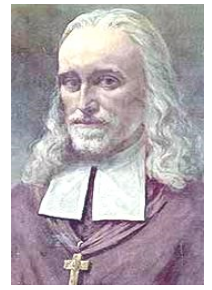


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A warm, welcoming space for all to worship and experience the love of God

10 December 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent

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.

NOTICE: There will be NO 7 a.m. weekday masses from the 24th of November while the seminary is in recess. They will resume on the 6th of February.

SACRAMENTS @ ST OLIVER'S

For Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and Funerals, please ring or email the parish office for assistance.

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold,
 the Lord will come to save the nations,
 and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
 in the joy of your heart.

Cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
 and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

The Advent Wreath

Second Sunday of Advent

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Saviour, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfil all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations.



Now we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

Second Week: Peace (Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12)

God of peace, during this Advent season, keep us from getting caught up in the busyness and chaos of the world around us. Help us to slow down, so that we may find rest in the Prince of Peace, your son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare for his coming, make us instruments of your peace in our homes, in our schools, in our work and in our world. *Amen.*

ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

In the week beginning 27th November, you are invited to form home discussion groups for the readings of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent is 3rd December. Come and be nourished on the Word of God in joyful expectation of the birth of Our Lord on Christmas Day.



Adult booklets are available for those who would like to participate at \$6 each to cover the cost. Please reserve the 10 leaders guide booklets for those people who will be undertaking leadership roles.

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: 16/17 DECEMBER 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. **Caroline Takchi / Siji Lino**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. **Anne Haddad / Victoria Micalizzi** || 10:00 a.m. **Geoff & Monica Officer**



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: Salomon Frangie | Artemio, Abraham, Augustus, Rebecca & Tranquilina Patacsil, Yolanda & Donald Muir | John & Tripony Pasangha, Reggie & May Perumal, Clement Fernando, Quintus Fernando, Rita Fernando, Choksy & Froshy Pasangha, Arokiamaal Fernando | Joe Boulous | Clare Boulous | Isaac Moses | Arthur Saad | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Frank & Ray Malkoun | Romanos Malkoun | Samiha Frome | 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, especially those who used to be part of this parish community as parishioners or relations of our parishioners | Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

Sick: Rachael Sumagui | Virginia, Agnes, Napoleon, Jorge, Manuel & Joaquin Patacsil | Elizabeth & Michael Perez | Naty Degamo & Maria Aurora Degamo | Erwin Ayuste | All the Sick especially those who are sick in our parish community

Thanksgiving: Ipolito & Seini Lasalo Family

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

THANK YOU FOR GIVING COMFORT, FAITH AND HOPE TO DISTRAUGHT PEOPLE THIS CHRISTMAS

Fr Fernando Montano, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for people in hospital and prison who might otherwise feel abandoned. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Christmas Appeal will continue to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of darkness. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a variety of single-day and weekend retreats throughout December, including a three-day Advent retreat and a New Year's Eve retreat. For more information and bookings, please contact (02) 4372 1598 or email drcsydney@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org for more information.

Message from Seminarian Jason

St. Olivers Morning Tea – December

Our next Morning Tea will be held on Sunday, 17th of December following the 10am mass.

We will celebrate December Birthdays. It would be appreciated if you can bring a plate to share. Thank you!

From the Morning Tea Team



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.



BE PART OF OUR SYNOD JOURNEY: DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

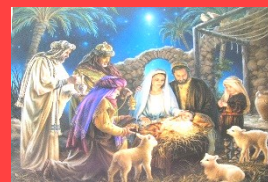
The Diocesan Synod Report is now available for download. The newly released Diocesan Synod Report offers a summary of our first Diocesan Synod assembly, held from 13-15 October 2023, its preparatory stages, in-depth details of the proceedings, and insights from delegates. Download your copy from the Parramatta Synod website now: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

ADVENT 2023 PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

A free program and open to anyone. Advent is a time when Catholics are encouraged to focus more on their spiritual life to prepare for Christmas, the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Our Advent program invites people from across the world to spend ten minutes each day watching an email video devotional and to go on a journey that will change their lives forever. I find, "You don't become what you hope to become. You only become what you do." What will you do this Advent?

Register here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent/>
For more information, email: info@brucedownes.org

Please note that there will be the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on the 19th of December at 7-8 pm at St Oliver's.



CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME

to *Alex Szweczuk* who will receive the *Sacrament of Baptism* this Sunday, the 10th of December 2023, at St Oliver's. We ask God to bless you and your families.

