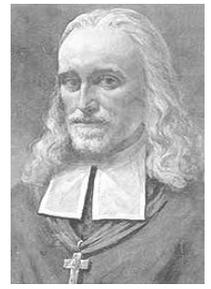




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12 December 2021 - Third Sunday of Advent

SACRAMENTS @ ST OLIVER'S
Reconciliation, Baptism, Marriage and Funerals, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
 For Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings, please ring or email the parish office for assistance.
Reconciliation: by appointment or 4 pm Saturday

DISPENSATION: As a reminder, Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1247, Canons 85 and 87, and Catechism of the Catholic Church 2180-2188)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday to Friday: *7:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS : Tuesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**For the 7 a.m. mass, please use the side door access from the seminary.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always;
 again I say, rejoice.
 Indeed, the Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
 Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Cf. Isaiah 35: 4

The Advent Wreath - Third Sunday of Advent

Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age, God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness. Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray,

All: Lord God, Your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him.

Amen.



- Please use the QR code to check into the Church.
- Density limits of 1 person per 2 square metre applies inside our Churches.
- Please maintain social distancing whilst in the church.
- Masks will still be required for all those over the age of 12.



CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME
 to **Raphael Alexander Kualé Sio & Puluno Lasalo** who will receive the **Sacrament of Baptism** this Sunday at St Oliver's. We ask God to bless you and your families.

PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 18/19 DECEMBER 2021

Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Jim Hanna / Tram Nguyen		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Anne Haddad / Kim Imbun		10 a.m. Nick Tagnipis



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: Noreen Andrade | Salwa Zalter | Jose Palacpac | Gely Notario | Sayed Doueihi | Doris D’Lima | Juanchito Almonte | Raymond, Etory & John Estphen | Fayez & Hind Melhem & all deceased of the Melhems | Amie Hassal | Coorey, Budwee, Norman & Nicholas Families | Jeanette Coorey | Queenie Nicholas | Antoinette & Maurice Coorey | Christine Coorey | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Frank & Ray Malkoun | Badwani & Samiha Frome | Fr. Rizcullah Coorey | Patricia Coorey | Chrisinta Namtallah Coorey | Nicholas | All those who died recently | 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 parish community

To our parishioners who would like to request for a home or hospital visit for the sick, please call the parish office on (02) 8863 8801 or email harrisparm@parracatholic.org. For mass offerings or special intentions, please use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.



Christmas Mass & Reconciliation Times
Reconciliation

- Tuesday, 21st December
- Wednesday, 22nd December
- Thursday, 23rd December

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- Friday, 24th December 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. only

Christmas Mass timetable

- Friday, 24th December
Vigil mass 5:30 p.m.
Midnight Mass with carols 11:30 p.m.
(depending on health advice)
- Saturday, 25th December (Christmas Day)
8: a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Vigil Mass for Sunday (Feast of the Holy Family)
5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, 26th December (Feast of the Holy Family)
8: a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, please take this bulletin home with you or dispose of it in the rubbish bin when leaving the church. Please do not put it back or leave in the church. Thank you for helping keep everyone safe.

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...

UPDATE: Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive.



“On behalf of the community of St Oliver’s and the Jesuit Refugee Service, we would like to sincerely thank you for your kind donations to those less fortunate than us in our community. Your donations, together with the donations from St Oliver’s students, resulted in 2 cars full of deliveries including a large bunch of Gift Cards to JRS who were overwhelmed with your generosity.

Thank you again for your heart-warming kindness and may God bless you all”



Thank You for Supporting CatholicCare’s Houses to Homes

This Christmas, will you help homeless women and children? Thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for the Bishop’s Christmas Appeal. Your donation will help CatholicCare’s Houses to Homes to provide a loving sanctuary for young mothers in crisis. For anyone who hasn’t had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy queen, mother of mercy, hail, 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.



“To help us raise some much needed funds for our parish we are selling Christmas Cards which contain a gift pen with our parish details on them. We are asking a minimum of \$5 per card. We hope you like them and can help us.” Fr Chris

