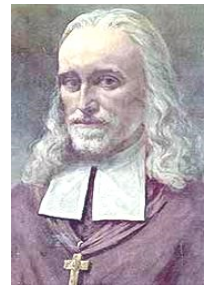


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A warm, welcoming space for all to worship and experience the love of God

11 December 2022 - Third Sunday of Advent

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.

There will be no 7 am mass on weekdays from Dec 5 - Feb 6 2023 while the Holy Spirit Seminary is closed. Please keep the seminarians in your prayers.

SACRAMENTS @ ST OLIVER'S

Reconciliation, Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Marriage and Funerals. Please ring or email the parish office for assistance. **Reconciliation** is by appointment from 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.

ST. OLIVERS MORNING TEA

The final Morning tea for 2022 will be held on Sunday 11th December 2022 following the 10am mass (Not the first Sunday). We will celebrate Christmas as a community as well as Birthdays in December. Please feel most welcome to bring a plate to share. - *Menard*



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.

Third Week: Joy (Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11)

God of joy, it is in your love that we find lasting joy. Keep us from seeking happiness in things that will not last, for we brought nothing into this world and can take nothing out of it. Teach us instead to find joy in the gift of your Son, who came into this world with nothing, yet gave us everything. May his joy bubble up in our hearts and overflow to all we meet this Advent season. *Amen.*



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands in which the Diocese of Parramatta sits, the land of the Darug and Gundungurra people.

We would like to pay our respects to the Aboriginal Elders past, present and future for they hold the traditions, memories and wisdom of Mother Earth on which we place our feet upon today.

PARISH READING ROSTER NEXT WEEK: 17/18 DECEMBER

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Jim Hanna / Karen Fernandes

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Seini & Ipolito Lasalo || 10 a.m. Natasha Joseph / Patricia Armao



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: Mila Concepcion | Flory Fernandes | Joe & Clare Boulous | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Frank & Ray Malkoun | Romanos Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Deceased members of Coorey, Budwee, Norman & Nicholas Families | Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey | Jeanette Coorey | Maurice & Antoinette Coorey | Nicholas & Queenie Nicholas | Namtallah & Christine Coorey | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | 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 harrisprark@parracatholic.org. You may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer for mass offerings or special intentions.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AND RECONCILIATION



Reconciliation

- Monday to Friday, 19th to 23rd December:
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. / 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass times

- Saturday, 24th December
Vigil mass 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Midnight Mass beginning with carols 11:30 p.m.-1 a.m.
- Sunday, 25th December (Christmas Day)
8: a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

2022 CHRISTMAS MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times from parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are available now on our Diocesan website (www.parracatholic.org), on Catholic Outlook (www.catholicoutlook.org) and on our Diocesan social media channels. Merry Christmas from the Diocese of Parramatta.

GLENMORE PARK ADVENT PARISH MISSION: 16 AND 17 DECEMBER. St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, is organising a Parish Mission during Advent on the theme of 'Bethlehem - House of Bread' on Friday 16 December at 7pm and Saturday 17 December at 5.30pm. Come and receive the Grace of God from Adoration, Mass and Preaching. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Fr Suresh on 0488 448 844 or visit the event Facebook page: <https://fb.me/e/2itSOhcKf>

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S ASSISTANCE WITH CARE AND HOUSING SERVICE. Thank You for Helping Catholic Care to End Homelessness.

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and Catholic Care thank you for generously supporting our Assistance with Care and Housing service. Because of your compassion and prayers, Catholic Care can give more homeless people practical support and a safe place to call home. Thank you! If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au appeal or scan this QR code.



No one should be without a place to call home.

"Stretch out your hand to the poor."

Sir 7:32



Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

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Diaconal candidate Charles Abela (right) with his wife Alicja and Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta. (Image: Diocese of Parramatta) Charles Abela, David Dowling, Jerome D'Rozario, Batsirai Maringehosi and Alan Skofic will be ordained to the permanent diaconate by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, on Saturday 10 December, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Ahead of his ordination, Charles spoke to *Catholic Outlook* about his vocational story and how he hopes to live out his new ministry.

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.

