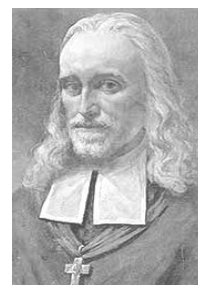




# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish HARRIS PARK



**5 February 2017 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### Weekday Mass Times

Tue, Wed, Thu, Friday: 8:00 am  
(NO 9:15 am mass on Friday until  
further notice)

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

### Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday 8:30 am - 12:45 pm  
Friday 9:45 am - 1:45 pm

### Sacraments @ St Oliver's

**Confessions** - 8:30 - 9:00 am after mass, Tuesday - Friday

### **Baptism, Marriage and Funerals**

Please contact the Parish Office for information and bookings

### **RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who may be interested in exploring the Catholic faith? Contact the Parish Office for more details on joining the RCIA program.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low  
before the God who made us, for he is the  
Lord our God.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders  
for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty  
soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

### DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL

This month's DWF Appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. The DWF supports the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants, and the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing-impaired people as well as programs provided by CatholicCare Social Services in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Appeal envelopes are available from your parish or donate online at [www.faithatwork.org.au](http://www.faithatwork.org.au)

### LAUNCH OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY PAPER – A RESPONSE FROM AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

**8 FEBRUARY.** World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking will be the diocesan launch of *Human Trafficking and Slavery – A response from Australian Catholics*. Join Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and Sr Noelene Simmons SM for the launch from 7.30pm-9.00pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. RSVP to Sr Louise McKeogh FMA at [Lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:Lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au) or [nswprojects@acrath.org.au](mailto:nswprojects@acrath.org.au)

### HEAR MS LINDA BURNEY MP SPEAK ON OUR CONSTITUTION - SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY, 10AM - 12.30PM

Free event. Catholics in Coalition for Justice & Peace (CCJP) invites you to hear Ms Linda Burney MP, the first Aboriginal woman to serve in the House of Representatives, speak on the proposed changes to the Constitution and the recent Centrelink issues. Followed by a light lunch. Venue: Convent of Mercy, 6 Victoria Rd, Parramatta.



Please pray for those who are sick, recently deceased, have an anniversary at this time and all those for whom you have a special intention.

**Deceased:**

Tannous Badwiyeh | Faize & Fady Raffoul | Jeanette Coorey |  
Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey | Gunatileke & Jothi Pasangha  
John & Inponie Pasangha | Rita Fernando | Celina Mary & C.S. Mani  
Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Coorey, Budwee, Norman &  
Nicholas Families | All Souls in Purgatory

**Sick:**

Dianne Same

**Anniversary:**

Samantha Diaz | Thomas Wobby | Peter Duong Nguyen

**IGBO LANGUAGE MASS**, 12th February 2017 at 11:30 am, St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church, Harris Park

**POSITIONS VACANT**

**1. Manager of Pastoral Services:** CatholicCare Social Services is currently recruiting a Manager of Pastoral Services, who will be responsible for providing leadership and management to a team of Lay, Clergy and Religious Chaplains. For a confidential discussion about this role or to obtain a Position Description please contact Gregory tel (02) 8822 2222 or email an updated CV to [careers@ccss.org.au](mailto:careers@ccss.org.au) **Applications close 19 February.**

**2. Assistant Housekeeper:** Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park has an opening in housekeeping services. The position is part time (two days per week). For further information, please contact the Rector, Fr John Hogan, tel (02) 9637 1055. **Applications close 6 February.**

**STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. THE TESTIMONY OF GLORIA POLO**

Through the abundant mercy of God, Gloria miraculously recovered from her horrible injuries. Now she travels the world sharing her testimony. Monday, 20 February, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, St Raymond's Church, 39 - 41 Wellington Road, Auburn. Please see notice board for other details.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY: 17-19 FEBRUARY**

Everyone is invited to join CCR's Holy Spirit Mission for a weekend of Renewal, Restoration and Revival. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will preside at the opening Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday at 7.30pm. On Saturday & Sunday, the program at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills, includes children's ministry, Reconciliation from 1.00pm-2.00pm, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, closing Mass at 4pm on Sunday. Presenters include: Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Fr Ken Barker MGL. Entry is free. For more information, visit [www.ccrparramatta.org](http://www.ccrparramatta.org)

**WALKING THE CAMINO IN FRANCE & SPAIN. SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY**

Greystanes OLQP Parish in the St. George Preca Centre, 198 Old Prospect Rd. Attend one or both presentations by Peter Kearney, who has walked both pilgrimage routes to Santiago. Live commentary by Peter. Photographs and music from a large screen television. 1. Camino in France: 11.00am &/or 2. Camino in Spain: 2.00pm. Admission per session - \$10 at door. **Advance registration essential.** Email Peter: [camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au](mailto:camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au). Please specify 'France' or 'Spain' or 'Both'. Also, state 'Greystanes' & number of seats needed. Peter will confirm registration.

**LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS: 24-26 FEBRUARY**

Jesus invites you to journey with Him this Lent and allow your heart to be transformed. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: students \$180, employed \$210. Registration essential, contact Sr M Julie [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com)

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

Fellow parishioners, I am pleased to say we have had a steady growth in your numbers at St Oliver's parish over the past few years. This is very pleasing and no doubt due to the prayerful and friendly nature of our parish. Unfortunately, the other thing that has been growing steadily is our expenses (around \$1200 per week). But our second collection - the one that pays for parish costs - hasn't kept pace. In fact, our second collections now are slightly lower than they were in 2013 and 2014. I want to thank every person and family who contribute to the second collection through the envelope system. In doing so, you are saying *"This is my parish, it's an important part of my life and I want to contribute to its ongoing growth."* If you are not part of the envelope system, please consider joining. We appreciate the offerings many of you make into the second collection, but a regular commitment through the envelope system helps us better plan and budget for the year ahead. To enquire, please contact your parish at [stoliva@bigpond.net.au](mailto:stoliva@bigpond.net.au)