

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday of Lent Year A

26th Feb 2023

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

FAMILY MASS – 1ST WEEKEND EACH MONTH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00am to 10.30am



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MASS TIMES

Wednesday & Friday 10:00am

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)

8:00pm (Neocatechumenal way)

Sunday 9am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

FAMILY MASS – 2ND WEEKEND EACH MONTH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

PASCOE VALE & COBURG

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SACRED SPACE

The Gospel of today's Mass always features the temptations of Jesus in the desert. It clearly links with the Lenten themes of fasting, penance and reconciliation with God and with our brothers and sisters.

In the First Reading, there is a striking contrast between Jesus in the Gospel, and our First Parents in the Garden of Eden. The Second Reading connects the two events: it was the sin of our First Parents which brought about the coming of Jesus to restore our relationship with God. "Oh happy fault!" (*O felix culpa!*) as the liturgy of the Easter Vigil says of that first sin. The weakness of our First Parents brought about the coming of Jesus and all that he means to us for our lives. It is an example of how even behind unpleasant and, in fact, evil happenings God's love can be found at work.

Today's Gospel story follows immediately on Jesus' baptism and endorsement by his Father as his "Beloved Son" to whom we are to listen.

Note that Jesus is led into the desert by the Spirit of God. The purpose clearly is not to lead him to do evil, but as a testing of his fitness for his coming mission. Will he fail like our First Parents or like the Israelites of old? Or will he prove himself worthy of the mission he has been given?

The testing will be done not by God directly, but by the Evil One, the Tempter. It is pictured as taking place in a barren region between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. Jesus, like Moses before him, had fasted for 40 days. He is alone in the wilderness without food. He is hungry, weak and vulnerable. Now is the time for the Tempter to move in.

Jesus passes all three tests and will continue to do so all during his life right up to the moment of his death. In the garden of Gethsemane, he will beg to be spared the horrors of his Passion, but will then put aside his own fears of suffering and death and accept his Father's way. On the cross he will make the despairing cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?", and soon after, in total submission, say: "Into your hands I surrender my life."

The way of the Father is the only way that will lead him – and us – to the life that never ends and when all tears will be wiped away.



STATIONS of the CROSS DURING LENT

PASCOE VALE: Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9.30am, followed by 10am Mass

COBURG: English - Wednesday mornings 9.30am, followed by 10am Mass.

COBURG: English - Friday evening 7.00pm.

COBURG: Italian - Fridays mornings 9.15am followed by 10am Mass.

LENTEN PROGRAM

St Paul and St Oliver's are combining the Lenten Program. We are alternating weeks, at St Paul's Coburg this Thursday 2nd March at 7.00pm in the Hall.

St Oliver's Pascoe Vale on Thursday 9th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited 10 minutes before 5.00pm Mass next Saturday 4th March at St Oliver's, Pascoe Vale.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7*

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 50:3-6,12-14,17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R.
2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. R.

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.

4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise R

SECOND READING *Rom 5:12,17-19*

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 4:4*

Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL *Matthew 4:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the

Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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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: Giuseppa Forstiere, Vincenza Wright

Anniversaries: Giuseppe De Fazio, Betty Verduci, Thomas Watts

Those who are ill: John Minehan, Maria, Elvey, Bindu Lijo, Dean Ross, Joe Grech, Windsor Jones, John Moore, Oscar Ferrante, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero, Giuseppe De Fazio

READERS: 25/26 February **4/5 March**
Sat 5.00pm L.Teoh (L), W.Cahill(R) A.Taglieri(L), TBA(R)
Sun 8.45am M.Ziccone(L),B.Messina(R) M.Carabott(L),C.D'Orazio(R)
10.30am L.Willason(L), O.Aquino(R) R.Robles-McColl(L),L.Verduci(R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Sat 5.00pm A. Taglieri W. Giaccotto
Sun 8.45am J. Mokbel L. Di'Nicola
10.30am F. Henger J. Braganza

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Lucia Inturrisi, Maria Cali,

Anniversaries: Antonietta Straniero, Elio Treglia

READERS: **25/26 February** **4/5 March**
Sat 6.30pm Judy O'Meara Paul De Losa
Sun 9.00am Grace Baviera & Brent Greig &
Tess Pugliano Dylan Greig
10.30am Gino De Fusco & Anna D'Amato &
Peter Aurora Giovanna Navagero

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Sat 6.30pm Alfred Meilak Mary De Marco
Sun 9.00am Annette Barnes Alfred Meilak
10.30am Maria D'Angelo Carmelo Ruggero

BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT'S SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war. Yet again, we are seeing people fleeing and desperate for shelter in freezing winter conditions. We want to help provide that light in the deepest darkness, to get through this devastating disaster. Please donate:

MCF DGR Account

Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB 062784 Account: 100011493

All donations are Tax Deductible.

For a receipt please email mcf@melkite.org.au or contact on (02) 9750 5514

PROJECT COMPASSION



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE COLES PASCOEVALE FUNDRAISER – WORLD YOUTH DAY

We have booked a sausage sizzle for Saturday 18 March 2023. We will need volunteers for the day in two hour blocks. If you can assist please contact Tina on 0417 512 897. Thankyou to the parishioners who have already listed their names, you will be contacted.

