

OLIVERIAN

ST OLIVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PASCOE VALE

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Parish Office Hours: 9am – 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00 pm (Vigil for Sunday)

Sunday 8.45 am & 10.30 am

Wednesday 9.15 am

Thursday 7.00 pm

You can register through the parish website <https://stolivers.org.au/>
& Click "Join Sunday Mass"

Confessions Saturday 10 —10.30 am (Held outside at back of church
between church and presbytery)

Baptisms 2nd Saturday of the month (by appointment)

Marriages By appointment with at least 6 months notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday Christian Meditation 7-8 pm Parish Centre
(contact Chris Rowland 0411 440 746)

Tuesday Italian Ladies Prayer Group 10.00 am Meeting Room

Charismatic Prayer Group 7.30 pm Church

Wednesday Drop-In Centre 1 - 3 pm Church/Parish Centre

Thursday St Vincent de Paul 5.30 pm Meeting Room (Last Thursday of the month)

FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 11AM: Live Streamed and C31 Televised (Channel 44 on Digital TV)

6AM: Channel 10 - "Mass for You at Home"

MONDAY - FRIDAY 1PM: Live Streamed. (Link below)

SATURDAY 8.00AM: Live Streamed. (Link below)

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us just one commandment. He does not say, "Love Jesus or love God as I have loved you". No, he says, "If you want to be my disciple, then you must love one another, as I have loved you." If we really love our brothers and sisters, including strangers and even enemies, we do not have to worry if we love God. But, if we do not love everyone unconditionally, then there is no other way I can claim to love Jesus. I need to love those God loves (*with agape*) and God loves every single person without exception, even the most wicked.

So I do not really have to worry and ask, "Is it a sin to do, say or think such a thing?" Or, "Does the Church allow me to do this?" Rather, let me ask this way: "When I do, say or think such and such, am I really a loving person?"

In practice, of course, it is not always so easy. We need to learn slowly how to love people unconditionally. Our lower instincts and the prevailing culture around us think differently. Yet, we need to learn that the way of Jesus is in fact more in tune with our deeper nature. It is more human to be loving than hating (yet we often excuse our outbursts or anger or hatred as being "only human"). Deep down, we all want to love people. We do not like to hate people and hating does terrible things to our minds and our bodies. We like people to be our friends and do not like them to be our enemies.

Yet, because of our past experiences, the influence of parents and other people around us, the pressures of our society and our traditions, we often do not know how to love, do not know how to forgive, do not know how to be reconciled.

The love that Jesus speaks about is very different from the love of the pop songs on MTV, or much of the love on TV and the movies. Sometimes when we love, we will be very happy. But sometimes loving the poor, the sick, the criminal will not be very easy. If we have to look after a relative who is close to dying, it can be a very painful experience, especially if that patient is difficult or unresponsive to our attentions. But that is love. Love is not a question of keeping rules and commandments. Love is a way of life. It is an internal attitude which influences every single thing we do and say and think.

The love of a Christian needs to be unconditional. Sometimes people will love us back; sometimes they will not. Sometimes, even though we want to love people, they may reject us. If they do reject us, we need not necessarily think that we have done wrong. When people cannot return genuine love, it is they who have the problem. Sad to say, not everyone is capable of loving. All the more reason why we need to reach out to them. People often learn to love by being loved.

The most important thing is not that I am very clever, very successful, very rich, very famous... The most important thing is that I am someone who really loves. When I genuinely love others, there will always be some who cannot love me back but there will be others who will really respond in love. And it may be that my love has empowered them to be loving too.

To be able to reach out in love and to experience being loved is God's greatest grace.

Sacred Space

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 8/9 MAY 2021

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia..

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my
Father will love them, and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died:

Anniversaries: Daniel Dowling, Carmela Silipigni-Parti, Concetta Defazio,
Nina Defazio, Giuseppe Cantone, Benilde Graser,
Mary Vassallo

Those who are ill:

Maria Coreno, Monica Wickerson, Joe Grech,
Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy,
Eileen Squires, Lamberto Cruz

8/9 May

15/16 May

READERS:

Sat 6 pm V. Pertile [L], A. Taglieri [R] J. Pertile [L], M. Pascoe [R]
Sun 8.45 am M. Tamayo [L], M. Carabott [R] M. Tamayo [L], B. Messina [R]
10.30 am L. Verduci [L], C. Grech [R] E. Monaco [L], S. Harrison [R]

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6 pm P. Saliiba A. McConnell
Sun 8.45 am B. Messina F. Minutolo
10.30 am R. Polastri T. Rocca

At St Oliver's parish we aim to create a child-safe and child-friendly environment. Privacy: In 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This Parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.



Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and those who show a mothers love.

Lord, bless mothers today with the grace of Your presence, and the honour they deserve for their tireless work and love. Fill them with Your peace and mercy. Amen.

**PLEASE NOTE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER
7036 9330**

We welcome our newly Baptised children into our parish community.

Let us keep them and their family in our prayers.



Leila Malia DeGisi
Jensen & McKenna Hill
Georgia Alice Fenech-Smith

Project Compassion

Receipts are now available on the table as you enter the church from the side entrance. This week is the last chance you have to return your Project Compassion Box. Please return to parish office during office hours, Tue, Wed, Thurs between 9am and 3pm.

Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr Michael. The link:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

We are very grateful for your support at this challenging time.

COVID19 Instructions

People must carry a fitted face covering at all times. Fitted face coverings are no longer mandatory indoors or outdoors, but should be worn by participants (unless they have a lawful exemption or are children under 12 years of age) if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained. Please come 10 to 15 minutes before Mass. Doors will close when Mass starts.

Please visit our website for the newest update from the Archdiocese regarding liturgical guidelines: <https://stollivers.org.au/>