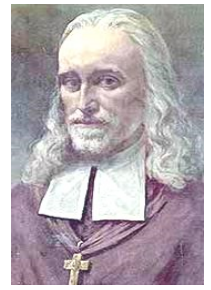


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A warm, welcoming space for all to worship and experience the love of God

5 March 2023 - Second 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.

OBSERVANCES DURING 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

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Cf. Psalm 26:8-9

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Matthew 17:5



Second Sunday of Lent
4th & 5th March



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg. Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physio-therapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.



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.

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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: 11/12 MARCH

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Gerard Pinto / Karen Fernandes

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: Abraham, Artemio, Augustus & Rebecca Patacsil, Yolanda & Donald Muir | Roger Monis Sikat | John & Tripony Pasangha, Reggie & May Perumal, Xavier & Clara Fernando, Cyril Fernando, Grenatililleka & Jotlie Pasangha | Joseph Toufic Maroun | Joe & Clare Boulous | Isaac Moses | Evelyn Betros | 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 | 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: Richard Imbun | Wap-Hill Imbun | 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.

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*



24 HOUR FOR THE LORD EVENT AT MT SCHOENSTATT, MULGOA

Come and spend some time with Our Lord Lady in the Schoenstatt Shrine: **Friday 17 March 6pm Mass**, then Reconciliation 7:15-10.00pm. On Saturday Reconciliation 10am-12pm, and 3-4.45pm with a Vigil Mass at 5pm. The Shrine will be welcoming people for prayer for the full 24 Hours. Groups to lead prayer are welcome. Contact paulandramani@gmail.com



ST PATRICK'S DAY BUSINESS BREAKFAST: 17 MARCH

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta, are hosting the St Patrick's Day Business Breakfast, an annual event acknowledging faith and nation building and connecting Not-For-Profit organisations with business communities. The Breakfast will be held on Friday 17 March from 7am to 9am at the Cathedral Hall, with guest speaker Dr Andrew Charlton MP, Federal Member for Parramatta. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased via <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1012636> or by scanning the QR code.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Following devastating earthquakes in Türkiye (formerly Turkey) and Syria, which has killed thousands of people, Caritas Australia's partners are on the ground as they assess the scale of damage and critical needs. Your donation to Caritas Australia can have a profound and lasting impact on those affected by the Turkey, Syria earthquake. By donating, you will help to provide vital emergency aid and essential items needed during a time of crisis. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/> to show your support.

Multi-faith Prayer Service – A Prayerful Call to Divest from Fossil Fuels: 9 March

You are invited to join Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and people of various faith traditions to reflect on our shared responsibility for our common home on Thursday 9 March from 9.30am to 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Together we will pray that faith-based organisations may commit to divesting from fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas) to address the climate crisis. After the service, you are welcome to stay for morning tea. For more information, please contact met@parracatholic.org

Glenbrook Parish Good Friday Music and Meditation: 7 April

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a performance of the music of J.S. Bach and special meditations and reflections on Good Friday, 7 April, from 7.30pm in the parish church. Offering choral and organ music of J.S. Bach together with special readings and meditations, this annual service will feature several of the wonderful chorale settings from the Passions according to St John and St Matthew. Suggested donations for entry are \$15 for adults, \$10 for concessions. Any enquiries, please contact 0421 105 017.

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 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

