

Today's feast celebrates the special place that Mary has in the life of the Church. This place is first of all defined by her being chosen to be the mother of Jesus, his only human parent. This alone gives her a uniqueness which is shared by no other person who has ever lived.

As with the case of Jesus' resurrection, we need to look at the meaning of what the feast is about rather than being too literal in our understanding of how it is described. By using the image "assumed body and soul into heaven" what is really being said is that Mary, because of the dignity of her motherhood and her own personal submission to God's will at every stage of her life, takes precedence over everyone in the sharing of God's glory which is the destiny of all of us who die united with Christ her Son.

She remains, of course, fully a human being and infinitely lower in dignity than her Son and much closer to us. With us but leading us, she stands in adoration of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. She cannot even in glory be given in any way the worship that is proper to the Persons of the Trinity. What she can do is to intercede for us in our needs, offering her human prayers on our behalf. This is something our non-Catholic Christian brothers and sisters do not always understand and perhaps we Catholics have by our words and actions given a distorted idea of the place of Mary in our Christian living. Mary's role is well described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity. Thus she is a 'pre-eminent and... wholly unique member of the Church'; indeed, she is the 'exemplary realisation' of the Church" (CCC 967).

Mary's greatness does not stop at the graces and privileges which were showered on her. In a telling scene in the Gospel, a woman who had been listening to Jesus suddenly cried out in a loud voice: "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that you sucked!" In our own language today we might say: "May God bless the mother who produced such a wonderful son as you!" But Jesus immediately picked up the woman's words and said: "No, blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it." In other words, it is not the graces that God gives us which make us great but the manner in which we receive and respond to them.

Mary's greatness was not just in being chosen to be Jesus' mother but in her total acceptance of that responsibility in faith and trust, accepting blindly all that it might entail. And, indeed, she had no idea the price she would have to pay to be the mother of Jesus. But, again, like her Son she had emptied herself in total service to him and today we celebrate her reward, her being raised to the highest place among the human race.

Today we join in her happiness. We look forward to the day when we too can share it with her. We ask her to remember us as we continue our journey on earth and to intercede for us with her Son that we may remain faithful to our call as faithful disciples. May we know God's will for us at all times and, like Mary, say our unconditional Yes to what he wants for us.

*Sacred Space*

# OLIVERIAN

## ST OLIVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PASCOE VALE

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

**There are no Weekend or Daily Masses or Parish Activities until covid 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

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Christian Meditation</b>        | <b>7 - 8 pm Parish Centre</b><br>(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>

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 14/15 AUGUST 2021

- Entrance Antiphon:** Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.
- Response to the Psalm:** **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Mary is taken up to heaven,  
and the angels of God shout for joy.  
Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** All generations will call me blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

### Please remember in your prayers the following:

- Those who have died:** Fr Nicholas Cachia, Marie Gregg
- Anniversaries:** Concetta DeFazio, Richard Saliba, Owen Davies,  
Paolina Bennardo, Orsola Slaviero,  
Pantaleone Montanaro, Teresa Raso,  
Concetta Baressi, Felomina Jala, Diosdado Jala
- Those who are ill:** Frances Tamayo, Ocean Goldsmith,  
Dalmiro Bellio, Kath Layden, Lamberto Cruz,  
Monica Wickerson, Pasquale Buonomo,  
Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy

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### READERS:

- Sat 5.00 pm V. Pertile [L], A. Breen [R]  
Sun 8.45 am M. Tomayo [L], B. Messina [R]  
10.30 am M. Temming [L], B. Watts [R]

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- Sat 5.00 pm M. Pascoe  
Sun 8.45 am F. Minutolo  
10.30 am E. Monaco

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.

Let us keep the children who are preparing for their  
**First Communion in prayer which is  
rescheduled for  
Saturday 28 August 2021.**



## INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

**COME & SEE!** Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate held on:

Saturday 4 September, 10:00 -11.45 am  
at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For further information contact Deacon Kevin Pattison: [Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au)

**Watch:** Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

**Watch:** Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons  
<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

**Read More:** [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

**Contact:** Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335  
(Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

## Natural Fertility Awareness Week August 23-29, 2021

**Billings LIFE is pleased to launch Natural Fertility Awareness Week with a free Webinar presentation on this year's theme *Tracking Fertility :Tracking Health.***

An information session about the Billings Ovulation Method® will be held on  
Monday 23rd August @ 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEST.

To register please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-webinar-tracking-fertility-tracking-health-tickets-163000285241>

Further information about natural fertility awareness can be found at the  
Billings LIFE website: <https://billings.life/en/>

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Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr James. The link:  
<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale> We are grateful for your support at this time.