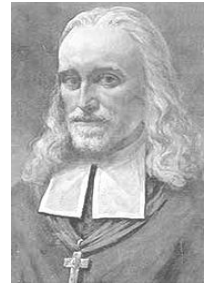




St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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3 March 2019 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Monday - Friday: 7 am
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

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
 The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.
 Cf. Psalm 17:19-20

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.
 Cf. Psalm 12:6

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.*


 PlenaryCouncil2020
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

ASH WEDNESDAY
Ash Wednesday is this coming **Wednesday, 6th March**. Masses are as follows: **7am, 8am, 9.30am (whole School Mass) and 7pm**. Ashes will be distributed at all masses.
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence in the Catholic Church.
The Church laws of Fasting bind those Catholics who have completed their eighteenth year (18), until the beginning of their sixtieth year (60).
The law of Abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (14).
Fasting means eating only one meal on that day. **Abstinence** means refraining from eating meat.

PLEASE NOTE: 7 am Masses and Holy Hour will resume on the 4th of March 2019.

PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK, 9/10 MARCH:

Saturday	5:30 pm	Jim Hanna / Darlene Dy
Sunday	8:00 am	Brian Hatch / Kimberly Imbun
Sunday	10:00 am	Volunteers

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER CLEANERS
 Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who are helping maintain the cleanliness of our church and for providing the flowers for the altar. May you never get tired of giving such selfless and important service. God bless you all always.



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:

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 | John Lopes | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary:

Joe & Nahad Alphonse

Thanksgiving:

Alice | Rachel D'Mello & Family | Kelvin, Rachel, Liana D'Mello | Wap-hill Valentino Imbun

Special Intention:

Phulberia

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.)

Letter from Fr Chris regarding the news on Cardinal George Pell

You would have to be both blind and deaf to have missed the news concerning Cardinal George Pell and his conviction and incarceration on historic child sexual abuse offences. Such news has frightened and upset many. The revisiting of such grievous wounds have been difficult for many. Many victims have had to relive old hurts and the community as a whole may feel a sense of shock and anger.

*Some, too, feel that in the Market Place the brand Catholic has suffered a might blow. Perhaps so. But we are not a market nor are we a popular cult. **We are first and always a community of disciples following our one master Jesus the Christ.***

*We are not the Church of Pope Francis, nor are we the Church of Cardinal Pell nor the church of Bishop Long, nor the church of Fr. Chris. **We are the Living Body of Christ** made up of Saints and Sinners.*

*We are challenged by Our Lord to reach out to all who are hurting, to all victims of every abuse and sinfulness. To be the "Field Hospital" for the marginalized and the suffering, as Pope Francis has asked us to become. To be in the **messiness of life**, not to run away into some "idealized future or romantic past". To be such a Church, to be such a community of disciples, demands that we let go of our sense of superiority, privilege and power. To embrace again our need for healing and forgiveness and to look again at the suffering servant leader who is Our Lord Jesus.*

Many people may say these are only words and they would be correct, but for us they are the words of Jesus and we are called to put our faith in Him and to demonstrate it in our actions by our care for all in need, by changing the way we think and act, so that all may feel safe and welcomed in our communities regardless of what they believe, or look like, or have, regardless of their sexuality, gender or marital status.

May the Holy Spirit reform and recreate us. Every good wish and blessing. Fr Chris

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: PREPARATION FOR EUCHARIST 2018

Preparation sessions for Eucharist for children 7 years or older who completed Reconciliation in 2018 will continue in Term 1 2019.

The calendar of sessions of preparation is as follows:

Remembering Baptism 3: Saturday 9th March 2019, 4:30 pm - Parent and Children Session

Remembering Baptism 4: Saturday 23rd March 2019, 4 pm - Parent and Children Session

Please keep in mind that all sessions are mandatory.

Please note that sessions of preparation are held in conjunction with Parramatta parish and take place at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall

For any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for Children already Baptised please contact Meg Gale: sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au

OLMC Parramatta Open Day Sunday 10 March

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Day on Sunday March 10. In 2019, the College is celebrating 130 years of Mercy Education. Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 9683 3300 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



ST OLIVER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Open Day for new enrolments

Thursday, 7th March 2019 from 9:30am to 11am

Expressions of interest for enrolment for 2020

Please contact the school office on **(02) 8633 8300.**



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2019

Catholic Schools Week at St Oliver's Primary School. **TRANSFORMING LEARNING: Curiosity to Clarity** Tuesday, 5th March 2019 Liturgy - 9:15am. Open Classrooms - 10am

ST OLIVER'S PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2019

Heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners who are into our parish planned giving program. This year, we have to assign new numbers to some of our donors whose allocated numbers are outside the maximum range of numbers to be used for our planned giving program. This will save us a lot of money by helping us avoid printing extra envelopes that will not be used in the end, those in the middle of a wider range that have no allocations.