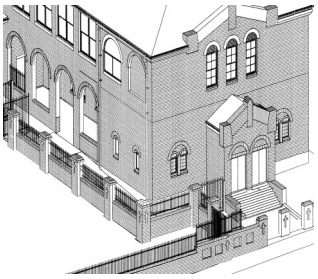

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3 December 2017 - First Sunday of Advent

Parish Priest:	Rev. Chris de Souza PP
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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

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

The Advent Wreath—First Sunday of Advent

Within the four weeks of the Advent season itself, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of the one reality of how God's plan has been revealed in Christ, is now revealed in his glory, when he comes again at a time we do not know. For each Sunday of Advent we take our focus for the wreath from our Advent traditions.
Like the people of the Old Testament we live in hope for the fullness of the revelation of Christ the Messiah when he comes in glory to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: May this sprinkling of the waters of Baptism remind us of our first sharing in grace that we may prepare for the Lord's coming now and always.

Verse: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old.
Response: Come, Lord Jesus.
Verse: Lord Jesus, you come among us now as we read the prophet Isaiah's words "to act with integrity'
Response: Come, Lord Jesus.
Verse: Lord Jesus, you will come again as the fulfilment of all prophecy, and you, the potter, will have shaped our clay to be the work of your hand.
Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

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, **02/03 December: Samoan Community;** Next week, **09/10 December: Filipino Group**

PARISH READING ROSTER

Thank you also to our Readers at weekend Masses. God bless. Rostered for **Next week, 09/10 December**:

Saturday 5:30 pm - **Stuart Walker / Tram Nguyen**
Sunday 8:00 am - **Brian Hatch / Kimberly Imbun**
Sunday 10:00 am - **Mathew & Deepa Cijo**

Mass Intentions Of The Week

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: All the Sick

Deceased: Kittsin Ni Hatukunabu | Tohiana Meits | Serepia Meits
Estelita Labayo Quiobe

Special Intentions: Novelyn Theres Joseph (1st Birthday) | Nova Theresa Joseph (6th 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.)

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD OF SHINTO FRANCIS: 16 DECEMBER

Deacon Shinto Francis will be ordained a Priest for the Diocese of Parramatta on Saturday 16 December at 10.30am in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The principal celebrant will be Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta. Everyone is welcome. The Mass will also be livestreamed on YouTube. Details on parracatholic.org.

VINNIES FOOD DRIVE APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Saint Vincent de Paul Society is asking for donations of non-perishable food items to enable them to distribute hampers the week before Christmas. Help Vinnies reach out to some families going through tough times and help give them hope, spread the Christmas cheer. Please drop off your donations at the church or parish office these coming two weeks. **Suggested items**: ring pull tinned cans (soup, ham, tuna, fruit, meals), tea, coffee, long life drinks, sugar, confectionery, breakfast condiments, pancake mix, jam, cereals, 2 minute noodle packs, Christmas cake/puddings, Christmas sweets, rice, pasta and sauces, crisps, lollies, fruit mince pies

ACYF – Mass in the Domain: 9 December
All parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to attend the Mass in the Domain on Saturday 9 December for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The Mass starts at 6.30pm and will follow an afternoon of concerts and festivities beginning at 4 pm, featuring Australian and international musicians and performers.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: "COLLECTION AND CORRECTION OF INFORMATION"

Please be advised that The Catholic Foundation, the new central charity for the good works of the Diocese, uploaded instructions regarding their "Collection and Correction of Information" on their website – yourcatholicfoundation.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT

Director, Catholic Earthcare Australia: Caritas is seeking an experienced Senior Manager to advocate for environmental and ecological sustainability and deliver educational programs to schools, parishes and related forums. To apply for the role, please visit www.caritas.org.au/jobs/positions-vacant and view the full Position Description. To enquire about this role, please contact David Armstrong on (02) 8306 3439. Please send your application to jobs@caritas.org.au by COB on Monday 04 December 2017.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HOMELESS NEEDED

The Order of Malta requires volunteers to visit 'homeless hotspots' around Parramatta. Volunteer drivers, nurses and paramedics are needed to provide this service to Parramatta's homeless. If you would like to learn more, please email info@smom.org.au

ARRUPE HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Don't wait for the Epiphany to bring your gifts to a family in need. St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is teaming up with Arrupe House this month to find gifts for 113 refugee families. Help us reach our target: 350 gift vouchers for adults and 120 gift vouchers for children. Gifts can be placed in the stable in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Gift cards to be dropped in the safe in the Cathedral narthex or brought to the Cathedral Office.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY: 3 DECEMBER

The International Day of People with Disability is observed annually on 3 December. In Australia, over many years, the Church has sought to take this day as an opportunity to encourage a truly pastoral view that embraces our total community as the living Body of Christ. We especially pray that we, the Church, can strive to be a people of compassion and relationship, and a sacred place where our gifts are acknowledged, received and celebrated; for then we can truly proclaim that we are 'one Body in Christ'.

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: 6 DECEMBER

Fr Gerard Ryan will be bringing The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima which has been on a pilgrimage all around the world to St Anthony of Padua Parish on Wednesday 6th December from 9am to 12pm. 9.00am Rosary and Litany, 9.30am Mass, 10.45am Talks and Devotion.

NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO: 10 DECEMBER

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.