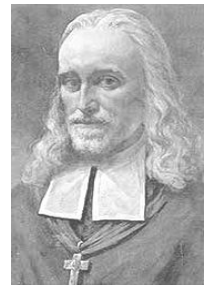




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26 December 2021 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

SACRAMENTS @ ST OLIVER'S

Reconciliation, Baptism, Marriage and Funerals. Please ring or email the parish office for assistance. **Reconciliation** is by appointment or 4 pm Saturday at the parish office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Thinking about becoming a Catholic or know someone who may be interested in exploring the Catholic faith? Contact the Parish Office for more details on joining the RCIA program.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

28-31 December 2021: There will be NO *7:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

NEW YEAR'S DAY (1st January 2022): 8am Mass for the Solemnity of Mary

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant
lying in a manger.

Luke 2:16

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among us.

Baruch 3:38

Christmas Message from Fr Chris

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,
Merry Christmas.

On this special day and in this holy season we are invited to renew our faith in God's love for us and place all our hopes in the Christ child borne this day so many years ago and yet still awaits to be born in each and every human heart. Jesus the Christ.

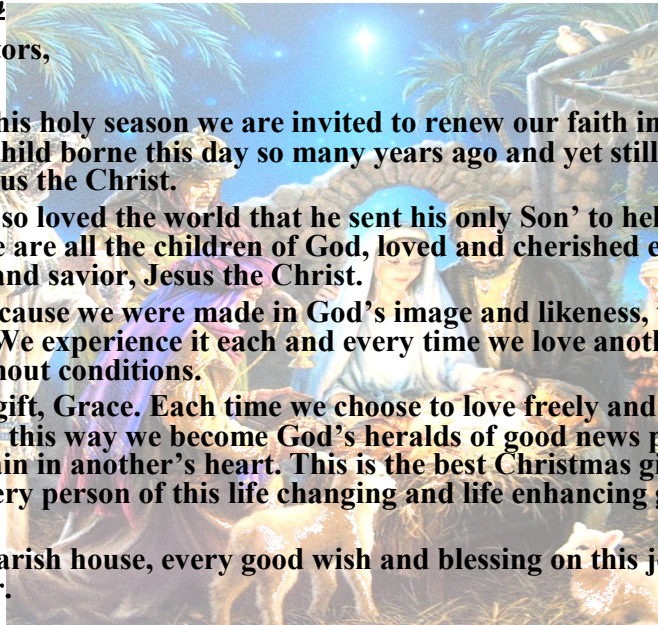
Scripture tells us that 'God so loved the world that he sent his only Son' to help us remember who we are and to whom we belong. We are all the children of God, loved and cherished equally; and completely forgiven through our brother and savior, Jesus the Christ.

We belong with our God because we were made in God's image and likeness, which is unconditional love, and we belong to this love. We experience it each and every time we love another, and this love grows each and every time we do it without conditions.

God's love of us was a free gift, Grace. Each time we choose to love freely and unconditionally we are sharing God's gifts to us. In this way we become God's heralds of good news preparing the way for the Christ child to be borne again in another's heart. This is the best Christmas gift of all time, and we can be (if we want to be), the delivery person of this life changing and life enhancing gift if we have the courage to do so. I pray that we will.

From all who work in the parish house, every good wish and blessing on this joy filled day. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fr Chris.



DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA LAUNCHES PLENARY COUNCIL RESOURCE WEBSITE

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development.

PARISH READING ROSTER NEXT WEEK: 1/2 JANUARY 2022

5:30 p.m. Jackie Perumal / Andree Nenkam

8:00 a.m. Tony Andrade / Joseph Karam

||

10:00 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: Rafael Pavlovee | Jim & Bridget Khalil | Habib Chidial | Mercia Mascarenhas | Charles Ratsomana Gomi | Joe & Clare Boulous | Isaac Moses | Salwa Zaiter | Judith-henry | Fr Elias Ayoub | Gretta Charbel | Rita Jabbour | 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

Special Intention: Lynn

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 harrisparish@parracatholic.org. For mass offerings or special intentions, please use

SYNOD OF BISHOPS – HAVE YOUR SAY

What would you say to Pope Francis if you had 10 minutes? Catholics across the world are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops. Find out how to send your message at parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops

VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Wearing Masks 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: still required for places of worship.

Square meter rules do not apply for Parishes, including the Church and other buildings within the Parish. **Singing will be permitted** for everyone in attendance.

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



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...

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.

