

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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11th Sept 2022

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday 9:15am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00am to 10.30am



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MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday 10:15am

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)

8:00pm (Neocatechumenal way)

Sunday 9am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

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SACRED SPACE

There are two elements in our relationship with God which need to be distinguished. The first element is the love of God. That love is absolutely unconditional. No matter what kind of person I may be, no matter what I have done against God, against others, or against myself, God's outreaching love for me is absolutely unchanging.

He does not love me more if I am a saint or love me less because I am a sinner. God is all love, and so his whole self goes out in love, be it to a saint or to the most vicious dictator or criminal. If anything, God seems to be more biased towards the sinner. "People who are well do not need a doctor but only those who are sick," he said once.

However, God's forgiveness is something else. That is not unconditional. It is clear from the story of the Prodigal Son. The father deeply loves the younger son and bears no ill will towards him. This is clearly indicated by his father seeing him "while he was still a long way off". But there can be no forgiveness in the full sense until the son makes that crucial about turn, that "conversion", that *metanoia* experience. There can be no real forgiveness in the full sense until there is reconciliation. The wound of division needs to be healed.

What is true, however, in our reconciliation with God is that once, like the son, I take that initial step, I can be absolutely sure that I will be received back. There will be no "ifs" or "buts", no conditions, no reservations, no punishment, no compensation to be made.

This is eloquently put by Paul in the Second Reading. He acknowledges that he was a sinner, "the greatest of them", in doing all he could to wipe out the followers of Christ. But he discovered Christ and the mercy of God. "Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." And he regards that he is the greatest of them. But he came to experience the "inexhaustible patience" of Christ his Lord. He more than made up for that and in another context will call himself the greatest, the hardest working of the apostles. But he knows the source of his zeal; it is Christ his Lord working in him.

At the same time, all that we say about the way God receives us back must clearly be carried out in our relationships with other people. "Forgive us our sins," we pray constantly in the Lord's Prayer, "in the same way we forgive (i.e. we wish to be reconciled with) those who sin against us."

"Be perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect," that is, love all unconditionally just as God loves me and be ready to forgive and be reconciled with every single person just as he does. And that is where perfection lies:

1. in loving others unconditionally and not on the basis of their behaviour or the attitudes they have towards us;
2. in making sure that our forgiveness concludes in full reconciliation with the person we believe has been unjust to us.

This is not easy, it is a challenge, but it is also by no means impossible. Would you prefer the opposite – to be a consistently hating, unforgiving, vengeful, bitter person? And guess who suffers most – the one hated or the one hating? Nearly always it is the hater. If we have any sense, we will follow the Way of Jesus, not just because he tells us in the name of God but simply because it is the better way to go. The Prodigal Son learnt that lesson the hard way. We are meant to learn from him.

We are all sinners,
but we experience
the joy of God's
forgiveness and we
walk forward
trusting in his
mercy.

Pope Francis



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 *Exod. 32:7-11,13-14*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.'" So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 50:3-4,12-13,17,19

R. I will rise and go to my father.

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. 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.
3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit. A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. R.

SECOND READING *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *2 Cor 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 15:1-32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went

back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."'

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.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Queen Elizabeth, Joe Giansiracusa, Nunzio Di Gioia, Fr Michael Bogusz, Fr Dominik Jaloc

Anniversaries:

Those who are ill: Dean Ross, Joe Grech, Windsor Jones, Aaron D'Ortona, Mary Theuma, Kevin Scanlon, John Moore, Oscar Ferrante, Anna Romeo, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero

READERS: 10/11 September 17/18 September

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| Sat 5.00pm | A.Breen(L), W.Cahill(R) | N.Farrell(L), V.Pertile(R) |
| Sun 8.45am | B.Messina(L), F.Minutolo(R) | M.Carabott(L),M.Ziccone(R) |
| 10.30am | L.Verduci(L), B.Watts(R) | E.Monaco(L), S.Harrison(R) |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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| Sat 5.00pm | C. Rowland | L. Teoh |
| Sun 8.45am | M. Carabott | M. Bolitho |
| 10.30am | S. Bennardo | N. Palmieri |

