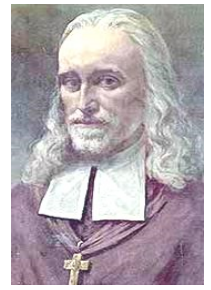


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A warm, welcoming space for all to worship and experience the love of God

18 December 2022 - Fourth 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.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS CONTINENTAL STAGE

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

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.

Fourth Week: Love (Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25)

God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus, to shine bright like the sun, lighting the way for all who walk in darkness. May the light of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love shine bright in us as we approach his coming, that we may be ready to welcome him on Christmas day and every day.

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 CHRISTMAS READING ROSTER

Christmas Vigil

Caroline Takchi / Gerard Pinto

Midnight Mass

Geoff & Monica Officer

Christmas Day 8:00 a.m.

Anne Haddad / Katherine Katrib

|| 10 a.m. Carol Isaac / Catherine Elias



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: Carmela Parisi | Rebecca, Augustus, Abraham & Artemio Patacsil | Yolanda & Donald Muir | Sayed Doueih | Mila Concepcion | Flory Fernandes | Joe & Clare Boulous | Isaac Moses | 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: Sally El Katrib | 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 harrispark@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.



DIocese CELEBRATES A GREAT JOY AS FIVE MEN ORDAINED TO PERMANENT DIACONATE

(L-R) Charles Abela, David Dowling, Batsirai Maringehosi, Alan Skofic and Jerome D’Rozario pose with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta following their Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. Image: Diocese of Parramatta

On the eve of Gaudete Sunday, one of the most joyous days in the liturgical calendar, five married men of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains joyfully celebrated the beginning of the newest chapter of their lives as they were ordained to the permanent diaconate of the Diocese of Parramatta in front of family, friends and Catholic communities from near, far and abroad by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta, on Saturday 10 December.



The newly ordained Fr Andrew Rooney (right) with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, following his ordination to the presbyterate to St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. Image: Diocese of Parramatta

The Diocese of Parramatta welcomes and congratulates Fr Andrew Rooney, our first priest to be ordained in the Diocese since 2018.

Keep him in your prayers

God Bless

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.

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.

