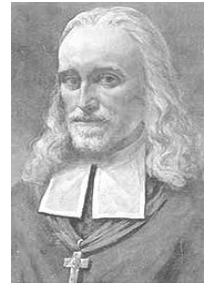




St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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16 December 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Priest: Rev. Chris de Souza PP
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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 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 & Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please note: 7 am Masses and Holy Hour finished on the 16th of November and will resume on the 4th of March 2019.

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.

Please also note that on Tuesday, 18 December 2018, there will be No 8 am mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always;
 again I say, rejoice.
 Indeed, the Lord is near.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the Desired of all the nations
 will come, and the house of the Lord
 will be filled with glory.

The Advent Wreath - Third Sunday of Advent

Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age, God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness. Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray,

All: Lord God, Your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him.

Amen.



PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK, 22 / 23 DECEMBER:

Saturday 5:30 pm Tony Andrade / Karen Fernandes
 Sunday 8:00 am Brian Hatch / Kimberly Imbun
 Sunday 10:00 am Seminarians

PARISH CLEANING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK, 22 / 23 DECEMBER:

◆ SAVEA FAMILY
 Thank you and God bless.



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: Leo Anthony Waddups | George Latoff | Greg Keating | Jeanette Coorey
Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey | Coorey, Norman, Budwee & Nicholas Families
David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family
Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun
Samiha Frome

Anniversary: Helen Toevai | Graham Fear | Norman Coorey | Michael Moses

Special Intention: Binish Virka & Jehangir Alam

Thanksgiving: Rosamma John | Cherry & Maria

(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.)

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of
the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to
age.*

Amen.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

2018 Christmas Mass & Reconciliation Times: St Oliver's Harris Park

Mass times

Monday, 24th December Christmas Eve 6:30 pm
Midnight, Starting with Singing (Carols) 11:30 pm
Tuesday, 25th December, Christmas Day 8:00 am
10:00 am

Reconciliation

Days & times:

Tuesday, 18th December 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, 19th December 6:00 – 7:00 am
Thursday, 20th December 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Friday, 21st December 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Saturday, 22nd December 4:30 – 5:15 pm

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019. YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To make a submission or to find out more visit: <https://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/>

ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is bringing Christmas cheer by opening an on-site gift shop. Opening hours will be 10am – 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

For more information visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>

CONCERT AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA: 17 DECEMBER. Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Concert. Tickets via www.brandenburg.com.au/ – More details at: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>

VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

"Christmas can be anything but merry for people going through hard times. People are battling to pay the rent, put food on the table and pay for their energy usage. Financial stress place greater strain on families.

Please help The St Vincent de Paul Society with its annual Christmas Appeal by donating gold coins, in-date non-perishable food items and unused toys.

We thank you all for your generosity and continued support."

CHRISTMAS 2018 MASS TIMES

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting: www.parracatholic.org

HOLY TRINITY PARISH GRANVILLE CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: 21 DECEMBER

Join us for a Solemn evening of carols and readings of sacred scripture as we prepare for the Birth of Our Lord. Friday 21 December from 8pm. Holy Trinity Church – corner Randle St and Bennalong St, Granville

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: 29 DECEMBER

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite family and youth (age 18-35) to join us for a Celebration Vigil for the Feast of the Holy Family. Saturday 29 December 2018 at 3:00pm. Join us also for pizza at 5:30pm. 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. RSVP to Sr Paula by 27 December via vocationsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO: 23 DECEMBER

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

ST OLIVER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Wigram Street, Harris Park

We are accepting enrolments for all classes in 2019. Please contact the school office on (02) 8633 8300.