



# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

## HARRIS PARK



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

### 8 January 2023 - The Epiphany 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](http://catholicoutlook.org/magazine)

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Cf. Baruch 5:5

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The brightness of God illumined the holy city of Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

Cf. Revelation 21:23



**The Epiphany of the Lord**

The true star is the word of God which, amidst of the uncertainty of human discourses, gives us the immense splendour of the Divine Truth. Dear brothers and sisters, let us allow ourselves to be guided by the star that is the word of God, let us follow it in our lives, walking with the Church in which the Word has pitched his tent. Our road will always be illumined by a light that no other sign can give us. And we too shall become stars for others, a reflection of that light which Christ caused to shine upon us. Amen. (From the HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI, Vatican Basilica, Thursday, 6 January 2011)



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PARRAMATTA

#### **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: 14 / 15 JANUARY**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. **Olivia Estibeiro / Daisy D'Souza**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. **Joseph Karam / Victoria Micalizzi** || 10 a.m. **Emelia Buehler / Maria De los Reyes**



*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:** Louise Storb | Peter Maroun | Abraham, Augustus, Artemio, & Rebecca Patacsil | Yolanda & Donald Muir | Soloman Frangie | 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

**Recently Deceased:** Hazel Abrahams (30/12/2022)

**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 [harrisark@parracatholic.org](mailto:harrisark@parracatholic.org). You may use the enve-

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Dear St Oliver's Community,

### Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Sacrament of Eucharist

St Oliver's Parish Harris Park invites you to enrol your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 2023 and First Eucharist also in 2023. This formation will take place through the Parish community and Family Centred process. That means that it is you who do the preparation with your child but we help you with this through a process of guided reflection.

Currently, families who are intending to enrol their child/ren into the Sacraments (Reconciliation and Eucharist) are able to do so if their child is currently in year 2 (2022) or above. Please complete the below form by Friday 17th February 2023.

- Click here to register:  
= <https://forms.gle/8M8GAGMVF7V5YP8>

The Sacramental program at St Oliver's Harris Park will help accompany families and candidates on their faith journey where families will:

- Inquire
- Explore
- Form
- Celebrate
- Love

The responsibility of the Parish Sacramental team will help design and lead formation which will allow families and the community to discover the Sacramentality of God and will experience love which fosters the understanding that we are living and active people made in the image and likeness of God.

Many thanks

Very Rev Christopher de Souza  
Parish Priest  
&  
Sacramental Team Leaders



A 20 July 2008 file image of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI attending the Final Mass at the Southern Cross Precinct at Randwick Racecourse during World Youth Day Sydney 2008. Image: World Youth Day/Supplied

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says Pope Benedict XVI will long be remembered fondly in Australia as the Pontiff who led young people from around the globe in prayer at World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008.



Funeral Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Source: Vatican News  
The former Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger, who died December 31 at age 95, is considered one of the 20th century's greatest theologians and spent his lifetime upholding church doctrine. In his homily at the Requiem Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Pope Francis commends his predecessor into the loving hands of God the Father, and prays that his joy may now be complete as he contemplates the Lord face to face.

## 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/>.

## SAVE THE DATE – DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 11 FEBRUARY 2023

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held on Saturday 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. More information to come

## 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.

