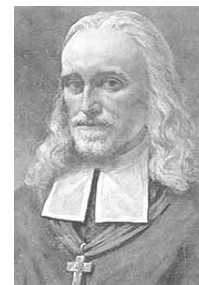




St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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19 January 2020 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Priest: Rev. Chris de Souza PP
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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Weekday masses will resume after the school holidays in January 2020, date to be advised.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Office closed during the school holidays & will re-open on 28 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

All the earth shall bow down before you,
 O God, and shall sing to you,
 shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Psalm 65:4

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me,
 and how precious is the chalice
 that quenches my thirst.

Cf. Psalm 22:5

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...

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

FEBRUARY 2020

An invitation to carers and those for whom they care and will include the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing.



Tuesday 11th February, 10:30am

St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown



PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 25/26 JANUARY

Saturday 5:30 pm **Tram Nguyen / Jim Hanna**
 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: Lucia-Regena Alofaí-Fo | Henry Moon, Judith, Dorothy | 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: Roshan, Ashitha, Keith, Kiara 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.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: PREPARATION FOR EUCHARIST 2020

Preparation sessions for Eucharist for children 7 years or older who completed Reconciliation in 2019 will continue in Term 1 2020.

The calendar of sessions of preparation is as follows:

Remembering Baptism 1: Tuesday 4th February 2020, 7:30 pm - Parent Session

Remembering Baptism 2: Tuesday 18th February 2020, 7:30 pm - Parent Session

Remembering Baptism 3: Saturday 7th March 2020, 4:30 pm - Parent and Children Session

Remembering Baptism 4: Saturday 21st March 2020, 4:30 pm - Parent and Children Session

Please keep in mind that all sessions are mandatory.

Please note that sessions of preparation are held in conjunction with Parramatta parish and take place at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall

For any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for Children already Baptised please contact Meg Gale: sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au

CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE

Government-funded Home Care Packages. Catholic Healthcare's local Care Advisors can work with you to create a customised support plan. Their in-home services include gardening, shopping, meal preparation, transport and nursing. Get a quote on 1300 734 350

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 DIOCESAN DELEGATE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese? Speak with your Parish priest, school principal or agency leader today or download the Expression of Interest form and information sheet at www.parracatholic.org. Expressions of Interest due by **25 January 2020**. For further information contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441 or pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Catholic Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses during the Australia Day weekend to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. To access prayer resources, make a donation or for more information, visit www.parracatholic.org/bushfires

ANNUAL RED MASS: 28 JANUARY 2020

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.

HONOURING THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: 8 – 9 FEBRUARY

Long after slavery was officially abolished, the practice not only continues but thrives, with millions of people forced to perform labour through coercion, intimidation or deceit. On the weekend of 8 and 9 February, we celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. We are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and for the people who volunteer and work for the eradication of these crimes.

DEVOTIONS TO HONOUR OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 9 February 2020 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be The Reverend Fr Brian Lucas. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

CATHOLIC CARE BLACKTOWN NEIGHBOUR AID VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au.