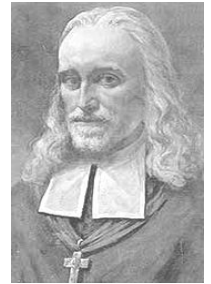


St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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19 November 2017 - Thirty-Third 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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hoe in God the Lord.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE POSTAL SURVEY RESULT

The Diocese of Parramatta respects the will of the Australia people as expressed through the results of the same-sex marriage postal survey. It now seems likely that civil marriage will be open to people of the same-sex and we respect that outcome.

The Catholic Church will continue to promote and practice the tenet of our faith that marriage is a life-long union of a man and a woman, open to the possibility of children. The survey has confirmed that this is a position shared by millions of people in this country.

The focus is now on our parliament to ensure that the proper freedoms are legislated to guarantee that the many people who remain in favour of the traditional definition of marriage are free to speak, teach and act on this belief.

Media inquiries - Joseph Younes, Director of Communications, (02) 8838 3435, 0416 619 500, JYounes@parra.catholic.org.au

NOVEMBER MASSES: BOOK OF THE DEAD 2017

Every mass celebrated at St Oliver's during the month of November will be offered for all those who have died, especially for those our parishioners have asked to be remembered and whose names are recorded in the **Book of the Dead**. All prayer requests for the dead during this month will be entered into this book.

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, **18/19 November: Lasalo-Maka Family**; Next week, **25/26 November: Savea Family**

PARISH READING ROSTER

Thank you also to our Readers at weekend Masses. God bless. Rostered for Next week, **25/26 November:**

Saturday 5:30 pm - **Maria Lawton / Stuart Walker**

Sunday 8:00 am - **Seini and Ipolito Lasalo**

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.

Special Intention: Edward Turingan (for Civil Engineering Board Exam)

Deceased: All Mass Intentions for the Deceased will be entered into the “Book of the Dead” and will be offered for the whole month of November.

(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.)

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: 19 NOVEMBER

The Diocese of Parramatta is delighted to announce the establishment of The Catholic Foundation, which will replace and expand on the good work of the Diocesan Works Fund. The Catholic Foundation needs to raise \$2.5 million annually to sustain the works of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains - including the formation of our seminarians, providing Christian education in public schools, empowering our disabled with job training, supporting our deaf and assisting single mothers facing homelessness. For more information please visit: <https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au>

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19 NOVEMBER 2017

“Let us love, not with words but with deeds.”

His Holiness Pope Francis has designated the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19 November 2017, as the First World Day of the Poor. This new World Day, therefore, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practise in our lives the essence of the Gospel.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST 2017-2018

Sacrament of Penance 3: Saturday 25th November, 4 pm - Parent and Children Session.

Please note that sessions of preparation are held in conjunction with Parramatta parish and take place at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. The reception of the Sacrament of Penance at St Oliver Plunkett's Parish, Harris Park will be on Wednesday 29th November, 7:00pm

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP: TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of this month for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. Venue: Ann D Clarke Building, 2a Villiers St, Parramatta. Time: 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Contact Rita: 8843 2517 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR ADVENT REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN: 25 NOVEMBER

Preparing our Hearts for Advent Reflection Day for Women at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa 25 November 9.30am – 3.00pm. Cost: \$25. BYO lunch. Take some time out to reflect on the Season of Advent Day includes talk, prayer, Mass and much more! For more info contact Sr Mary Louise (02 8838 3457). Register by 22 November – info@schoenstatt.org.au or 02 4773 8338.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED: TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Solo Parent Services last “Stepping Beyond” Support Group for this year. This group supports anyone experiencing separation or divorce. Venue: Ann D. Clarke Building, 2A Villiers St, Parramatta. Time: 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Contact Rita: 8843 2517 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION EVENING :THE GOSPEL OF MARK - WED 29 NOVEMBER

Presented by Dr Laurie Woods. INSTITUTE FOR MISSION 1-5 MARION ST, BLACKTOWN 6:45pm to 9pm (includes nibbles & refreshments). Come along to an enriching Scripture Reflection Evening. Take time to pause and appreciate the unique and reassuring message of Jesus as we unpack his presence in the Gospel of Mark in preparation for the coming season of Advent. RSVP to charbel.dib@ifm.org.au or call 02 9831 4911

“WHERE DOES MY HELP COME FROM?” ADVENT SILENT RETREAT: SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

9.30 am - 4.30pm. The Centre, 14 Frances St (cnr Cook St) Randwick. Come and experience how God has always offered his help to us. There will be guided talks, time for personal reflection and opportunities for spiritual guidance from the missionaries. A great way to prepare for the real gift of Jesus coming to our hearts! Cost \$50. Please contact Verbum Dei Missionaries (02) 9341 5848 or email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com if you are interested.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL PILGRIMAGE MAY 2018

The 14-day pilgrimage is led by Fr. Peter D'souza from Broken Bay Cathedral, departing on 28th of May, 2018, featuring Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,690. To avail the early bird offer you can reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$1000. This offer ends on 15th December, 2017. For further details or any queries please feel free to call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246 or email: pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au