

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A

5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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### MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

*FAMILY MASS – 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 – 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEKEND EACH MONTH*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 7:15pm

PASCOE VALE & COBURG



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## SACRED SPACE

Today's reading repeats the message of last Sunday that Jesus is the beloved Son. 'This is my Son, the Beloved.' These were the words that propelled Jesus into his ministry, and now, as Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, these words return to confirm his relationship with God.

I think we are dealing here with a very real, historical but inner experience in the life of Jesus – one he probably experienced a number of times. His early ministry had its focus in Galilee where many received him and his message. But Jerusalem is the religious centre of Judaism. The Temple is in Jerusalem. The entire sacrificial system of Judaism is focused on Jerusalem where the high Priestly families and the extended family of Herod live. In Matthew 16 Jesus begins to teach that he must go to Jerusalem (16:21) and this will bring him into conflict with the Jewish leadership groups. Even knowing this, Jesus makes the choice to journey south to Jerusalem.

No doubt before this decision was made he would have spent time in prayer, wondering if this was the path to take, wondering if direct confrontation with the Jewish leaders was really necessary. These times of prayer, even anguish and seeking direction, would have been a struggle to really discern what God was wanting of him. Making decisions where we seriously consider what God may want of us is never easy; the Temptation scene of last week depicted such a struggle in Jesus' life. Today's reading depicts the sense of God's confirming presence.

Moments of God's consoling presence, which we read about today, may be rare, and when they come there is the temptation voiced by Peter to want to stay there – to build tents on the mountain. But Jesus is called to leave the mountain of God's presence and go down to Jerusalem.

Knowing he is heading to Jerusalem, God does not promise to protect Jesus, or spare him the struggle his mission will demand. The words heard during the Transfiguration are words of relationship – 'this is my beloved son'. Knowing oneself to be loved and held by God is enough. This is the only certainty that carries Jesus onward. Sometimes this is all any of us can cling to for support through difficult times.

During the week you might consider your own 'transfiguring' or 'transforming' moments – those times in your life when you have faced new directions. You might recall the struggle and consoling sense of God's presence at those times.

*Mary Coloe*

### CHILDREN'S PRAISE AND WORSHIP

All children from St Paul's & St Oliver's School

and Parishes are invited to join our

first Praise and Worship

on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March

from 2pm - 3pm

at St Oliver Plunkett's Church, Pascoe Vale

Come and join in the Singing, Scripture Verse  
and Sharing,

Join us for a cuppa after the service.

For more information please contact:

Parish Office: 9354-1564

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 12:1-4*

*A Reading from the book of Genesis.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 32:4-5,18-20,22*

***R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.***

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. R.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. R.

### SECOND READING

*2 Tim 1:8-10*

*A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us

and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 17:1-9*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them

this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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:** Bindi Lijo, Giuseppe Cianci,  
Frank Attana

**Anniversaries:** Giuseppe Minutolo 1mth, Salvatore Serini,  
Concetta Serini

**Those who are ill:** John Minehan, Maria Elvey, Dean Ross,  
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:	4/5 March	11/12 March
Sat 5.00pm	A.Taglieri (L), Children(R)	A.Breen(L), S.Nessen(R)
Sun 8.45am	M.Carabott(L),C.D'Orazio(R)	B.Messina(L),F.Minutolo(R)
10.30am	R.Robles-McColl(L),L.Verduci(R)	R.Cassidy(L),L.Willason(R)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00pm A. Giaccotto C. Rowland

## ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

Giuseppa Forstiere, Emidio Spagnuolo,

### Anniversaries:

Concetta Ruggiero, In Sufragio, Di Salvatore Mao, Antoinetta,  
Carmelo & Anthony Condello

READERS:	4/5 March	11/12 March
Sat 6.30pm	Paul De Losa	Tamesha Raj
Sun 9.00am	Brent Greig & Dylan Greig	Family Mass
10.30am	Anna D'Amato & Giovanna Navagero	Sam Stagliano & T/M Costanzo

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm Mary De Marco Alfred Meilak  
Sun 9.00am Alfred Meilak Mary Carnovale



**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.

## LENTEN PROGRAM

St Paul and St Oliver's have combined the Lenten Program. **Please note:** as of this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March the Lenten Program will be held at St Oliver's, Pascoe Vale, in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited 10 minutes before 5.00pm Mass each Saturday at St Oliver's, Pascoe Vale.

## 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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE COLES PASCOEVALE FUNDRAISER – WORLD YOUTH DAY

We have booked a sausage sizzle for Saturday 18 March 2023. We will need volunteers for the day in two hour blocks. If you can assist please contact Tina on 0417 512 897. Thankyou to the parishioners who have already listed their names, you will be contacted.

## EASTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER – WORLD YOUTH DAY

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 at the left side/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**

**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.

Z T J S H Z L Y V D N S A U W  
 Z P K R E L A T I V E S B T P  
 F A M O U S B K I V M P R B U  
 Q K S Q O C D B F G N V A C U  
 N L C U C P J S F O S I H O G  
 O B I W K F R H Z X D V A U O  
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Abraham  
 cloud  
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James  
 John  
 mountain  
 relatives  
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 voice

**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:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** Thanksgiving \$1,016.10  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 431.65  
**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:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** Sacrificial \$856.00  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$520.90  
 We are very grateful for your support.

**PROGRAMS**

**ST PAULS PARISH**

**ADORATION:**

First Fri of month: 10.30am-12pm

**BAPTISMS:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 2022**

11 Dec: St Lucy at 2.30pm

**ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH**

**BAPTISMS:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday's of the Month at 12pm

(By Appointment)

**MARRIAGES:**

By appointment with at least  
 6 months notice

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

1<sup>st</sup> 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

**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](http://cam.org.au/Coburg)