



St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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

13 August 2023 - Nineteenth 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. - 12:30 p.m.

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.

SYNOD PRAYER

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love. Open our hearts as we listen and discern.

Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep.

Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.



12 to 15 October 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
 and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
 Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
 and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Cf. Psalm 73:20, 19, 22, 23

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
 who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Psalm 147:12, 14

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: 15 AUGUST

Tuesday, the 15th of August is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day of obligation in Australia for all Catholics.

There will be school mass at 9:30 am and an extra mass celebrated at St Oliver's at 6 pm in the evening.



NINE-WEEK NOVENA FOR THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday 8 October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

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: 19/20 AUGUST 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Caroline Takchi / Karen Fernandes

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Kim Imbun / Seini Lasalo | 10:00 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: Veronica Coorey | Mere Guru | Savion Leon Joseph | Cecelia Moras | Reggie & May Perumal, John & Tripony Pasangha, Xavier & Clara Fernando, Felix & Rosita Fernando | Morris Takchi, Gabriela Wehbe | Hasna Takchi | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Frank & Ray Malkoun | Romanos Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Abraham, Artemio, Augustus & Rebecca Patacsil, Yolanda & Donald Muir | Joe Boulous | Clare Boulous | Isaac Moses | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Pamela Romanos | Evelyn Betros | 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: Pantaleon D. Jimenez | Cleta Albina | Meliton Ortiza | Gerondio Jimenez

Sick: Rachael Sumagui | Virginia, Agnes, Napoleon, Jorge, Manuel & Joaquin Patacsil | Elizabeth & Michael Perez, Naty Degamo & Maria Aurora Degamo | 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. You may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer for mass offerings or special intentions.

MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Mandatory Modules 1-3: St Canice's Church, Katoomba on Saturday 28 October, 10am-3pm.

Renewal Mandatory Safeguarding Training (4 points): Tuesday 22nd August 2023: Renewal Module 4 - Understanding the Child Safe Standards & Working With Vulnerable People, and Tuesday 29th August 2023: Renewal Module 5 - Legal Compliance – Risk of Significant Harm & Mandatory Reporting

Venue: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes
Time: 10.00am-11.30am

Renewal Modules will soon be available on our online training platform.

Please register for these face-to-face renewal modules at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

For further information please contact Maria Kervin at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

ST MARYS PARISH DON BOSCO RELIC VISIT:

23 – 27 AUGUST. The relic statue of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be visiting Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. There will be opportunities to venerate the relic and celebrate Mass, Adoration and Confessions throughout the week. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9623 1962 or email secretaryolrchurch@iinet.net.au

NEW ADORATION CHAPEL (24/7) AT HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH, RYDALMERE

Holy Name of Mary Parish has a new Adoration Chapel that is open to the public 24/7 located at 4 Myrtle Street, Rydalmere. Fr. Chadi welcomes everyone to the Chapel. For after-hours access please contact the Parish Office or Blake on 9684 1541 or ad-min@holymary.org.au

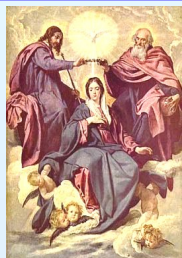
HAIL HOLY QUEEN

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.



FAREWELL FR CHRIS!

Last week, Fr Chris de Souza officially concluded his positions as Vicar General and Parish Priest of St Oliver Plunkett Parish Harris Park and made his way to Canberra where he started his new role as General Secretary for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.



St Oliver's Primary School in Harris Park held a farewell Mass for Fr Chris with Bishop Long presiding. The staff, teachers and students were very thankful for his commitment to schools. Parishioner Vanessa Romanous wished Fr Chris all the best and "thank you for all that you have done over the years!"

WELCOME FR PAUL MARSHALL!

BILLINGS NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK WEBINAR 21 AUGUST 2023

This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective" will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST.

Couples will be able to reflect on how it has helped them in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life. Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddttdtcreator>

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BRINGING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE TO PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES?

Kairos Prison Ministry is hosting an information session on Saturday 16th September at 2.30pm-4.30pm at Blacktown Uniting Church, 59 Bungarribee Road, Blacktown. Come and hear how you can join other Christians in dramatically changing lives. RSVP to kidillwyniasec@kairos.org.au or phone Yvonne on 0419 284 128.

Father Chris's farewell: 11am, Sunday 20 August

All parishioners are invited to celebrate Fr Chris's farewell and the 40th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. We are organising a lunch after the 10am Mass on Sunday 20 August at the parish to celebrate his service to our community. Please save the date. More details to follow.

If you would like to help or donate, please email jimhanna@bigpond.com

