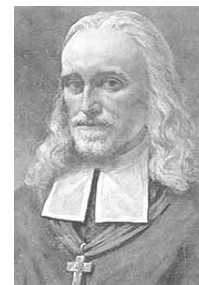




# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

## HARRIS PARK



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### 26 January 2020 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Chris de Souza PP  
**Parish Secretary:** Lilia Tolentino

**School Principal:** Barbara Young  
**School Tel:** (02) 8633 8300

#### 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 15<sup>th</sup> of November and will resume on the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

*Cf. Psalm 95:1, 6*

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

*Cf. Psalm 33:6*

#### **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



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#### **PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 1/2 FEBRUARY**

Saturday 5:30 pm Jackie Perumal / Karen Fernandes  
 Sunday 8:00 am Anne Haddad / Joseph Karam  
 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:** Mapusua & Kisa | 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

**Special Intention:** Imbun Family (Thanksgiving) | Roshan & Ashitha Royan (10th Wedding Anniversary)

*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.*

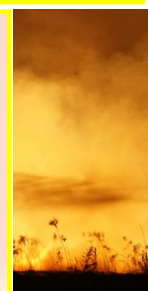


**PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT:** Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our fire-ravaged and drought-stricken land, on our starving and displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms, towns and forests. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them. Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock. Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services. In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and to restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth. Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.

#### **AUSTRALIAN CHURCH BUSHFIRE RESPONSE**

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au). Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources, including how to support people affected by bushfires within the Diocese of Parramatta, can be found at [www.parracatholic.org/bushfires](http://www.parracatholic.org/bushfires).



#### **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](mailto:sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au)

#### **POSITIONS VACANT:**

•Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare

•Office Manager – Tribunal of the Catholic Church (NSW and ACT), Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 3 February**

#### **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 DIOCESAN SESSION: 6 FEBRUARY**

You are invited to attend a Plenary Council 2020 Listening and Discernment session on 6 February from 10.30am to 1pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. At this session, you will have the opportunity to select and explore one of the six Themes for Discernment. Morning tea will be provided. To RSVP, please contact [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org).

#### **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.

#### **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 6 FEBRUARY**

Youth aged 18 to 35 are invited to join the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for their Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday 6 February at 7pm at the Holy Spirit Convent, Plumpton. A meal will be served afterwards. To RSVP, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com).