

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday of Lent, Year C

3rd April 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

The Scripture of today's Mass speaks of how God is always compassionate to his people. No matter how many times the Israelites abandoned their God, no matter how many times they became "stiff-necked" and refused to do his will, he always came to call them back.

In the whole of the New Testament we see God, in the person of Jesus, calling his sinful people to be converted, to put their whole trust in the message he brings and to follow his Way, as the way of truth and life. Jesus can be called the Sacrament of God among us. A sacrament in general is a visible manifestation of the power of God working among us. So when we see the man Jesus, we are seeing God (though imperfectly, because what we actually see through Jesus' humanity is not, cannot be the totality of a transcendent God). When we hear Jesus, we are hearing God. When Jesus acts, a human being like ourselves is acting and speaking but it is also our God acting and speaking. So, in reading today's Gospel, when we see Jesus with the sinful woman, we are also seeing God.

The woman in this story is not just an isolated sinner. She represents all of us. She represents every person who has sinned. She represents you and me. And the Scribes and Pharisees, who were sinners too, also represent you and me. We sin in both ways: when we hurt others by indulging our desires at their expense and when we hurt others by setting ourselves up as superior and better than they. If we had been there that day, what would we have done? Would we have condemned the guilty woman too? Even during the past week, how many people have we condemned in our hearts or in our words? Are we regular readers of newspapers or watchers of TV programmes which delight in rubbishing people and destroying their lives? How many people have we ourselves passed judgement on? On the other hand, to how many have we extended a hand of love and compassion?

In today's story, Jesus saw a lonely, frightened woman, manipulated by cruel, self-righteous men for their own sinister ends. He saw the potential for change and he accepted her totally.

This was also the experience of Paul, also once a zealous Pharisee. Paul knew that God had forgiven his sin, the sin of persecuting the disciples of Jesus. He realises now that it is not a question of becoming a morally perfect person by his own efforts. For him to have a close relationship with Jesus is the most precious thing in life. All the rest is just garbage. As a Pharisee he thought he was a perfect person by keeping the Law meticulously and hating all those who did not. Now he knows he is a good person because he has become filled with the love of Jesus. Now he hates no one. He loves, he forgives and, like God, he forgets.

We will find a great deal of happiness and peace in our lives if, on the one hand, we can really grasp the attitude of God to the sinner, and if, on the other, we can make that attitude our own in our relationship with others.

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

St Paul's:	Tuesday 5 April	10.15am
St Oliver's	Friday 8 April	6.00pm

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

Isaiah 43:16-21

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R.
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

SECOND READING

Phil 3:8-14

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

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything,

and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at

her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

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.

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: Gwen Henger, Antonietta Fiocca

Anniversaries: Felix Cruz, Rosy Thomas, Angela Arceri

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

READERS: 2/3 April

Sat 5.00pm L. Teoh(L), M. Lynch(R)

Sun 8.45am M. Carabott(L), F. Minutolo(R)

10.30am S. Bennardo(L) R. Polastri(R)

9/10 April

A. Breen(L), C. Rowland(R)

B. Messina(L), M. Tamayo(R)

R. Robles-McColl(L), M. Temming(R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm L. Belio

Sun 8.45am V. Ricevuto

10.30am C. Steere

P. Saliba

J. Mokbel

A. Cocomello

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Umberto Piacquaddio

Anniversaries: Onorio Dal Pozzo, Giuseppe D'Agostino, Cerra Family, Pane Family, Paolo & Rosaria Cappellano

READERS:

This Week

Next Week

Sat 6.30pm

Sun 9.00am

10.30am

Alfred Meilak

Adria, Daniella, Briarna

Anna D'Amato &

Giovanna Navagero

Barbara Romanos

Alfred Meilak & Katrina

Sam Stagliano &

T/M Costanzo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm

Sun 9.00am

10.30am

Barbara Ramanos

Patrick Baviera

Maria D'Angelo

Jim & Lourdes Galea

Raf Carnovale

Carmelo Ruggero

ST PAUL'S & ST OLIVER'S WELCOMES YOU TO

HOLY TRIDUUM 2022

Holy Thursday

April 14

7.00pm

St Paul's & St Oliver's

Evening Mass of the Lord's supper

followed by Adoration at the
Altar of Repose until 10.30 pm

Good Friday April 15

St Paul's

[no Mass]

