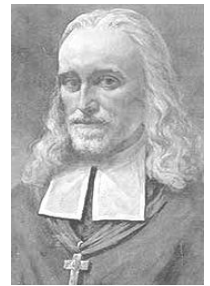


**St. Oliver Plunkett
Parish
HARRIS PARK**



05 March 2017 - First 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, 04-05 March: **Samoan Community**// Next week, 11-12 March: **Filipino Group**

PARISH READING ROSTER

Thank you also to our Readers at weekend Masses. Rostered for Next week, 11/12 March: Saturday, 5:30 pm - **Maria Lawton / Stuart Walker**; Sunday, 8:00 am - **Gary Nicholas / Katherine Katrib**; Sunday, 10:00 am - **Nick Tagnipis**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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.

Deceased: Errol Pimento | Keith Anderson | Jeanette Coorey | Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey | Coorey, Budwee, Norman & Nicholas Families | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun Samiha Frome | All Souls in Purgatory

Sick: Peter Hansen | All the Sick People

Anniversary: Rodolfo J. Laroco | 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

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. 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: katiefullilove@dbb.org.au

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 lifemariagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 9307 8403.

LENTEN RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN: 11 MARCH

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite women aged 18-35 to join them for a day of Lenten reflections and prayers, followed by social gathering. From 9.30am-5pm, lunch and dinner provided. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. No cost. RSVP 8 March to Sr Paula tel 0451 965 638, vocationscsf@gmail.com Visit www.csf.org.au

LENTEN REFLECTION DAY: 11 MARCH

Seeking God Who Keeps Looking for Us. Lent calls us to renew and deepen our Christian call to the faithful seeking of God. We will explore biblical passages to discover more about God's desire for us and our response. The format of the day will include input, conversation and quiet reflection. From 10am-3pm at Mount St Benedict Centre, 449D Pennant Hills Rd (entrance off Hull Rd). Facilitator: Catherine McCahill SGS. Cost: \$30 – morning tea provided, BYO lunch. Bookings close 6 March tel (02) 9484 6208, mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au

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 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

CATENIANS' 17TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER: 23 MARCH

You are invited to meet Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv at the Catenians' 17th Anniversary Dinner Meeting. Commencing 6.30pm for 7pm at Lachlans Restaurant Old Government House, Parramatta Park. Cost \$50 per person, \$65 per couple. RSVP to Michael Tan tel **0419 279 743**, mghtan@tpg.com.au