

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C

20th March 2022

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday 9:15am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 10-10:30am



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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

Today's readings are asking us to take a good look at ourselves. We are like that tree that Jesus speaks of in the parable in today's Gospel. It is alive but it bears no fruit. It should be cut down. The man responsible for the tree asks the owner to give it one more year. If after that, there is no fruit, it should be cut down.

Every Lenten season is our chance to fertilise our tree and to see how it can be more fruitful. For some reading this, it may indeed be their last year, their last Lent to take care of their tree.

I am being called not merely to survive personally as a Christian, to "hang in there" (just staying out of sin and being in the "state of grace"). I am being called to grow continually in being a truly loving person, loving God and loving all those around me.

To take a few examples:

For instance, what kind of influence am I within my family circle?

In work, how do I relate with my colleagues and is my presence a positive element in our workplace?

What is my attitude towards strangers, that is, people I do not know and who are not "useful" to me?

What kind of contribution (apart from giving money and being physically present in church) do I make to the life of the Christian community in that part of the world where I live?

In general, what kind of contribution could I be said to be making in my society or do I expect society to satisfy only my needs and those of my immediate family?

On the one hand, I need to realise that God always and everywhere loves me. But that love is only fully completed in me when I become a genuinely loving and caring person, one who loves both God and others in word and action.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE HOLY WEEK 2022

St Oliver's:	Friday 8 April	7.00pm to 8.00 pm
	Saturday 9 April	10.00am
St Paul's	Friday 8 April	10.45am to 11.30am
	Saturday 9 April	7.15pm

Way of the Cross during Lent

St Oliver's:	Wednesday & Friday	9.00am before 9.15am Mass
St Paul's:	Each Friday	7.00pm



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow. Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 102:1-4,6-8,11

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. R.
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. R.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

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

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the

tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."' "

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: Eric Manning, Debra Murdoch

Anniversaries: Maria Cavalieri, Antonio Vescio,
John Cocomello

Those who are ill: Oscar Ferrate, Peter Cushen, Anna Romeo, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Kath Leyden, Amelie Gutierrez, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero

READERS: 19/20 March 26/27 March

Sat 5.00pm	C. Rowland(L), M.Lynch(R)	N.Farrell(L), L.Teoh(R)
Sun 8.45am	M.Tamayo(L), M.Carabott(R)	M.Tamayo(L), M.Carrabot(R)
10.30am	C. Grech(L), (R)	E.Monaco(L),S.Harrison(R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm		L. Teoh
Sun 8.45am	M. Bolitho	F. Minutolo
10.30am	C. De Francesco	D. Petrocco

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Alberto D'amore, Nicolino D'amore
Helen Ciuca, Mathew Tenance

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Molina, Nito Cristina, Costanzo Family, Sorace Family

READERS: This Week Next Week

Sat 6.30pm	Sue Tasic	Philip Scardilli
Sun 9.00am	Stephanie & Dean Youil	Dora Youil & Chiara Dal Col
10.30am	Rita Luci & Rosa Opendisano	Gino De Fusco & Peter Aurora

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Tuong Nguyen	Mary De Marco
Sun 9.00am	Tuong Nguyen	Rosa Touma
10.30am	Sofia Tabacco	Laura Scherma

FLOOD APPEAL – SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through:

www.vinnies.org.au – Flood appeal – St Vincent de Paul Society – Good Works (vinnies.org.au)

or by calling – Queensland – (07) 3010 1000 or New South Wales – (02) 9568 0262.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA – UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/> or contact 1800 024 413.

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers training each Saturday after 6.30pm Mass at St Paul and Sunday after 10.30am Mass at St Oliver's and continues for the next three weeks.

DROP-IN

Come along and join this friendly group. This is a social gathering where we enjoy each other's company over a cuppa and entertain each other with a game of UNO. We meet each Wednesday afternoon in the Parish Centre at St Oliver's from 1pm to 3pm. St Paul's parishioners are most welcome. For more information call 7036 9330.

REMEMBER – LENTEN PROGRAM

All welcome to attend Lenten Program at St Oliver's Parish Centre on Thursdays at 7.00 during Lent.

CONFIRMATION

Let us keep in prayer the children who were confirmed on Friday 18 March 2022. May the Holy Spirit fill and bless them and may they continue to be strengthened in their relationship with God.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

CDFPay for Parish: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

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 Presbytery \$898.35

2nd Collection Thanksgiving Offering \$820.00

We are very grateful for your support at this time.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

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

Account No.: 67541 0884 Account No. 5310 20158

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial Offering \$762.50

2nd Collection Presbytery \$401.30

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HOME VISIT/BLESSING

Please fill in form at bottom back page for a home visit/blessing from Fr James and place in collection plate.

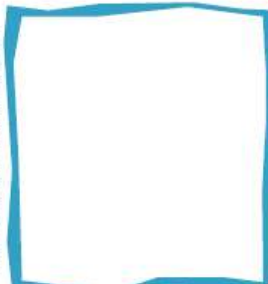


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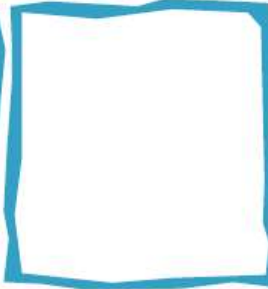
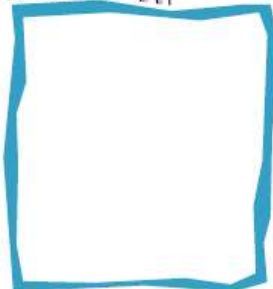
Jesus told his followers the story of a fig tree that would not bear fruit. The gardener said he would try hard for one more year to help it grow. God wants us to try hard so that we too can grow, and 'bear fruit'. What are four things you can do during Lent that help you be a better Christian and bring you closer to Jesus?



Jesus told parables to help his followers understand his teachings more clearly. Can you draw pictures from three different parables?



Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?



Project Compassion

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 and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

LATEST COVID GUIDELINES - Face coverings and QR code check-in no longer required for Places of Worship.

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: 2022

11 Dec: St Lucy at 2pm

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

BAPTISMS:

2nd Saturday 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

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.