



St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



Website: www.stoliversharrispark.org.au
Postal Address: PO Box 9394 Harris Park NSW 2150
Office Address: 35 Wigram St, Harris Park NSW 2150
Tel: (02) 8863 8801 **Email:** harrispark@parracatholic.org

Parish Priest: Very Rev Chris de Souza VG EV PP
Parish Secretary: Lilia Tolentino

School Principal: Pascale Joseph
School Tel: (02) 8633 8300

19 December 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

SACRAMENTS @ ST OLIVER'S

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

Please ring or email the parish office for assistance.

Reconciliation is by appointment or 4 pm Saturday at the parish office.

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

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Isaiah 45:8

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

The Advent Wreath - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

Celebrant: Let us pray,

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ 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 joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem.

Amen.



Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

For places of worship the following will apply from 15 December 2021:

Masks. Masks will no longer be mandatory at places of worship. However, this is still strongly encouraged in venues where social distancing is not possible.

COVID-19 Safe Check-in using the NSW QR Code and **Record Keeping** of all attendees are still required for places of worship.

Density Limits. There will no longer be any square meter rules applicable for Parishes. This includes the Church and other buildings within the Parish.

Choir and Singing. Singing will be permitted for everyone in attendance.

PARISH READING ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve	24 December, Friday	5:30 p.m.	Olivia Estibeiro / Stuart Walker
Midnight Mass	24 December, Friday	11:30 p.m.	Jackie Perumal / Jim Hanna
Christmas Day	25 December, Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Seini & Ipolito Lasalo 10:00 a.m. Nick Tagnipis
	Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.	Gerard Pinto / Karen Fernandes
Sunday	26 December	8:00 a.m.	Seini & Ipolito Lasalo 10 a.m. Geoff & Monica Officer





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: Joe & Clare Boulous | Isaac Moses | Salwa Zaiter | Judith-henry | Fr Elias Ayoub | Gretta Charbel | Rita Jabbour | Doris D'Lima | Juanchito Almonte | Raymond, Etory & Joe Romanos | Esther Romanos & her family | Carmel & 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 harrisspark@parracatholic.org. For mass offerings or special intentions, please use



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.

Thank You for Supporting CatholicCare's Houses to Homes. Thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal 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/

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...

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION RE-IMPOSED

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

On 20 March 2020, Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181) by virtue of a Decree issued by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.


From 15 December 2021, this Decree is now revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed once again given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our church buildings

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams
Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

Christmas lights display to help Westmead Children's Hospital

One of our parishioners, **Charbel Haddad** has put up his annual Christmas lights display with a nativity scene to help the Westmead Children's Hospital with their Christmas appeal. To visit and view, please go to this address, **143A Good St Rosehill**.

 Thank you, Joseph Karam for your email sharing this information.

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.

