



St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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

25 December 2022 - The Nativity of the Lord

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.

ADVENT/SUMMER 2022 CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW!

The Advent | Summer 2022 version of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition, discover how our multicultural families across the Diocese are celebrating Christmas, learn about using Christmas to deepen your marriage and read Bishop Vincent's Christmas message. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine



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.

The Vigil Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

Cf. Exodus 16:6-7

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

Cf. Isaiah 40:5

The Mass During the Night

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

Psalm 2:7

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

John 1:14

The Mass During the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Cf. Isaiah 40:5

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
 Cf. Psalm 97:3

PARISH READING ROSTER NEXT WEEK: 31 DEC / 1 JAN

Saturday 5:30 p.m. **Gerard Pinto / Jim Hanna**
Sunday 8:00 a.m. **Kim Imbun / Anthony Melhem**
 10 a.m. **Natasha Joseph / Patricia Armao**

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: Abraham, Artemio, Augustus & Rebecca Patacsil | Yolanda & Donald Muir | 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

Anniversary: Peter Maroun

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 harrisparc@parracatholic.org. You may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer for mass offerings or special intentions.



PARRAMATTA PONGAL TAMIL HARVEST FESTIVAL: 21 JANUARY

The Community Migrant Resource Centre invites you to celebrate the annual Tamil Farmers' Festival (Thai Pongal), signifying the end of the traditional farming season on Saturday 21 January from 11am to 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Mass, followed by entertainment and lunch. Entry is free and all are welcome. For enquiries, please contact James Atanasios from the Mission Enhancement Team on 047 873 519.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH OF RICHMOND ST PAUL'S FEAST: 21 JANUARY

Plans are underway for the Parish of Richmond's 2023 Annual St Paul's Feast. Please save the date and spread the word. More information to come soon. The Parish relies on the hands of many to continue the St Paul's Feast tradition. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Vicki on 0410 545 783.

SR NATHALIE BECQUART SYDNEY PUBLIC FORUM AND LECTURE: 3 FEBRUARY

Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, the Vatican's most influential female, is coming to Australia for a whirlwind tour in February 2023. Sr Nathalie will be in Sydney on Friday 3 February, presenting at a public forum at 4pm and a public lecture at 7pm, both held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Places are limited, so please register via <https://parracatholic.org/srnathalie/>.



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

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.



*Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace.
~ Pope Francis*