be stressed that this is not simply the responsibility of the clergy or of religious men and women. It is the duty of every single Christian, arising from the very nature of being a disciple. The world is still under the influence of a Europe which was once totally Christian and where evangelisation was understood as the clergy keeping a passive laity "in the state of grace". We no longer have such a world not even in Europe.
- b. The church has the task of healing. The Christian is not simply concerned with the "soul". The whole person needs to experience the effects of salvation – in spirit, mind, feelings, body, and in the surrounding environment. Jesus himself spent a lot of time healing the sick. It was often linked with the healing of the soul and of the heart and the reconciliation of the sinner. The disharmony which sin is can have very visible effects on the feelings and on the body. It is not enough simply to remove the sin (by going to confession) nor is it enough simply to try to heal the body (by going to hospital). Healing involves the whole person. That, as Christians, we are all called to do.
- c. Jesus promises that the Spirit will give power to his disciples. This is not to be political or economic power. Again it is not a power simply vested in the hierarchy. It is the power, shared by all, that comes from a vibrant vision of what life should be. It is a special power that comes from a heart that can give people strength in times of weakness, hope in times of fear or despair, a power that, above all, gives meaning to life in all situations.
- d. Finally, the Christian community does not do this alone. "I will be with you always, to the very end of time," is the promise of Jesus. He is Emmanuel, God-with-us. Through his Spirit, Jesus continues to work with and through his people. And so we firmly believe that he is to be found in every one of us. In some way, Jesus is to be found in every single person. "As often as you did (or did not do) it to one of the least of my brothers, you did (or did not do) it to ME."

*Sacred Space*

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## 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> (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> ( <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>

## ASCENSION - 15/16 MAY 2021

- Entrance Antiphon:** You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God: praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.
- Response to the Psalm:** **God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord..**
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, alleluia.

### Please remember in your prayers the following:

- Those who have died:** Eileen Squires, Belinda Bealing, Kathleen Raleigh, Esther Khoo
- Anniversaries:** Michelina Barravecchio, Jack Hardy, Giovanna Ponzio, Angelina Ponzio, Domenic Messina, Genoeffa Pieragostino, Ada & Pasqualino D'Angelo, Guiseppe Rizzo
- Those who are ill:** Dalmiro Bellio, Maria Coreno, Kath Layden, Lamberto Cruz, Monica Wickerson, Pasquale Buonomo, Joe Grech, Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy,

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### READERS:

Sat 6 pm	J. Pertile [L], M. Pascoe [R]	N. Farrell [L], M. Lynch [R]
Sun 8.45 am	M. Tamayo [L], B. Messina [R]	B. Messina [R], F. Minutolo [R]
10.30 am	E. Monaco [L], S. Harrison [R]	R. Polestri [L], S. Bennardo [R]

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6 pm	A. McConnell	L. Teoh
Sun 8.45 am	F. Minutolo	J. Mokbell
10.30 am	T. Rocca	N. Palmieri

## PLEASE NOTE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER 7036 9330

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.

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Dear friends,

Since last year, it has been a tough journey for us to walk in this time of pandemic. Particularly, St Oliver Plunkett parish and school had so many changes. Within the restriction, our parish team has been trying to provide services that the community needs as much as possible. I am sincerely grateful for the support and prayers our community members have shared.

Though I did not have much time to spend with you, with your warm and hearty welcome I feel like I became part of this family. I am truly sad that I need to move from this lovely community. We can keep in touch through social media (facebook & Instagram). You can find me under "PapaDonPreach".

One of things that I have learnt during this uncertain time is that not everything goes with our plan, but it is certainly in God's hand. All we can do is to put our trust in him and follow his guidance. Please continue to pray for me and other leaders who are trying their best to serve the community. I will keep you in my prayer as well.

May God bless you all.

St Oliver Plunkett, pray for us.

Fr Michael Kong

Administerator

**Archdiocese News:** Pope Francis has last Friday announced that Msgr Anthony Ireland and Fr Martin Ashe, senior priests in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, will serve as auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese. The episcopal ordination for Msgr Ireland and Fr Ashe is expected to take place in late July. We give thanks to God for these new bishops.

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/>