

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday 9:15am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 10-10:30am



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MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday 10:15am

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)

8:00pm (Neocat)

Sunday 9am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

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SACRED SPACE

Last week we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King and the last Sunday of the outgoing Church year. Today is the First Sunday in Advent and the beginning of a new Church year. It is also the beginning of a new cycle of prayers and Scripture readings, Cycle C. So, "Happy New Year to you all!"

Why are these four weeks before Christmas called "Advent"? The term comes from a Latin word (*adventus*) meaning 'coming, arrival'. We immediately think it refers to the coming of Jesus at Christmastime and that is correct. But it is not the whole story. In fact, we can speak of three comings of the Lord and all are referred to in the Scripture readings today.

The First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah refers prophetically to the coming of Jesus, our King and Saviour: "I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land." That is the coming of the Child Jesus in Bethlehem, which we anticipate and prepare for in these four weeks. That is what we may call the First Coming.

The Gospel speaks in ominous terms of the end of the world and what we refer to as the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time. "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

However, there is still a third coming which forms an important and indispensable link between the First and Second Comings. That is what is spoken about in the Second Reading. It is the welcoming of Jesus into our lives in the here and now. This is something which takes place every day. By it we both acknowledge the First Coming of Jesus in Bethlehem and prepare for the Second Coming at an unknown future date.

The Scripture for today tells us that we should:

- a. Be ready to meet the Lord whenever he calls us to himself, whether that be in the very near future or many years away. The important thing is: Be prepared.
- b. Do not be afraid, do not worry. Fear, worry and anxiety do not solve any problems. Fear, worry and anxiety are about things which do not yet exist and most probably will never exist as we imagine them. As Fr Tony de Mello used to say: "Why worry? If you worry, you will die; if you don't worry, you will die. So why worry?"
- c. Improve our relations with the people around us. A good life consists not so much in the kind of work we do or how "successful" we are but how we have related with other people – with family, other relatives, friends, colleagues



What's a SYNOD ?

The word *Synod* comes from the Greek word meaning "assembly" or "meeting". In 2022 the Catholic Church Synod will be a formal assembly or *journeying together* of the whole world-wide community: clergy, religious and lay people. Therefore, the Synod is a suitable instrument to give voice to the entire People of God. It has a consultative role, to offer information and advice to the Pope on various ecclesial questions. The role of the synod is primarily that of "listening to the People of God." *Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit* these consultations become important instruments and occasions for effecting renewal.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:4-5,8-9,10,14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R.
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor. R.

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. R.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and

drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
(All bow during these two lines)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more. Bless us in ways that you know best and form us into a true community of worship and love. Deepen our understanding of your message today. Give us especially your spirit of love, so that it may touch all people with whom we come into contact.

Encircle our families with your loving care and assist parents in their role as leaders in faith. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and peace, and to those in sadness joy. May we grow stronger in faith and our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Dora Toscano, Giacomo Spina,
John Robert Whimpey

Anniversaries: Edmondo Gasparri, Anna Gasparri,
Sestilio Briganti, Benilde Graser, Janet & Denzil Fernando,
Mary & Martin Weerasinghe, Douglas, Marian Meril &
Rita Fernando

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

READERS 27/28 November	4/5 December
Sat 5.00pm C.Rowland(L), L.Teoh(R)	A.Breen(L),W.Cahill(R)
Sun 8.45am M.Carabott(L&R)	M.Carabott(L&R)
10.30am R.Cassidy(L),L.Willason(R)	L.Verduci(L), Grech(R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat 5.00pm L.Bellio	L.Teoh
Sun 8.45am M.Bolitho	V.Ricevuto
10.30am E.Monaco	N.Palmieri

ADVENT PRAYER

Vespers (Evening Pray) will be held each Thursday evening
in the Church (Chapel) at 7pm. (*Unknown Status*)

VISITING BOOK

Fr James would like to meet and greet parishioners. If you
would like a home visit, please leave your name, address
and phone no in the "Visiting" book provided at front of
church.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The purpose of the Giving Tree is to be able to give needy
families in this area a treat by providing them with the
necessities for a Christmas lunch. The hampers we make
up all contain the same products. Please select **one tag
for one item**, this ensures we have enough items for each
hamper. If anyone finds themselves or knows of someone
in the position of not having the means for Christmas
please let us know – we would be happy to provide a
hamper.

COLUMBAN CALANDAR AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Columban Calendars \$10 and Christmas Cards \$5 pkt are
now available to purchase at the back of the Church.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

New Thanksgiving Envelopes can be collected after each
Mass this weekend. Please let us know of any change of
address or movement of parishioners.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION 20/21 NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving: \$810.00 Presbytery: \$757.70
Direct Debit for month of October: \$2432.00

Thanksgiving link: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>
Presbytery Account: **BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158**
We are very grateful for your support at this time.

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who are Sick: Virginia Efthimiou

Anniversaries: Matteo Villani, Leonarda De Carlo,
Guiseppe Stringile, Michele Di Carlo

READERS:

	<u>This Week</u>
Sat 6.30pm	Sue Tasic
Sun 9am	Angela Greig & Warren Power
Sun 10.30	Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano
	<u>Next Week</u>
Sat 6.30pm	Philip Scardilli
Sun 9am	Pam & Trevor Atkinson
Sun 10.30	Gino De Fusco & Peter Aurora

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sat 6.30pm	Mary De Marco	Virginia Efthimiou
Sun 9am	Raf Carnovale	Annette Barnes
Sun 10.30	Sofia Tabacco	Laura Scherma

FR JAMES IS COMMENCING HOUSE VISITS AND BLESSING OF THE HOMES.

