

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

12th March 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

FACEBOOK PAGE:

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SACRED SPACE

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT COLES, PASCOE VALE FUNDRAISER – WORLD YOUTH DAY

Please come and support our Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser for World Youth Day, which will enable one of our youth to attend in Portugal in June this year. Our parishioners will be hosting the sausage sizzle this coming Saturday 18th March at Coles, Pascoe Vale from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Come and say hello. Thankyou to all who have volunteered their time.

For those wanting to make a donation via a link from the Archdiocese of Melbourne, please contact Tina on 0417 512 897.



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 in the box provided at the front of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

For more information please contact Tina on 0417 512 897.

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 94:1-2,6-9

**R. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. R.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. R.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

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

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of

grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 4:42,15*

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL *John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a

prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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: Giampiero Seri, Giuseppe Cianci,
Frank Attana, Dina Di Gregorio, Nuccia Mazzaro, Sara Mazzaro

Anniversaries: Vincenza Wright (1mth), Father Pasciale,
Pietro Ambesi, Carmino Rizzo, Francesca & Domenica Fazzolari,
Fabian Manego, Sybil Turnbull, Reginold Turnbull

Those who are ill: Poala de Thomasis, John Minehan, Maria
Elvey, Dean Ross, Christine & 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: 11/12 March		18/19 March
Sat 5.00pm	A.Breen (L), S.Nessen(R)	C.Rowland(L), T.Ryan(R)
Sun 8.45am	B.Messina(L),F.Minutolo(R)	M.Carabott(L),L.DiNicola(R)
10.30am	R.Cassidy(L), L.Willason(R)	E.Monaco(L),S.Harrison(R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	C. Rowland	S. Thompson
Sun 8.45am	M. Carabott	F. Minutolo
10.30am	L. Verduci	C. De Francesco

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Emidio
Spagnuolo, Tina Micheli, Michael Ferlazzo

Anniversaries: Fr Sean O'Connell, Carmela & Carmine De
Donato.

READERS: 11/12 March		18/19 March
Sat 6.30pm	Family Mass	Paul Kennedy
Sun 9.00am	Family Mass	Adria, Daniella & Brianna Dal Col
10.30am	Sam Stagliano & T/M Costanzo	Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Alfred Meilak	Mary De Marco
Sun 9.00am	Mary Carnovale	Warren Power
10.30am	Carmelo Ruggero	Anna D'Amato



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.
COBURG: Morning Prayer 5.45am weekdays during Lent

LENTEN PROGRAM

St Paul and St Oliver's have combined the Lenten Program. **Please note:** The Lenten Program is being held at St Oliver's, Pascoe Vale, on Thursdays in the Parish Centre (building left side of church) at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

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.

THE ALPHA COURSE

What is the point in life?
What happens when we die?
Is forgiveness possible?
What relevance does Jesus have for
our lives today?



Your personal invite to Alpha

Date: 20th April 2023

Time: 7.00pm in the church hall

Venue: St Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park

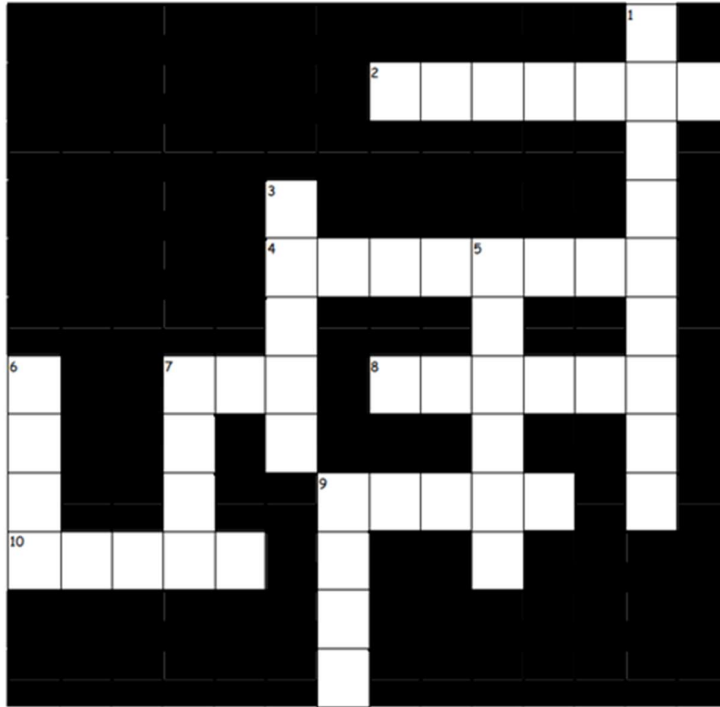
Contact : Ruth 9407 6700

WHAT IS ALPHA?

The Alpha course is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low key, friendly and fun. There is a meal together at the beginning of each session which gives an opportunity to get to know each other. Listen, learn, discuss and discover, and ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile.

CROSSWORD

I am the Christ who speaks to you now



Across

- 2: Saviour
- 4: a relative from many years ago
- 7: the number between one and three
- 8: this is used to carry liquids
- 9: an adult female human
- 10: to consume liquid

Down

- 1: a person from Samaria
- 3: Jesus sat by a well that had been dug by this person
- 5: a town where Jesus stayed
- 6: what we eat
- 7: a large village
- 9: a hole in the ground that people collect water from

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: 2023

St Joseph Feast: Sun 19 Mar 2pm

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 \$1,549.75

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 542.00

Direct Debit January 2023 \$2,177.00

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 \$ 636.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 437.75

We are very grateful for your support.

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.

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