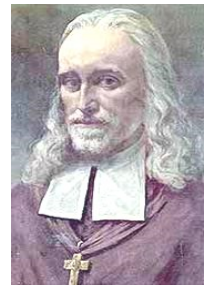


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A warm, welcoming space for all to worship and experience the love of God

19 February 2023 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Please Note: EXTRA MASS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, 22nd of February, at 6 PM.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 22nd of February 2023

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of 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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
 My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
 I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.
 Psalm 12:6

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders,
 I will rejoice in you and be glad,
 and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.
 Psalm 9:2-3

ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE

The Diocese of Parramatta wishes to congratulate Fr Adam Carlow, Fr Matthew Dimian and Fr Jack Elkazzi following their ordination to the priesthood on Thursday 2 February. Visit catholicoutlook.org for an article and photographs from the ordination as well as a video introducing the new priests to the Diocese.



(L-R) A composite image of Fr Adam Carlow, Fr Matthew Dimian and Fr Jack Elkazzi embrace their mothers following their ordination to the priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Images: Diocese of 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: 25/26 FEBRUARY

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Jackie Perumal / Caroline Takchi
 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: Bruce Hardiman | Pam Desai | Peter Maroun | Pascuala Dionson, Meliton Ortiza, Pantaleon Jimenez, Gerondio Jimenez, Cleta Albina, Nicodemus Tagnipis | John & Tripony Pasangha, Reggie & May Perumal, Xavier & Clara Fernando, Cyril Fernando, Grenatilleka & Jotlie Pasangha | Joseph Toufic Maroun | Joe & Clare Boulous | Isaac Moses | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Frank & Ray Malkoun | Romanos Malkoun | Samiha Frome | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | Evelyn Betros | 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

Thanksgiving: Roshan & Ashitha Royan | Luigi

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

MET Lenten Scripture Reflection Night: 21 February

Looking for a Scripture reflection session on the season of Lent? You and your key contacts are most welcome to attend the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Scripture Reflection Night with Dr Laurie Woods. Tuesday 21 February – 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/lent2023>

MET FaithLIFE Scripture Course: Starting 23 February

Want to learn more about the Bible? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on Scripture with Dr Michele Connolly rsj, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Thursdays: 23 February, 2 March and 9 March. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

SYDNEY ALLIANCE NSW ELECTION ASSEMBLY: 28 FEBRUARY

Join Bishop Vincent Long and people from across the Diocese to participate in a NSW Election Assembly with NSW Treasurer Matt Kean (LIB), Shadow Treasurer Daniel Mookhey (ALP) and representatives of the crossbench. The assembly will focus on social justice issues like housing, climate and cost of living. The assembly will be held on Tuesday 28 February from 6:15pm – 8:15pm at the Morley Centre, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead. Please register at <https://bit.ly/nswelectionassembly>.

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.



MET – Worship Celebrating Holy Week Seminar: 4 March

The MET - Worship team are organising a seminar for acolytes and ministers at the altar (senior servers) in preparation for the celebration of Holy Week. Presented by liturgist Chris Ohlsen, the session will be held on Saturday 4 March from 9.30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. To RSVP by 28 February, please contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3456.

CLEAN UP DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA DAY: 5 MARCH

Catholic Youth Parramatta and MET – Peace, Justice and Ecology invite you to take action! On Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 5 March, witness to the call to take care of God's creation. Join or organise a group to clean up a site in your local area. Express your interest today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/cleanup/>

MET WORSHIP MUSIC FOR PASCAL TRIDUUM WORKSHOP: 7 MARCH

Musicians and liturgy planners are invited to attend an evening exploring music for the Pascal Triduum Tuesday 7 March from 7pm to 9pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, MET, and Assistant Music Director at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To RSVP by 2 March, please contact hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING @ ST OLIVER'S ON

- Module 1: Tuesday 21st February (7.00pm-8.00pm)
- Module 2: Tuesday 28th February (7.00pm-8.30pm)
- Module 3: Tuesday 7th March (7.00pm-8.30pm)

Please register for **one** of these options (Parish and Date/s) by emailing:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would like to complete the training online 'Sign Up' by using this link:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.