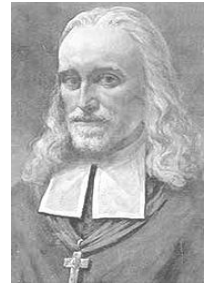




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HARRIS PARK



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6 December 2020 - Second Sunday of Advent

SACRAMENTS @ ST OLIVER'S

Reconciliation, Baptism, Marriage and Funerals, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings are allowed to take place under strict government guidelines with regards to social distancing (at least 4 square metres of space for each person is observed), hygiene (hand sanitising) and registering names and contact details.

Reconciliation: by appointment or 4 pm Saturday

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) REMINDERS

Parishioners are reminded to continue to practice hand sanitising, hygiene and physical distancing measures. Please stay at home or seek medical advice if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with anyone that is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

Please NOTE that weekday masses resumed on Tuesday, 24 November. There will be mass at 7 am, Tuesday to Friday. Please enter using the side door access from the seminary and please sanitise your hands and register your details as soon as you enter the church.

DISPENSATION: From the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Sunday 22nd March 2020), Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligations until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181)

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

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who described you as a 'shepherd feeding his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms' (First Reading). The Plenary Council invites us to be a Humble, Healing and Merciful community. Like the shepherd may we be people with arms outstretched in love.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you will come again. St Peter reminds us to live holy and saintly lives while we wait and long for the Day of God to come (Second Reading). Waiting can be filled with anxiety. The unexpected can be frightening. Help us to live in the Spirit always.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you call us to baptism in the Holy Spirit (Gospel). Be with us as we 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying' throughout the journey of the Plenary Council.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider / Collect: *Second Sunday of Advent*

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen

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HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen.





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: Jeanette Coorey | Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey | Christine Coorey | Coorey, Budwee, Norman & Nicholas Families | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Ray Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Maria Luu Thi Muoi | Peter Nguyen The Ngoc | Maria Cao Thi Trang | Dominic Nguyen Hoang Thach | All those who died recently | Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

Anniversary: Michael Moses

Special Intention: Jamell Khalil | Lynn Imbun

Please call (02) 8863 8801 or email: harrisark@parracatholic.org if you have any request for mass offerings or home/hospital visit for the sick.

PLENARY COUNCIL REFLECTION AND ACTION SESSION: 9 DECEMBER

You are invited to attend the Reignite the Flame of Plenary Council Reflection & Action Session on Wednesday 9 December from 7pm to 8.30pm via ZOOM. Some of the Diocese's Plenary Council delegates will share on the 'Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform' theme and will share some good news stories happening around this theme in our diocese. To register, visit <https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/j/852222222222>

YOU ARE INVITED TO SATURDAY SESSIONS!

12th December: Advent Recollection – Join us for the last Saturday Sessions for 2020.

Revisit earlier Sessions at the <https://thewell.org.au/series/#content4form> to host your own group within your community.

"I always take something important away and usually more from the topics that I wouldn't have expected." Saturday Sessions Participant

ROUSE HILL PARISH CHRISTMAS NOVENA DAWN MASSES: FROM 16 DECEMBER

This Christmas, Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill will be celebrating a Novena of Dawn Masses (also known as Simbang Gabi) leading up to Christmas. Commencing on 16 December, they will be celebrated at 5.00am. Bookings are required via <https://www.trybooking.com/BMWOD>. For details, please contact the parish on rousehill@parracatholic.org or (02) 8883 4063.

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE 2021

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. From 2 – 9 January, pilgrims walk through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland and spend time in prayer and fellowship. Limited overnight registrations are available, and day walkers are welcome. For more information and to register, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org. To follow the journey see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>

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...

POSITION VACANT:

•Sacramental Coordinator – Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes – **Applications close Thursday 10 December.** More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 12/13 DECEMBER

Saturday 5:30 pm **Jim Hanna / Andree Nenkam**
Sunday 8:00 am **Katherine Katrib / Anita Blazevic**
Sunday 10:00 am **Seminarians**

VISIT THE WELL

To be nourished by amazing Catholic resources from our local ministries and agencies, visit www.thewell.org.au

THE 11TH ANNUAL **iWitness** CONFERENCE
AWAKE, O SLEEPER

DECEMBER 10-13, 2020 | AGES 18-35

THE TOPS CONFERENCE CENTRE, STANWELL TOPS

iWitness is an annual, summer conference drawing together 100s of young (18-35 year old) Aussie Catholics for a summer weekend of prayer, formation and fun.

The iWitness Conference was established in the spirit of World Youth Day Sydney 2008. It has always sought to help Australia's young people engage with and be inspired by the Catholic faith - and this year is no exception.

iWitness promises to be an unforgettable weekend of formation, fun and faith, just as it always is. There will be daily Mass, 24 hour (perpetual) adoration, loads of games, amazing speakers, plenty of fresh air, and more!

iWitness and the venue have a COVID-Safe plan. Full refunds will be issued if the event is cancelled.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:
[HTTPS://WWW.IWITNESSCONFERENCE.COM/](https://www.iwitnessconference.com/)

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