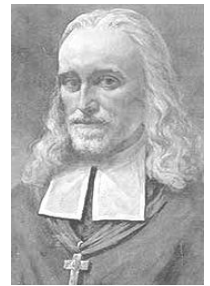


St. Oliver Plunkett Parish HARRIS PARK



01 October 2017 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekday Mass Times

No Weekday masses while the church is undergoing renovations.

Weekend Mass Times

(Temporarily celebrated at the school hall)

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

Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sacraments @ St Oliver's

Reconciliation: Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

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

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 22 OCTOBER

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 6:30pm-7.30pm for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time at Mt Schoenstatt Shrine. For information about the priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta and Holy Spirit Seminary, please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

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, **30 Sept/01 Oct: Samoan Community**; Next week, **07/08 October: Filipino Group**

PARISH READING ROSTER

Thank you also to our Readers at weekend Masses. God bless. Rostered for Next week, **07/08 October:**

Saturday 5:30 pm - **Jenny Fernandes / Stephen D'Souza**
Sunday 8:00 am - **Brian Hatch / Kimberly Imbun**
Sunday 10:00 am - **Anthony Andrade / Lavanya Ambrose**



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.

Sick: Rosa Maria Santos
Deceased: Lum-Foo-Hansen | Lavaka Lasalo | Phoebe & Ingrid Lasrado | Jeanette Coorey
Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey | Coorey, Budwee, Norman & Nicholas Families
Samiha Frome | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun
Anniversary: Maximiano Andrade
Thanksgiving: Manase Lasalo | Gustavo Cáceres, his family and friends
(Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available at the church or please contact or visit the parish office if you have any request for mass offerings or home/hospital visits for the sick.)

PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARRIAGE ACT

Marriage is... The Church views marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. Marriage is also a fundamental institution for all societies because of its importance in uniting spouses as potential parents and in providing for the upbringing of their children. It has therefore been understood as the union of a man and a woman in all cultures and religions until very recent times and is still so defined in international law and the law of most nations.

... To insist that marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman is not a criticism of other kinds of relationships. By recognising this particular type of relationship our community and its marriage laws do not unjustly discriminate against other relationships: rather, our community and its laws recognize the essential connections between male-female bonding and child-bearing, and between children and their natural parents. Taken from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>

CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS CLASSES KIRINARI, Xavier College, Llandilo WIYANGA, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas are accepting enrolments. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta provides an inclusive education for students, recognising that some students with a moderate intellectual disability may need additional support. High support needs classes provide students with an alternate platform that addresses their learning needs. Direct enquiries to Alma George, Manager Diverse Learning Needs on 0407233622/Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: JANUARY 2018

Fr John McSweeney from St John XXIII Catholic Parish Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens will be leading a 15-day Holy Land pilgrimage (with three day optional extension in Petra, Jordan). Cost, details and further information through Harvest Journeys under tour code: 8PV03. Phone 02 9390 5460, email info@harvestjourneys.com or visit harvestjourneys.com.

TIME FOR US TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR MARRIAGE: 6-8 OCTOBER

A weekend for Engaged Couples from Friday 6th October 7:30pm – Sunday 8th October 4pm. This retreat weekend is designed to complement pre-marriage courses to allow engaged couples to prepare their hearts so that they may give a total, free and faithful “YES” to their future spouses and contribute towards a fruitful marriage. The inputs and times of prayer and silent reflection will foster the preparation of your heart so that you may be a gift to your spouse and receive your spouse as a gift. For more information or to register contact Sr M Julie Brear: juliebrear@gmail.com or 0408 738 334.

NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO: 8 OCTOBER

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION AND IDENTITY SYMPOSIUM: 18 OCTOBER

BBi is hosting an exciting and ground-breaking event that will bring together respected and dynamic leaders in Catholic education, along with esteemed Bishops and mission identity thought leaders. The purpose of the symposium is to engage Australian educational leaders in the most essential issue in Catholic education: honouring the call to prophetic leadership for the 21st century. For more details please visit: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au

Q & A PROGRAMME “LET’S TALK ABOUT WHAT MATTERS”: 22 OCTOBER

Held at The Crypt, St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, 1.30pm – 3.00pm. October 22 “Finding the Courage to make a Difference” Fr Frank Brennan sj AO and Alpha Cheng. No need to book. No charge. Further information: website: catalyst-for-renewal.com.au Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au or 02 9990 7003