9.15am

10.00am

11.00am

3.00pm

7.00pm

St Oliver's

11.00am

3.00pm

Fast and Abstinence

Way of the Cross in Italian

Morning Prayer

Way of the Cross in English

Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion

Italian Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Way of the Cross

Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

April 3

St Oliver's

St Paul's

5.00pm

6.30pm

Mass of the Resurrection

Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday

April 4

St Oliver's

St Paul's

8.45am

10.30am

9.00am

10.30am

Easter Mass

Easter Mass

Easter Mass English

Easter Mass Italian

Confessions

St Oliver's

St Paul's

Individual confessions will be heard at:

Tuesday 5 April

Friday 8 April

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Saturday 9 April

7.00pm to 8.00pm

6.00pm

10.45am to 11.30am

7.15pm



HOME VISIT/BLESSING

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

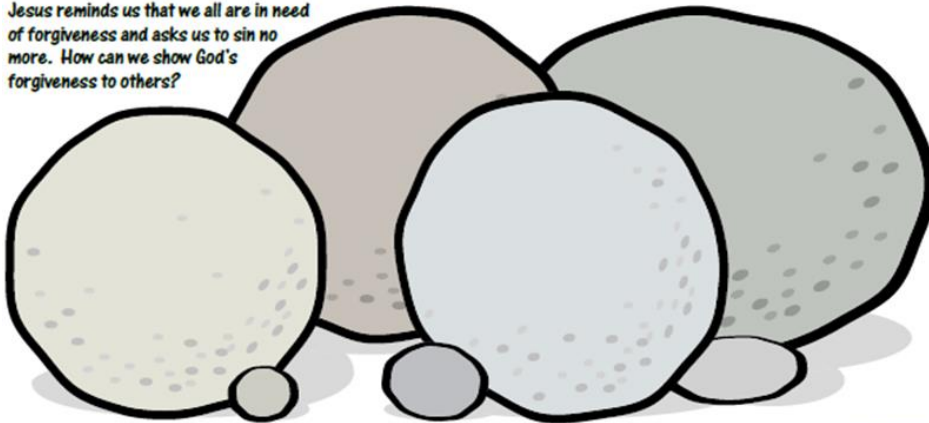


if any of you have never sinned then go ahead and throw the first stone
my name is



5th Sunday of Lent, Year C

Jesus reminds us that we all are in need of forgiveness and asks us to sin no more. How can we show God's forgiveness to others?



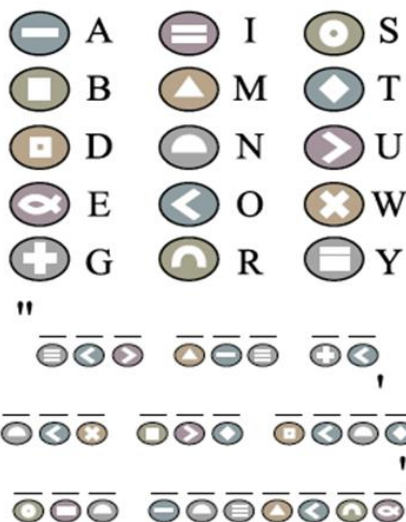
During this final week of Lent we can all work really hard at being the best Christians we can be, in preparation for Holy Week.

Use the code below to work out what Jesus said to the accused woman

At the start of Lent, what was one of the things about your life that you wanted to improve?

How well do you think you have done so far? Give yourself a score between 5 (Great!!) and 1 (hmmm...not so great).

What are some ways you can do even better during this final week of Lent and Holy Week?



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 Collecton Presbytery \$1008.15

2nd Collection Thanksgiving \$ 781.00

Direct Debits for February 2022 \$2302.00

We are very grateful for your support.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

CDFPay Online Payments:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayCoburg>

OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

St Paul's Church A/

Presbytery A/C

BSB: 083-347

BSB: 083-347

A/C No: 67541 0884

A/C No. 5310 20158

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial Offering \$ 710.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 344.80

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

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.