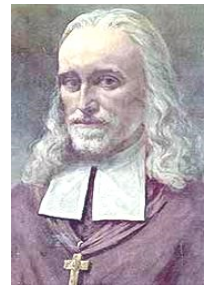


# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

## HARRIS PARK



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

## 24 December 2023 - Fourth 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, will be Closed till 15 January 2024 || Open on Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**NOTICE:** The 7 a.m. weekday masses will resume on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February after the seminary comes back from recess.

### 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.

### 2023 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### 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 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.



### 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

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Cf. Isaiah 45:8

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

### The Advent Wreath

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

**Fourth Week: Love (Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25)**

God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus, to shine bright like the sun, lighting the way for all who walk in darkness. May the light of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love shine bright in us as we approach his coming, that we may be ready to welcome him on Christmas day and every day.

*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:** Ken Javaluyas | Sayed Doueihy | 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 | 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

**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 [harrisspark@parracatholic.org](mailto:harrisspark@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.

### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GIFT FAITH, HOPE, COMFORT, AND A BRIGHTER NEW YEAR TO PEOPLE IN HOSPITAL!**

Thank you to everyone who gave a Christmas gift to enable our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to give spiritual, sacramental, and emotional support to people suffering in hospital. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. With so many isolated, elderly, seriously ill, and dying people in hospital, our chaplains need your compassionate generosity and prayers to keep bringing the light of hope to more people experiencing their darkest days. Thank you.



Help our Catholic Care chaplains  
**give comfort, faith, and hope**  
to people suffering this Christmas.

### **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**

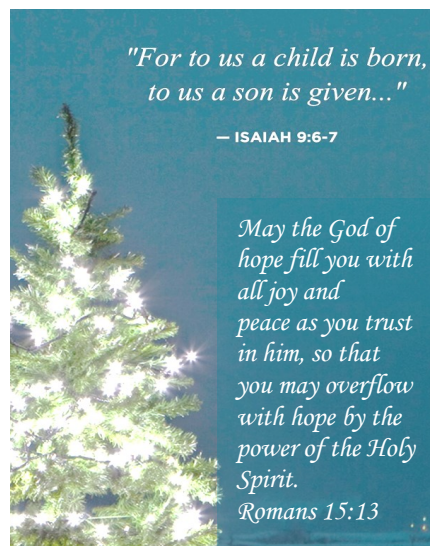
The Diocesan Synod Report is now available for download. The newly released Diocesan Synod Report offers a summary of our first Diocesan Synod assembly, held from 13-15 October 2023, its preparatory stages, in-depth details of the proceedings, and insights from delegates. Download your copy from the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

### **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!

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE RETURNS IN 2024**

Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>



*"For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given..."*

— ISAIAH 9:6-7

*May the God of  
hope fill you with  
all joy and  
peace as you trust  
in him, so that  
you may overflow  
with hope by the  
power of the Holy  
Spirit.  
Romans 15:13*