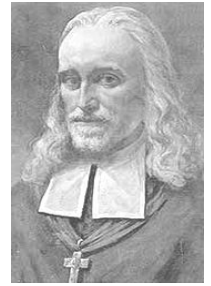


St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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22 October 2017 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Priest: Rev. Chris de Souza PP
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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.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
 O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.
 Guard me as the apple of your eye;
 in the shadow of your wings protect me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Son of Man
 has come to give his life
 as a ransom for many.

NOVEMBER MASSES: BOOK OF THE DEAD 2017

In November, the Church remembers all those who have died. At St Oliver's, every mass celebrated in this Church during the month of November will be offered for all those who have died, especially for those whom our parishioners have asked to be remembered. The names of those for whom remembrance have been requested during the month of November will be recorded in the **Book of the Dead** and will be placed on the altar at *all masses during the month of November*. This will begin from Thursday, the 2nd November, All Souls' day. Parishioners are encouraged to take home November mass envelopes available at weekend masses or through the parish office.

REPRESENT OUR DIOCESE: SHARE YOUR WISDOM

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for greater participation of lay people through new advisory councils. Please consider nominating or encourage someone you know. Details, including the nomination kit, are available from parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils or by contacting Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

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, **21/22 October: Savea Family**; Next week, **28/29 October: UDC Parish Youth**

PARISH READING ROSTER

Thank you also to our Readers at weekend Masses. God bless. Rostered for Next week, **28/29 October:**

Saturday 5:30 pm - **Maria Lawton / Stuart Walker**
 Sunday 8:00 am - **Elma Villanueva / Katherine Katrib**
 Sunday 10:00 am - **Anthony Andrade / Julee 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: Anthony Takchi | All the sick
Deceased: Jose Reyes | Lavaka Lasalo | Siasoi Enosi | Loleto Falemaka | Samiha Frome
Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Jeanette Coorey | Queenie Nicholas
Maurice Coorey | Coorey, Budwee, Norman & Nicholas Families | All the Dead
Anniversary: Michael Agius
Special Intention: Lavaka Leka Lasalo (HSC Exam) | Ipolito Lasalo (birthday)
(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.)

POSTAL SURVEY ON PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE MARRIAGE ACT

We remind you that the survey closes on Tuesday, 7 November 2017 (6pm local time). Any surveys received after this will not be counted. As we exercise our democratic responsibility in responding to the survey it is important to remember that the postal survey is about whether or not Australians want the legal definition of civil marriage changed to include same-sex couples. It is not a referendum on sacramental marriage, however we are called to consider carefully the implications of any change. In the words of Bishop Vincent: *“Whatever the outcome of the survey or the eventual legislation by the government, the Church will continue to hold that marriage is a natural institution established by God to be a permanent union between one man and one woman, directed both to mutual companionship and to the formation of a family in which children are born and nurtured.”*

Let us pray, discern and act with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

POSITIONS VACANT IN 2018 – FAMILY EDUCATORS

Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in a number of systemic Catholic primary schools across the Archdiocese of Sydney. To see locations please go to <https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au> Click on Employment , Positions Vacant. Applications close October 27, 2017. For further information contact meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au

MACKILLOP FAMILY SERVICES SEEKING FOSTER CARERS

Can you provide a young person a safe, stable and supportive home environment? MacKillop Family Services is seeking two sets of foster carers to provide new long-term placements in separate homes for a 13 year old boy and a 14 year old girl. Luke and Dani* are kind, fun, energetic teens who have intellectual development delays. They both need carers who can give them stability, who can spend time helping them learn new skills and reach their life goals. Carers who can provide one-on-one care with no other children in the home would be ideal. Carers receive a fortnightly carer allowance and 24/7 support from MacKillop. If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact MacKillop Family Services. 1300 791 677 mackillop.org.au/fostercare. * Name changed and model used to protect privacy

PRE-MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The Life Marriage & Family Office in the Diocese of Parramatta has now launched an online booking system, allowing couples to enrol for pre-marriage preparation programs and to pay by credit card. Bookings may be made and dates chosen by visiting our website www.parracatholic.org/pmp. Enquiries may be made to our office on 8838 3460 or email lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH – HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 2 NOVEMBER

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday, 2nd November 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

MASS IN THE AFRICAN TRADITION: 5 NOVEMBER

Join us as we celebrate Mass in the African tradition. Very Rev Peter G Williams will celebrate Mass at 2.00pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Contact Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

CATHERINE MCAULEY WESTMEAD ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2019

With the large wait list for 2018, Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019. The closing date for Year 7 2019 applications 1st round offers is Friday, 6th April 2018. Upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2019 applicants, but open to any year group, **Monday 6th November 2017, 9.15 – 11am**. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

Please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO: 12 NOVEMBER

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.