

THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The ASCENSION of the LORD

29th May 2022

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday- Friday 9:15am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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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 FIRST READING and the Gospel today seem to be in contradiction. Although both are written by Luke, the Gospel says that Jesus' ascension was on Easter Sunday and the Acts of the Apostles says it was 40 days after the resurrection. The Gospel also seems to say that the resurrection and the ascension are one thing while the Acts seems to say they are two separate events.

In fact, the ascension is part of the resurrection. Resurrection emphasises that Jesus has entered a new life and not just that he recovered his previous life. The ascension emphasises that the risen Jesus is together with the Father, that he shares the place and dignity of the Father.

The real meaning of the Ascension is in the Second Reading, a passage from the magnificent Letter to the Hebrews. The author makes a clear distinction between the role of Jesus and that of the Jewish High Priest. Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands; he entered the dwelling place of God himself. Nor, unlike the High Priest, did or does Jesus enter the sanctuary again and again, as the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies every year. Nor did he, again unlike the High Priest, offer blood that was not his own, the blood of goats and bulls. Jesus entered God's presence by the spilling of his own blood on the cross. "Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many (that is, of all); and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him."

Therefore, we have no need to fear. We have freedom and, by the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, we can go into the holiest place. This is the path which has been opened for us through our baptism and our participation in the life of the Christian community.

But before we go to share Jesus' glory, there is work to be done. When Jesus left us, he made it clear that he wanted us to carry on the work he had begun. He said that we could do the same things he did and even greater. So before leaving them, he tells his disciples to go back to Jerusalem and there wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

When people see me, do they see Jesus? When people see me, do they want to know Jesus? When people see me, do they want to join our community, share our life, and take the Gospel as the foundation of their life?

Today we gather here not only to remember something that happened a long time ago; we are also here to remind ourselves that when Jesus left us he gave us a very important mission. That mission was and is to continue his loving and redemptive presence in the world. Let us ask him today to help us, together with him, to carry out that huge responsibility in the way he wants.

FROM FR PAUL

It was a delight to celebrate my ordination anniversary with you all in my old parish of St Oliver's last Sunday. I want to thank everyone for their good wishes, gifts and the work of providing such a beautiful morning tea. I hope to be able to share the Eucharist with you again in the future. Please continue to pray for me, as I will for you: that God will pour his Spirit more deeply into our lives and that we will all carry God's compassionate love to those around us.

PLEASE NOTE: COMMUNION SERVICE AT ST OLIVER'S 9.15AM ON TUESDAY 30TH MAY AND THURSDAY 2ND JUNE. MASS AT ST PAULS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THESE DAYS AT 10.15AM.

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

Acts 1:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you

into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 46:2-3,6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must
fear, great king over all the earth. R.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the
Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing
praise to our king, sing praise. R.
3. God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. R.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matt 28:19-20*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God. 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: Cecilia Sartori, John Paul Scerri,
Fr Eric John Hodgens PE

Anniversaries: June Thompson, Baldo Iacobacci,
Lora Iacobacci, Simon Vittorio

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

READERS: 28/29 May

Sat 5.00pm C.Rowland(L), W.Cahill(R)

Sun 8.45am M.Tamayoy(L), B.Messina(R)

10.30am R.Robles-McColl(L),
S.Bennardo(R)

4/5 June

V.Pertile(L), M.Lynch(R),

M.Tamayoy(L),L.DiNicola(R)

O.Aquino(L), R.Polastrri(R)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm P. Saliba

Sun 8.45am L. Di Nicola

10.30am N. Palmieri

P. Saliba

M. Carrabott

N. Palmieri

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

WE PRAY FOR:

Those who have died: Benedetto Conte, Teresa Greco
Fr Eric John Hodgens PE

Anniversaries: Rachele Daniele, Maria Concetta Fazzolari
Terrence Skinner, Marianne Howard

READERS:

