

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

4th Sunday of Lent Year A

19th 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:



facebook.com/pascoealecoburg

SACRED SPACE

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

We are encouraged to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?

"Lord, that I may see."

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HEALING MASS & ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

St Paul's: Friday 31st March 10.00am

St Oliver's: Friday 31st March 6.00pm

CONFESSIONS BEFORE HOLY WEEK 2023

St Oliver's: Friday 31st March 7.00pm to 8.00 pm

Saturday 1st April 10.00am

St Paul's: Saturday 1st April 7.15pm



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



PALM SUNDAY – 2ND APRIL 2023

ST PAUL'S COBURG:

8.30am: Blessing of Palms

8.50am: Procession into the church

Refreshments in hall after 9am mass

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13*

A Reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22

R. *The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. R.
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness no evil would I fear. You
are there with your crook and your
staff; with these you give me
comfort. R.
3. You have prepared a banquet for
me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with
oil; my cup is overflowing. R.

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I
dwell for ever and ever. R.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 5:8-14*

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

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 8:12*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees

asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your guilt remains.' 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.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Giampiero Seri

Anniversaries: Maria Cavalieri (2yr), Antonio Vescio,
Gwen Henger (1yr), Antonia Santiago, Modesta S. Wilkin(3yr)

Those who are ill: Franca Henger, 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: 18/19 March		25/26 March
Sat 5.00pm	C.Rowland(L), T.Ryan(R)	V.Pertile(L), N.Farrell(R)
Sun 8.45am	M.Carabott(L), L.DiNicola(R)	M.Tamayo(L), M.Ziccone(R)
10.30am	E.Monaco(L),S.Harrison(R)	S.Bennardo(L), R.Polastri(R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm	S. Thompson	R. Paligaru
Sun 8.45am	F. Minutolo	J. Mokbel
10.30am	C. De Francesco	D. Petrocco

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Michael
Ferlazzo, Evelina Ierianni, Giuseppe Garraffo, Silvio
Camilleri

Anniversaries: Lucia Inturrisi (1 month anniversary), Albina
Gaiimis (2 months anniversary), Maura Pomazan (1 month
anniversary), Sebastiano Cataldo

READERS: 18/19 March		25/26 March
Sat 6.30pm	Paul Kennedy	Sue Tasic
Sun 9.00am	Adria, Daniella & Briarna Dal Col	Annette Barnes & Piotr Kardas
10.30am	Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano	Gino De Fusco & Peter Aurora

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm	Mary De Marco	Alfred Meilak
Sun 9.00am	Warren Power	Rosa Touma

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

"Live Your Best Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

28 – 30 April 2023 in Melbourne (Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

LENTEN PROGRAM ST OLIVER'S & ST PAUL'S

Please note: The Lenten Program is being held at St Oliver's, Pascoe Vale, on Thursdays in the Parish Centre 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.

EASTER RAFFLE

We are holding an Easter Raffle to support the youth for World Youth Day. 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.

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 and every Tuesday for 10 weeks

Time: 7.00pm in the church hall

Venue: St Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park

Contact : Ruth 9407 6700

WHAT IS ALPHA?

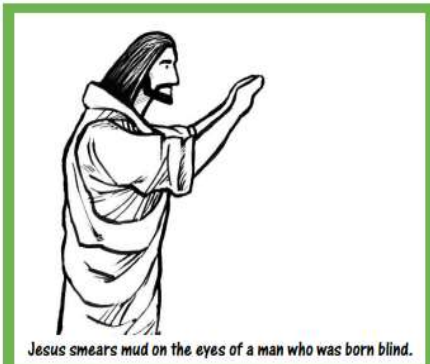
The Alpha course is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low key, friendly and fun. There is a meal together at the beginning of each session which gives an opportunity to get to know each other. Listen, learn, discuss and discover, and ask anything. Alpha is a place where no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



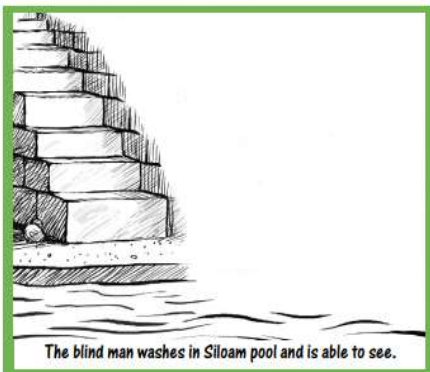
Jesus heals the blind man

4th Sunday of Lent, Year A

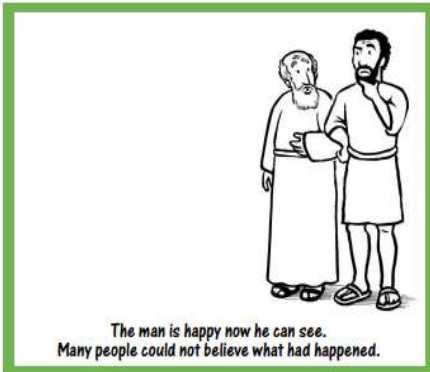
Draw the story of Jesus healing the blind man



Jesus smears mud on the eyes of a man who was born blind.

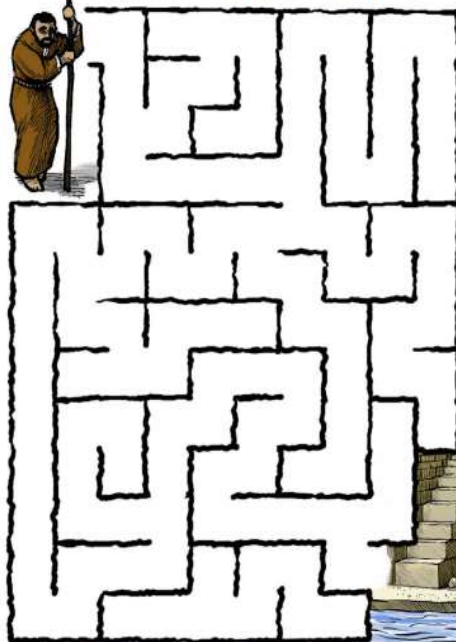


The blind man washes in Siloam pool and is able to see.



The man is happy now he can see. Many people could not believe what had happened.

Help the blind man find Siloam Pool



When he met Jesus again, the man who had been blind put his faith in Jesus and worshipped him. What can we do to show that we believe in Jesus?

Three empty rectangular boxes for writing answers to the reflection question.

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 \$1,426.90

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 405.05

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 \$ 771.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 351.10

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 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.