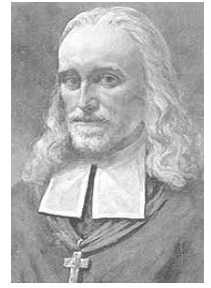




St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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1 December 2019 - First 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: The 7am Mass finished on the 15th of November and will resume on the 24th of February 2020.

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.

Baptism: held every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month within the mass.

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.

Cf. Psalm 24:1 - 3

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Psalm 84:13

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 READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 8/9 DECEMBER

Saturday 5:30 pm **Tram Nguyen / Karen Fernandes**
 Sunday 8:00 am **Anne Haddad / Joseph Karam**
 Sunday 10:00 am **Seminarians**

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER CLEANERS

Every weekend, a group of kind-hearted people give their time and make a devoted effort to keep our church clean, tidy and beautiful in the spirit of serving God and helping our parish. God bless you 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: Alfred Konig | Maria Muoi | Peter Thanh | 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 Ray Malkoun | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

Sick: All the Sick especially those who are sick in our community

Thanksgiving: Rosha Royan

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 visit for the sick.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

BISHOP VINCENT PNG VISIT PUBLIC FORUM: 4 DECEMBER

Bishop Vincent will speak on his recent visit to Papua New Guinea as part of a public forum organised by the Justice and Peace office of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Wednesday 4 December 5.30pm for a 6pm start at The Polding Centre, Level 8, 133 Liverpool St Sydney. The event is free, but registration is essential via <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/public-forum-catholic-reflection-on-port-moresby-offshore-detention-tickets-83109840771>

GIFTS OF FAITH. This Christmas give a gift with faith at the Centre. The Catholic charity **Aid to the Church in Need**  ACN AUSTRALIA has produced a **Gifts of Faith** catalogue in support of suffering and persecuted Christians. Copies can be found *at the foyer at St Oliver's*. Alternatively visit www.aidtochurch.org/GiftsofFaith or phone 1800 101 201. Order by 9 December to receive your **Gift of Faith** cards and envelopes in time for Christmas.

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...

CEDP HIGH SUPPORT LEARNING CENTRES

Kirinari, located in Llandilo and Wiyanga, located in Dudas, are purpose built centres for learning that provide an inclusive education for students with a moderate intellectual disability and high support needs. If you have a child or know someone who would benefit from an alternate platform for learning in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, please phone 02 9840 5689 for further information.

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM: 5 – 9 OR 13 – 17 JANUARY 2020

Campion College's Summer Program provides an unparalleled opportunity to experience college life and a taste of the Campion College course. Students aged between 16 to 20 are encouraged to attend the program from either 5 to 9 January or 13 to 17 January at the campus in Toongabbie. Program is free for all local and interstate students. For more information, contact Student Recruitment Manager Christine Vella on 9896 9303 or study@campion.edu.au, or visit www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

POSITIONS VACANT

- Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare
- Clergy Healthcare and Administration Support Officer (Part time) – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

- Faith Formation Team Leader – St Agatha's, Pennant Hills (Diocese of Broken Bay) - until 9 December

For more details, please visit <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

KELLYVILLE PARISH MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS: 28 DECEMBER

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, is holding their annual Mass of the Holy Innocents on 28 December at 11am. Fr David Blowey OFM Conv will celebrate Mass, followed by a Rosary procession to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. Lunch will be available and please bring a plate to share. For enquiries, please contact the parish office on (02) 9629 2595.

ST BERNADETTE'S LALOR PARK WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette and Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments every Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on 02 9672 4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au