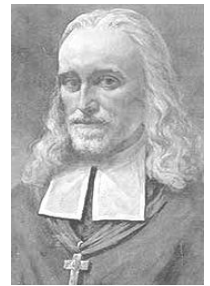


# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish HARRIS PARK



**12 March 2017 - Second Sunday of Lent**

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### Weekday Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 7:00 am  
Tue, Wed, Thu: 8:00 am  
Friday: 9:15 am

### 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.

### PARISH CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Thank you to all the groups who volunteer to help clean our church on the weekends. God bless. Rostered this week, 11-12 March: **Filipino Group**// Next week, 18-19 March: **Lasalo-Maka Family**

### PARISH READING ROSTER

Thank you also to our Readers at weekend Masses. God bless. Rostered for Next week, 18/19 March:

Saturday 5:30 pm - **Clementina Singh / Jim Hanna**  
Sunday 8:00 am - **Seini & Ipolito Lasalo**  
Sunday 10:00 am - **Savea Family**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not  
your face from me.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved, Son,  
with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

### A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT

*My dear people,*

Lent is an important season for us Catholics insofar as it reminds us of the need for conversion. We cannot live life to the full if we gloss over the inconvenient truths about ourselves. We cannot grow to full maturity if we ignore the obstacles that prevent us from reaching our potential. Pope Francis always asks people to pray for him because he says he is a sinner. It is characteristic of a true Christian who recognises the darker side of himself and seeks metanoia, a change of heart.

To read Bishop Vincent's Lenten Message in full and watch the video, please visit: <http://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent-longs-lenten-message-2017/>



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.

<b>Deceased:</b>	Edward A. J. Tobbaji   Jeanette Coorey   Queenie Nicholas   Maurice Coorey   Coorey, Budwee, Norman & Nicholas Families   Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun   Samiha Frome All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sick:</b>	All the Sick People
<b>Anniversary:</b>	Gordon Boulous   Joseph & Nahad Alphonse

### **Messages from the Parish YOUTH Team**

#1. **Easter Raffle!** 5 prizes to win! \$2 a ticket OR \$5 for 3 tickets OR \$18 for 10 tickets. Tickets will be sold at the beginning and end of each mass from the weekend of the 11th of March until Good Friday. Prizes will be drawn at the Easter Vigil Mass and all funds will go towards Project Compassion.

#2. **Actors for the Stations of the Cross.** We are looking for parishioners to join in on the Good Friday Stations of the Cross Re-enactment. It is a great way to get to know other people in the parish and to do something different during Lent. No acting skills needed, just the confidence TO DO YOUR BEST! Contact Milla at **0450 855 080**.

### **PART -TIME POSITION**

Catherine McAuley, Parramatta Marist High and Mother Teresa Primary are seeking expressions of interest in a part-time, paid position, supervising students and monitoring access to the campus from 2.15 - 4.15 pm, 5 days per week, term time only. To commence ASAP, with a 3 month probation period. Preferred applicants will be subject to employment screening. Applications should be received by **Wednesday 15th March 2017** and addressed to: The Business Manager Catherine McAuley Westmead Darcy Road Westmead NSW 2145 or email: [bhackney@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bhackney@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### **NATURAL FERTILITY**

Natural Fertility Services (NFS) has recently moved to the diocesan Life, Marriage & Family Office. NFS promotes natural fertility awareness and provides couples with access to three methods for practising responsible parenthood. For more details visit [www.parralmf.org.au/nfs](http://www.parralmf.org.au/nfs). If you are interested in becoming an educator in this area, the **FertilityCare Practitioner Training Program** may be of interest. The program is 13 months in duration, tuition fees apply. Part 1 of training program: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, QLD, from 1-8 April. Inquiries: [katie-fullilove@dbb.org.au](mailto:katie-fullilove@dbb.org.au)

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM**

The next Session of CCSS Solo Parent Services Bereavement Support Program for those whose spouse or partner has died is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm. Cost: \$5.00. Topic for this session: *“Dealing with Intense Emotions”*. Registration: Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

### **HALF DAY LENTEN REFLECTION: THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Lent can be the most powerful time of our year to come into contact with the Love and Mercy of God. Join us for a reflection on the Holy Spirit and the Grace of Forgiveness. Presented by Mrs. Beenu Xavier (Counsellor & Preacher). Admission Free (love offering), **10.30am to 2pm** in the **Parish Centre, OLQP Catholic Church, 198, Old Prospect Road, Greystanes**. Enquiries: Desiree 9631 4917

**AFTERNOON FOR COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE:** Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promotes in regard to fertility awareness and assistance are invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. It is also an important opportunity for fellowship with other couples facing similar difficulties. Dooleys Waterview Club, Silverwater Rd, Silverwater. **Saturday 18 March 2017, 2:00pm-4:30pm**. Please direct RSVPs and inquiries to [lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org) or phone 9307 8403.

### **ST PATRICK'S FAMILY FESTIVAL: 18 MARCH**

This festival is organised by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. 2pm-5pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta. Will include live entertainment, food, rides for all ages and a historical display about the contribution the Irish have made to our Diocese. All are welcome! For more information check out: [www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day](http://www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day) Anyone interested in volunteering to help run stalls, prepare food, assist with crowd management and other duties tel (02) 8838 3441, [lmf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **FORMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS AT MT SCHOENSTATT: 19 MARCH**

For young adults aged 18-35 – Love of Mary. Love of the Church. Love of the Mission of Christ. Want to know what it means to be human? Want to become an authentic Christian? On 3rd Sunday of every month, 3pm, please bring a plate to share for lunch. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Further details tel 4773 8338.

### **24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - LIVING WATER @ SCHOENSTATT SHRINE: 24-25 MARCH**

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and His Mother in the Schoenstatt Shrine during this very special 24 hours. This annual gathering will begin with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday and finish with Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday. Reflection and Music every hour for 30 minutes followed by silent pray time. Accommodation at the retreat house is available for anyone who might wish to immerse themselves in these 24 hours. Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Inquiries & bookings tel (02) 4773 8338 or email [manager@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:manager@schoenstatt.org.au)