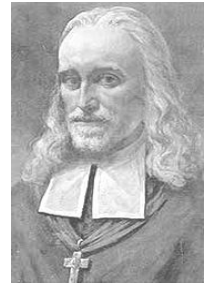




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HARRIS PARK



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22 December 2019 - Fourth 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 will be closed on 23 December 2019 until 27 January 2020

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
 Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
 and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
 let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.
 Isaiah 45:8

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.
 Isaiah 7:14

The Advent Wreath - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

Celebrant: Let us pray,

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem.

Amen.



PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 28/29 DECEMBER
 Saturday 5:30 pm Maria Lawton / Stuart Walker
 Sunday 8:00 am Jared Hermogenes
 Sunday 10:00 am Seminarians

PARISH READING ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS:
 Saturday 5:30 pm Jim Hanna / Joby Joseph
 Sunday 8:00 am Katherine Katrib / Julee Wilson
 Sunday 10:00 am Seminarians



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: Joseph Boulous | Habib Chidiac | Jim & Bridget Khalil | Maria Muoi | Peter Thanh Cosmas Leung | Joseph Gatana Hagali | 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

Anniversary: Michael Moses

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

- 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
- Thursday, 26 December 8:00 am
- St Stephen's Day/Boxing Day
- Friday, 27 December 9:15 am
- Saturday, 28 December 5:30pm
- Vigil for Sunday (Feast of the Holy Family)
- Sunday, 29 December 8:00 am & 10:00 am
- (Feast of the Holy Family)
- Monday, 30 December 8:00 am
- (This is the last weekday mass until 24/1/20, TBA)

Reconciliation

Days & times:

- 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

BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Bishop Vincent's Christmas message can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqtMPFd06Y4> or www.parracatholic.org

Happy Christmas from Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS:

11 FEBRUARY 2020

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Blacktown at 10.30am. The Mass will include the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Please RSVP to Marisa VanderHout on (02) 8838 3460

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.

GREYSTANES PARISH BIBLICAL STUDIES PART 2: FEBRUARY 2020

Throughout the month of February, Fr Joseph Lam from Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, will run a series of biblical studies on Prophetic Literature in the Old Testament. Sessions will be held at the parish every Thursday in February and on 5 March from 7.30pm to 9pm. Registrations are essential by parishoffice@olqp.org.au, where you can also obtain the recommended reading list.