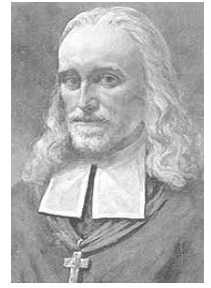




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25 December 2019 - The Nativity of the Lord

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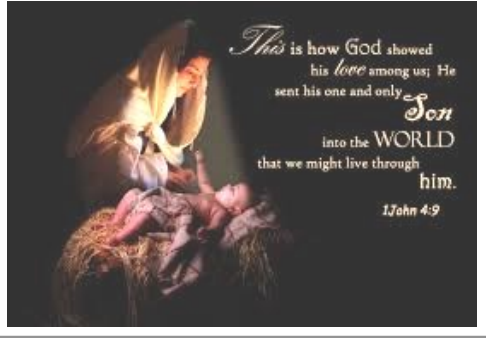
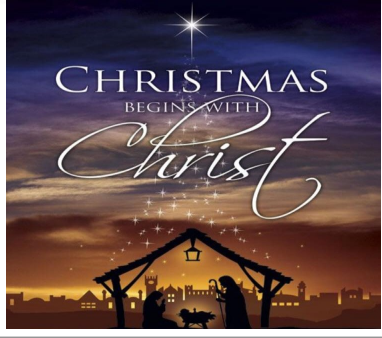
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 am
Friday: 9:15 am
WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday: Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Office will be closed on 23 December 2019 until 27 January 2020

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 ANTIPHONS
The Vigil Mass
 Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.
Cf. Exodus 16:6-7
The Mass During the Night
 The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.
Psalm 2:7
The Mass During the Day
 A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.
Cf. Isaiah 9:5

COMMUNION ANTIPHONS
The Vigil Mass
 The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.
Cf. Isaiah 40:5
The Mass During the Night
 The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.
John 1:14
The Mass During the Day
 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Cf. Psalm 97:3



PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 04/05 JANUARY
 Saturday 5:30 pm **Tram Nguyen / Jim Hanna**
 Sunday 8:00 am **Anne Haddad / Joseph Karam**
 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.

PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



2019 Christmas Mass Times: St Oliver's Harris Park

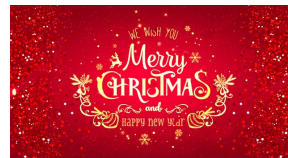
Christmas Mass times

- 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



Mass times after Christmas

- 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 it resumes in 2020, date to be advised)



THANKS TO ALL 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.

Christmas Message from Fr Chris

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to St Oliver's,

Every good wish and blessing to you and all whom you love in this most Holy and Joyful season of Christmas. At this time of the year we remember that the all-powerful God was made present to us in the vulnerability of a new born child. God came to be with us not in power over us but in strength for us. The strength of God's Love. Jesus came to be one like us "in all things but sin" to show us that nothing can separate us from His Love. Belief in this great gift, Grace, prompts us to celebrate not only in this season but in all the seasons of our lives. This is because the Christmas event was not just a historical event but a Divine promise that is realised through the eyes of faith every day. It gives us Hope. To live in this Hope by Faith is the challenge. God is always with us even when it is hard to recognise God's presence. But God is always there encouraging us to life in all its fullness and to love with all our hearts no matter what the consequences may be. This promise is for all people and is unconditional.

Believing in this great mystery prompts us to try and act in the same unconditional way to others. To stand up in solidarity with the weak and vulnerable, the poor and the marginalised, the saint and the sinner. To stand against the powerful and the oppressive, the extremist and the prejudicial, the zealot and the bigot. The God of Christmas is for all and at all times, all we need to do is open our hearts and minds to God's Faith, Hope and Love in us and try and put it into action.

From all at the parish office and on behalf of Fr John Hogan, the Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary and all the staff and students of the Seminary, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
Fr Chris PP

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

