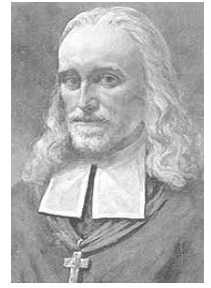




St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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8 December 2019 - Second 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
 O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.
 Cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.
 Baruch 5:5; 4:36

The Advent Wreath - Second Sunday of Advent

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Saviour, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfil all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations.
 Now we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

Celebrant: Let us pray,
All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you 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 peace with each other.
 We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.



PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 15/16 DECEMBER
 Saturday 5:30 pm Maria Lawton / Stuart Walker
 Sunday 8:00 am Jade & Jedson Hermogenes
 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 | Michael Moses | Jim Khalil | Habib Chidiac | Lattouf, Melan, Ghannoum, Hekiek, Nemer Families | 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: Jonathon Najeem | 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 homel/hospital visit for the sick.

CATHOLIC MISSION CAMINO 2020 PILGRIMAGES

Catholic Mission is organising two pilgrimages to walk the Camino Portugués (17 days) from 11 to 27 May 2020 and the Camino Francés (16 days) from 19 September to 5 October. Each pilgrimage will offer small groups led by an experience guide. For more information, please contact Sr Veronica Rosier OP on 0451 387 906 or visit www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again next year, commencing early February 2020. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

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.

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...

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL HELPING 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
Thank you for sharing God's blessings this Christmas with our sisters and brothers in need.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020. There are many opportunities to engage in the "Listening and Discernment" phase by participating in small group sessions within the Diocese. Ask your priests or Deanery Representatives for session dates in parishes and deaneries or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

POSITIONS VACANT

- Facilities Maintenance Officer - Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 16 December
- Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare

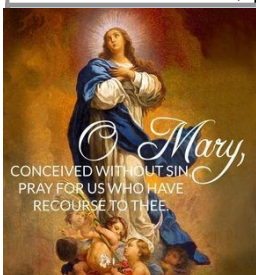
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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

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

- Education Officer - Early Years Literacy at Catholic Education Office, Darwin, NT – Applications close 12 December

For more details, please visit www.ceont.catholic.edu.au/employment/current-vacancies/



9 DECEMBER 2019 – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception; she is the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be. It is universally celebrated on December 8, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8. As December 8 falls on Sunday this year, the celebration is transferred to Monday, December 9 because the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence. "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
"Hail Mary, full of grace".