Sat 6.30pm Alfred Meilak

Sun 9.00am Dora Youil &
Chiara Dal Cal

10.30am Anna D'Amato &
Giovanna Navagero

This Week

Alfred Meilak

Dora Youil &
Chiara Dal Cal

Anna D'Amato &
Giovanna Navagero

Next Week

Judy O'Meara

Adria,Daniella &
Briarna Dal Col

Sam Stagliano &
T/M Costanzo

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm Barbara Romanos

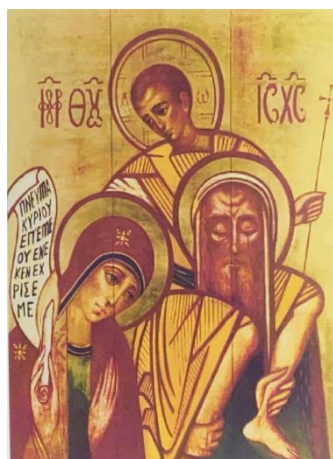
Sun 9.00am Alfred Meilak

10.30am Sam Stagliano

Jim & Lourdes Galea

Mary Carnovale

Anna D'Amato



"I am the light of the World"

Anyone who follows me will not be Walking in the Dark, But will have the light of Life. (John 8:12)

Come and Listen to a set of Catechesis (talks)
and receive this light in your life. They are a Good news of your life!

Beginning Monday June 6th 7.30pm & Thursday 9th 7.30pm

St Pauls Catholic Church, O'Connell Building (Hall)
562 Sydney Road Coburg 3058

If you require any further details or require any assistance to attend, please contact:
Colin Tomelty (M) 0407 346 413 or Fr Joe Pelle (M) 0409 585 806

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2022 – Make A Donation & Change Lives



Support vulnerable Australians facing Hardship by donating to our Winter Appeal.

- Donate over the phone using a credit card by calling **13 18 12** (Receipts issued to donors)
- To make an online donation: www.vinnies.org.au (Receipts automatically emailed to donors)

Donors can allocate donations to a specific conference by giving the conference name in the comments field. (Pascoe Vale 963)

"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP" – AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMATE

The Sisters of St Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. Many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry will be visited. For itinerary and application, contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 8912 4818.

Taster Session', Tuesday 14 June 2022, 7.30pm-9pm (AEST), via Zoom.

Are you called to be a spiritual director? A pastoral supervisor? A spiritual leader? Would you like to participate in spiritual formation that develops a compassionate, contemplative, listening heart? We invite you to join our Taster Session for a facilitated reflection and more information about Heart of Life's courses. Led by the formation team at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings www.trybooking.com/BZAWV, or secretary@heartoflife.melbourne for more info.

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Church in Melbourne is being invited into a conversation on how we might come together and discern our common mission for the years ahead. We are calling for five leaders, each from St Paul's and St Oliver's Parish, to advise and be a point of reference for **Take the Way of the Gospel**. This will be a temporary group which will meet with the Advisory Board for this mission. Parishioners who would like to join for discussion and give their opinions are also needed. Expressions of Interest will close late May. Please contact Parish Office: St Paul's - 9354 1564; St Oliver's - 7036 9330

The following link leads to information: <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/take-the-way-of-the-gospel>

PARISH NEWS

HOME VISIT/BLESSING

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

Jesus was taken up to heaven

F C E M Z Y E F R A I S E D X
 Q K R B A O U R V C M C N K Y
 A F B E T H A N Y H A P P Y J
 D Z Q I M V B F Q T H V R B V
 U Z H S D I S C I P L E S L D
 L P C J X P Y T S M R N P Z Z
 A B E C F A L T Z W S F K R C
 M P U W O R S H I P P E D X J
 B L Z R V B L E S S E D D T I
 C K F A C P R A I S I N G E J
 G T J E R U S A L E M T C M E
 W G U H A N D S U G S M O P S
 L L M R M A U S R Z P D O L U
 Y J T I M E S K S I E N E E S

Bethany
 blessed
 disciples
 hands
 happy
 Jerusalem

Jesus
 praising
 raised
 temple
 time
 worshipped

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 Presbytery \$1101.40
1st Collection Thanksgiving \$ 542.00
 Project Compassion (Church) \$1265.00
 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 \$ TBA
2nd Collection Presbytery \$ TBA
 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.