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Joe Siracusa

Anniversaries: Andrea Vidic, Carmelo & Anthony Condello, Antoinetta Condello, Gajetan Pereira, Giuseppe Madafferi, Rosa Antonia Lagana

| READERS: | This Week | Next Week |
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| Sat 6.30pm | Family Mass | Alfred Meilak |
| Sun 9.00am | Family Mass | P & T Atkinson |
| 10.30am | Gino De Fusco & Peter Aurora | Anna D'Amato & Giovanna Navagero |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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| Sat 6.30pm | Mary De Marco | Barbara Romanos |
| Sun 9.00am | Mary Carnovale | Alfred Meilak |
| 10.30am | Laura Scherma | Maria D'Angelo |

THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are currently in need of parishioners to give Holy Communion to the Housebound. If you feel you can help in this ministry, you will be instructed and provided with a handbook. You can arrange to visit at a time that suits you and the parishioner, either after Mass on the weekend or anytime during the week. If you are able to help we look forward to hearing from you. Please call Marthese at Parish Office on 7036 9358. Please leave your name and phone no. for return call if not answered.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – Leaving Collection after each Mass this weekend

Father's Day Appeal Leaving Collection this weekend for The Retirement Foundation to meet the needs of 85 retired priests most of who have served in our parishes 50 years. *\$2 or more contributions are tax deductible, please print name and address clearly on envelope to claim a tax deduction. \$2 or more contributions will be recorded, written receipts only forwarded for donations of \$5 or more, in early July 2023. Thanksgiving Envelope contributors have envelope for Father's Day, in their sets of envelopes.*

DAILY REFLECTIONS 2023

GOD'S WORD Daily Reflections 2023. A St Paul's Publication. This book has the readings of the day with a reflection. The cost is \$20 and is for sale after Mass.

COLUMBAN CALANDARS 2023 - now available for sale after Mass. Cost \$10

THANKYOU

Beatrice and Sue Di Gioia would like to thank Fr James and you, the parishioners for all your prayers for Nunzio DiGioia.

PODCAST



Podcast Description

Fr Rob Galea, and two female co-hosts (Alyssa Agius & Justine Cumbo) study the weekly readings and break them down into lay man's terms, showing you how they are relevant to our life today. We make theology accessible for the everyday person - think of it as a conversation with friends complete with all the tears, laughter and joy, but with the opportunity to learn something new each week. Whether you've been Catholic all your life, you're new to the faith, or outside of the faith, there is something for everyone! God is speaking to us through Scripture each week at Mass and we can guarantee that by listening to this podcast, you'll be equipped with the knowledge you need to be a Catholic Influencer in today's world.

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL (SMALL GROUPS)

We are now inviting parishioners to register their name to participate in discussions towards the parish mission "Take the Way of the Gospel". These discussion groups will begin meeting sometime in September to discuss the way forward regarding the future mission (partnership of parishes). Please register your name and phone no. on the sheet provided at the back of the church or call Parish Office on: St Oliver's 7036 9358 - St Paul's 9354 8970.



Sometimes it's hard to say I'm sorry. What could the boy say to show he is sorry for breaking the vase?

God wants us to know that he will always forgive us. Draw yourself saying this prayer to God.



Dear God,
 help me when I turn away from you.
 You always call me back, help me listen to your voice.
 Give me the strength to forgive as you forgive.
 Amen.

Complete the Text maze:

START **H** O A F Y U H K T
 E W H T A N O W H
 J A P R N D R S A
 R S S T A E E B T
 G L O F S N F S U
 O A C D P T O U R
 D P Y L A S G N **D**
 FINISH

"He was lost and now has been found."

| CASHLESS PAYMENTS | St Oliver's |
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| 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: | |
| 1 st Collection | Thanksgiving \$ |
| 2 nd Collection | Presbytery \$ |
| Direct Debit for July \$2137.00 | |
| We are very grateful for your support. | |

| CASHLESS PAYMENTS | St Paul's |
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| 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: | |
| 1 st Collection | Sacrificial \$ 640.00 |
| 2 nd Collection | Presbytery \$ 365.50 |
| We are very grateful for your support. | |

COVID- 19 Response Division of the Department of Health has asked that we remain mindful of the continued safe practices that assist in reducing the transmission of the virus – this particularly includes the encouragement of wearing masks indoors for large gatherings; good ventilation of environments where possible; and the ready availability of sanitising stations at all entrances and exits.

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

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 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 Saturday of the Month
 (By Appointment)

MARRIAGES:
 By appointment with at least
 6 months notice

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
 1st & 3rd 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

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISIONERS

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.