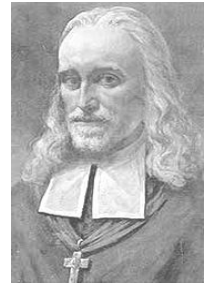




St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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15 December 2019 - Third Sunday of Advent

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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
 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.
Philippians 4:4-5

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.
Cf. Isaiah 35:4

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 Gods 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 Jackie Perumal / Agnes Oto
 Sunday 8:00 am Brian Hatch / Kimberly Imbun
 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: Michael Moses | Leo Anthony Waddups | Elizabeth May Le Mottee | 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 | Joseph Gatana Hagali Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

Anniversary: Sayed Doueih | Cosmas Leung | Helen Sheck Toevai

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

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.

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...

2019 Christmas Mass & Reconciliation **Times: St Oliver's Harris Park**

Mass times

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| Saturday, 21 December | 5:30 pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday, 22 December | 8:00 am & 10:00 am |
| Monday, 23 December | 8:00 am |
| Tuesday, 24 December | 8:00 am |
| | 6:30 pm Vigil Mass |
| | 11:30 pm Singing Carols |
| | 12:00 Midnight mass |
| Wednesday, 25 December, Christmas Day | 8:00 am & 10:00 am |

Reconciliation

Days & times:

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| Friday, 20 December | 6:30-7:30 pm at the church |
| Saturday, 21 December | 5:00 – 5:20 pm |
| Monday, 23 December | After 8am mass till 9:30 am |
| | 6:30-7:30 pm at the church |
| Tuesday, 24 December | After 8am mass till 9:30 am |

Thank you for helping vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive.

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and CatholicCare thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal
Please pray for the wellbeing of all families this Christmas and especially the vulnerable people, parents and children supported by CatholicCare.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK IS BACK!

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back from Sunday 1 December 2019. The revised Catholic Outlook will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine. Look out for copies in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from Sunday 1 December.

ANNUAL RED MASS: 28 JANUARY

Bishop Vincent Long and Fr Bob Bossini warmly invite members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass on 28 January at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Confirm attendance and any dietary requirements by 20 January to (02) 8839 8411 or events@stpatscathedral.com.au.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION: 28 DECEMBER

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite families and young people aged 18 to 35 to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on 28 December at the Our Lady Queen of Poland Convent in Marayong. Mass will be held at 3pm, with Adoration from 4.30pm. RSVP to Sr Paula by 26 December on 0449 656 406 or vocationsefn@gmail.com.

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH SANTO NIÑO CELEBRATIONS: 19 JANUARY

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish in the Upper Blue Mountains is celebrating the feast of Santo Niño at St Canice's Church, Katoomba. Mass will be held on Sunday 19 January at 12pm, with refreshments served afterwards. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 4782 2804 or mmparishubm@gmail.com

PASTORAL PLANNING ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP: 9 FEBRUARY 2020

The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training day in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, Sunday 9 February, 9.30am – 4.30pm. The workshop will look at where Alpha fits in the faith formation process in a Parish. To register, and for more information, please contact Lisa in the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3497 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org