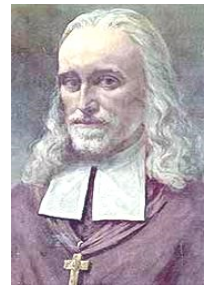


# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

## HARRIS PARK



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

### 17 December 2023 - Third 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 24<sup>th</sup> of November while the seminary is in recess. They will resume on the 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Cf. Isaiah 35:4

#### ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

In the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November, you are invited to form home discussion groups for the readings of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent is 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



#### CHRISTMAS PARISH READING ROSTER: 23/24/25 DECEMBER 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Jackie Perumal / Olivia Estibeiro  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Kim Imbun / Anthony Melham  
 10:00 a.m. Patricia & Christian Armao  
 Christmas Eve 5:30 pm (5 pm Carols)  
 Kristine Alba / Daisy D'Souza  
 Midnight Mass Jim Hanna (11:30 pm Carols)  
 Christmas Day 8:00 a.m. Seini & Ipolito Lasalo  
 10:00 a.m. Carol Isaac / Catherine Elias

#### The Advent Wreath

#### Third Sunday of Advent

Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age, God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness. Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.



**Third Week: Joy (Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11)**

God of joy, it is in your love that we find lasting joy. Keep us from seeking happiness in things that will not last, for we brought nothing into this world and can take nothing out of it. Teach us instead to find joy in the gift of your Son, who came into this world with nothing, yet gave us everything. May his joy bubble up in our hearts and overflow to all we meet this Advent season. *Amen.*

#### 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.





*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 | Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey & family; Queenie & Nicholas Nicholas; Namtullah & Christine Coorey; All deceased members of the Coorey, Budwee, Norman & Nicholas families | 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 || **Special Intention:** John Patacsil

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](mailto:harrisark@parracatholic.org). You may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer for mass offerings or special intentions.

### **2023 DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times from parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are available now on our Diocesan website ([www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)) and on Catholic Outlook ([www.catholicoutlook.org](http://www.catholicoutlook.org)). The Diocese of Parramatta wishes you, your families and faith communities a Merry Christmas.

### **NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE LAUNCHED**

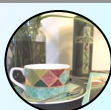
The new [parracatholic.org](http://parracatholic.org) website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Check it out today!

### **Message from Seminarian Jason**

#### **St. Olivers Morning Tea – December**

Our next Morning Tea will be held on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> of December following the 10am mass. We will celebrate Christmas and 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/>

### **BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

You can help our Catholic Care chaplains, like Yvonne and Abraham, to give comfort, faith and hope to people suffering, with a gift to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal today by calling (02) 8838 3482 or visiting [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal-christmas](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal-christmas)



### **2023 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AND RECONCILIATION**

#### **Reconciliation**

19<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

#### **Mass Times**

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, Vigil mass,  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.

#### **Christmas Eve, Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

5:00 p.m. Carols / Vigil mass, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
11:30 p.m. Carols / Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.

#### **Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December**

8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.

