



St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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20 March 2022 - Third Sunday of Lent

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

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.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
For I am alone and poor.

Psalm 24:15-16

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my Kings and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Cf. Psalm 83:4-5



Third Sunday of Lent
19 & 20 March



Janice 44 is a proud Wagilag woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



FASTING & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Lent is the great annual penitential season in the Catholic Church for prayer, self-denial and helping others. This is the way the whole church prepares annually to celebrate Easter.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.

The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Fasting means having one full meal and two smaller meals that together are Not equal to a full meal.

The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. Abstinence means refraining from eating meat (or luxury foods).

Also, Catholics are obliged to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR IS SEEKING NEW SINGERS. If you are a good singer and you sing tenor or bass, St Patrick's Cathedral Choir is looking for you. The Cathedral Choir is seeking male voices, but recruitment is open to all, with paid and voluntary places available. Paid scholas are remunerated at between \$2500 and \$4000 per annum, depending on attendance. Here more of the Cathedral choir at [facebook.com/choirSPC](https://www.facebook.com/choirSPC). Interested applicants can submit their expression of interest at <https://bit.ly/3sLep7S>.

PARISH READING ROSTER NEXT WEEK: 26/27 MARCH 2022

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Jackie Perumal / Olivia Estibeiro

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Anita Popovic / Joseph Karam || 10:00 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: Gordon Boulous (Death anniversary) | Emily & Louis Gracias | Sita Swampille | Thomas Swampille | Sylvester Swampille | Grandma, Grandpa & Uncle in heaven of Isabella V.M.S. | Morris Takchi | Hasna Takchi | Gabirella Wehbe | George Aidib Lattouf | Nemer, Melan Families | Joe & Clare Boulous | Isaac Moses | 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 | Chris-inta Namtallah Coorey | Nicholas | All those who died recently | Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

Sick: Kevin Coorey | Veronica Coorey | All the Sick especially those who are sick in our parish community

Special Intention: Lynn | Richard Imbun

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 harrisparke@parracatholic.org. For mass offerings or special intentions, please use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.

MET Natural Fertility Online Information Session:

22 March at 7.30pm will focus on how couples observe their naturally occurring symptoms of fertility to space their children. Come along to learn about The Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning. To register and receive your Zoom link, contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

Mt Schoenstatt 24 Hours for the Lord: 25 – 26 March.

Come and spend time in 24 hours of Adoration before Our Lord and His Mother at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. It begins Friday 25 March at 6pm with Holy Mass and a BBQ meal, concluding Saturday 26 March at 5pm with Mass. Reconciliation will be available on Friday from 7.15pm to 10pm and Saturday 4pm to 4.45pm. For more information, contact (02) 4773 8338 or visit the [Mt Schoenstatt Shrine & Retreat Centre, Mulgoa Facebook page](#).

MGL Sisters' Consecrated Life Weekend: 26-27

March. Where and how is God calling you to respond to His love? Have you taken time to listen? Here's your opportunity to come and hear the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and times of sharing to help you discern your vocation. For more information or to register, call (02) 9626 8382 or email mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

Plenary Council Prayer

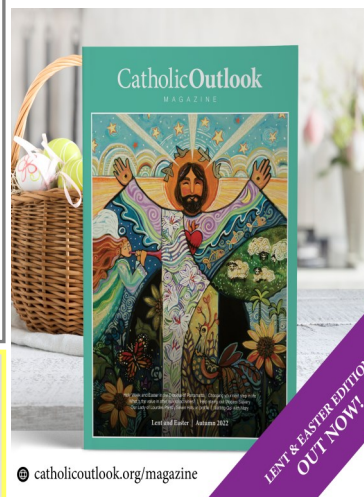
*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage 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...

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S COMMUNITY DROP-IN CENTRES

Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.



PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