If you would like your home blessed and a visit from Fr
James, please call the parish office on 9354-1564 to
arrange or fill in the form at the bottom of the bulletin
and place in the collection plate.

FATHER'S DAY PRIESTS RETIREMENT COLLECTION:

As the restrictions imposed by the Government due to
COVID-19, Sunday Masses were not able to be celebrated
on the first Sunday of September. Traditionally the Priests
Retirement "Father's Day" collection would have been
taken up on that Sunday to support the retired Priests of
the Archdiocese. This appeal creates one of the four main
income streams for the Foundation enabling us to support
the retired priests of the Archdiocese.

As Archbishop Comensoli says (on the Appeal Envelope)
*"It has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese of
Melbourne to allow the faithful of the Archdiocese to show
something of their own appreciation through an annual
Father's Day Appeal. The appeal goes to the care of
retired and sick priests by providing suitable
accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable
standard of living for them. May I commend the Appeal to
you. Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you!"*

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

CDFPay for Parishes online payment portal.

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayCoburg>

OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Paul's Church A/C	Presbytery A/C
BSB: 083-347	BSB: 083-347
Account No.: 67541 0884	Account No. 5310
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PARISH NEWS



We pray for our Parish children at St Oliver's who are making their Confirmation on Saturday 27th November, and our children at St Paul's who are receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday 28th November.

May the Lord bless them and their families.



ST OLIVER'S CHRISTMAS MASSES

2021	Christmas Eve Vigil	5.00 pm	Carols
		5.30 pm	Family Mass
	Christmas Mass	9.30 pm	Carols
		10.00 pm	Mass
	Christmas Day	8.45 am & 10.30 am	
	Sunday 26 Dec	8.45 am & 10.30 am	
2022	New Year's Mass	9.15 am	<u>St Oliver's</u>
	<i>Feast of the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
	Vigil (Saturday 1)	5.00pm	

ST PAULS CHRISTMAS MASSES

2021	Christmas Eve Vigil	7.00 pm	
	Christmas Mass	11.30 pm	Carols
		12.00 am	Midnight Mass
	Christmas Day	9.00 am	(English)
		10.30am	(Italian)
	Sunday 26 Dec	9.00am	(English)
		10.30am	(Italian)
2022	New Year's Mass	9.15 am	<u>St Oliver's</u>
	<i>Feast of the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
	Vigil (Saturday 1)	6.30pm	



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

To help provide financial assistance to the Australians who will spend Christmas in poverty call 13 18 12 or donate online at vinnies.org.au (giving the name of the conference in the field supplied 'Pascoevale 963'). Bank details as follows:

Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Gift Fund *Bank:* Comm Bank
BSB: 063 000 *Account No:* 106 07556 *Reference:* X21 + your conference ID.
Receipts on request.

CARITAS Australia (Christmas Appeal – Global Gifts)

While it has been a difficult and burdensome year for communities around the world, the season of Advent prepares us for the coming of Jesus Christ, a time of celebration, joy and hope. Through the Global Gifts website, supports can purchase Christmas cards for their family and friends, with the proceeds going towards supporting the world's most vulnerable.

Global Gift Christmas cards can be ordered:

- Online at www.globalgifts.org.au or via order forms (contact office)
- By Calling Supporter Care team on 1800 024 413

LATEST COVID LITURGICAL GUIDELINES - Religious Gatherings Funerals and Weddings

Fully Vaccinated 12 years + 2 months and over: no capacity limits or density limits.

Unknown Vaccination Status: Restricted to one person per 4 sqm up to a maximum of 50 people per facility.

Face coverings Recommended - worn if you can't physically distance, *Sanitiser* must continue to be used regularly throughout Liturgies.

Community (Parish) Facilities Fully vaccinated only, no limits apply.

For further COVID Liturgical Guidelines: <https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

PROGRAMS

ST PAULS PARISH

ADORATION:

First Fri of month: 10.30am-12pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 12.00 pm.

COMMUNION TO SICK:

Thursdays & Fridays

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays 10am

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wed at 10.30 am

Legion of Mary:

Monday mornings at 10.30 am.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2021

12 Dec: St Lucy at 10.30am

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

BAPTISMS:

2nd Sunday of the Month

(By Appointment)

MARRIAGES:

By appointment with at least
6 months notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES:

MONDAY:

Christian Mediation

7-8pm Parish Centre

TUESDAY:

Italian Ladies Prayer Group

10am Meeting Room

Charismatic Prayer Group

7.30pm Church

WEDNESDAY:

Drop-In Centre

1-3pm Church/Parish Centre

THURSDAY:

St Vincent de Paul

5.30pm Meeting Room

(last Thursday of the month)

Safety of Children

& all Vulnerable People

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people, as a central and fundamental responsibility, of our parishes.

The Parish Statement of Commitment and the Reporting Process, are on display in all churches, and all Parish Policies are available, on the website: cam.org.au/coburg