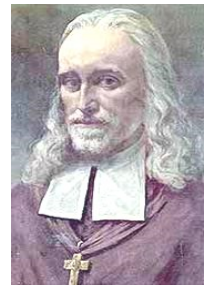


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A warm, welcoming space for all to worship and experience the love of God

26 February 2023 - First Sunday of Lent

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. - 12:30 p.m.

Please Note: There will be *Stations of the Cross* every Friday until 31 March, starting at 6:30 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.

BEGINNING OF LENT

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

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Cf. Psalm 90:15-16

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from
the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4



First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

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: 4/5 MARCH

Saturday 5:30 p.m. **Caroline Takchi / Daisy D'Souza**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. **Kim Imbun / Anthony Melham** || 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: Sayed Doueih | Bruce Franklin Hardiman | Pam Desai | 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 pro-

St. Oliver's Morning Tea – March

Our next Morning Tea will be held on Sunday 5th March following the 10am mass. We will celebrate March Birthdays. Please feel most welcome to bring a plate to share. - *Mary*



YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 5 MARCH

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 5 March at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury, at 7pm. Deacon Tom Green will speak and lead discussion on whether faith contradicts rationality. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

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/>

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>.

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.



Enrolling Now for 2024

Come and see our school! School tours will run during Catholic Schools Week on Tuesday 7th March, Wednesday 8th March and Thursday 9th March. All tours begin at 9.15am and finish by 11am. Book directly for a school tour by visiting our website under Enrolment/Visiting Our School.

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2024 (First Round Offers) are due by mid March 2023. Applications for other years may be submitted at any time.

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

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.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING @ ST OLIVER'S ON

- 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:

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