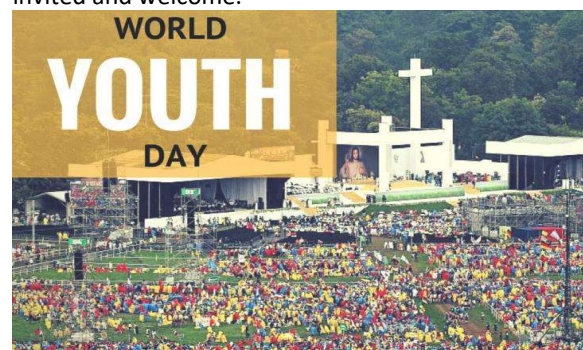
EASTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER – WORLD YOUTH DAY

We are holding an Easter Raffle to support the youth for World Youth Day. We are calling for donations for the raffle over the next couple of weeks. Donations don't have to be just easter eggs or chocolates, biscuits, but can include, wine, stuffed toys, small stationery items, small candles etc... Please leave donations at the left side/front of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Tina on 0417 512 897.

CHILDREN'S PRAISE AND WORSHIP
All children from St Paul's & St Oliver's School
and Parishes are invited to join our
first Praise and Worship
on Saturday 11th March
from 2pm - 3pm
at St Oliver Plunkett's Church, Pascoe Vale
Come and join in the Singing, Scripture Verse
and Sharing,
Join us for a cuppa after the service.

YOUTH MEETING FRIDAY 3rd March 7pm

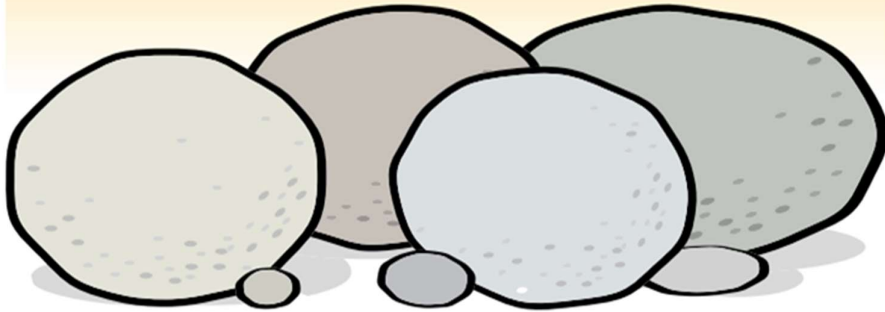
Inviting the Young People for a meeting with both St Paul's & St Oliver Plunkett Parishes at St Paul's Coburg Parish Hall on Friday 3rd March at 7pm. All secondary school children and youth up to 35 years old are warmly invited and welcome.





1st Sunday of Lent, Year A

In the desert, Jesus faced some tough choices but was able to make the right ones. What are some of the tough choices that we face in our day to day lives?



How did Jesus respond to temptation?

<p>Hey Jesus! If you're so hungry, why don't you turn these stones here into bread?</p>	
<p>Hey Jesus! I bet that if you jump off the temple, God will send some angels to catch you!</p>	
<p>Hey Jesus! See all those kingdoms? They're yours! And all you have to do is bow down and worship ME! Too easy!</p>	



Join up the fruit to complete the text maze:
"Lead us not into temptation."

PROGRAMS

ST PAULS PARISH

ADORATION:

First Fri of month: 10.30am-12pm

BAPTISMS:

2nd & 4th Sunday's of the Month at 12pm

COMMUNION TO SICK:

Thursdays & Fridays

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays 10am

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wed 10.30 am

Legion of Mary:

Monday mornings at 10.30 am.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2022

11 Dec: St Lucy at 2.30pm

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

BAPTISMS:

2nd & 4th Saturday's of the Month at 12pm
(By Appointment)

MARRIAGES:

By appointment with at least
6 months notice

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass (except during school holidays)

PARISH ACTIVITIES:

MONDAY:

Christian Mediation
7-8pm Parish Centre

TUESDAY:

Italian Ladies Prayer Group
10am Meeting Room
St Vincent de Paul
5.30pm Parish Centre
(last Tuesday of the month)

Charismatic Prayer Group

7.30pm Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY:

Drop-In Centre

1-3pm Church/Parish Centre

CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Oliver's

CDFPay for Parish:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Olivers Church A/C:

BSB: 083-347 ACC: 55158 7979

Presbytery A/C:

BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Thanksgiving \$1,021.50

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 452.05

Direct Debit December 2022 \$1,957.00

We are very grateful for your support.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS St Paul's

CDFPay Online Payments:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayCoburg>

OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Paul's Church A/C Presbytery A/C

BSB: 083-347 BSB: 083-347

Acc.: 67541 0884 Acc: 5310 20158

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial \$ 747.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 408.15

We are very grateful for your support.

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

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISONERS

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

Are you new to our Parish? _____

Need Thanksgiving envelopes? _____

Would like a home visit and house blessing? _____

Please complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

To existing parishioners: if you would like to contribute on a regular basis using the envelopes, please complete the above. Thank you.