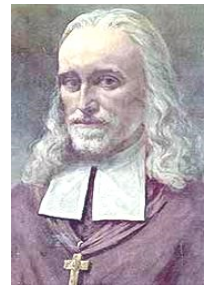


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HARRIS PARK



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

25 December 2023 - The Nativity of the Lord

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 6th 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.

BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR 2023

We are pleased to be able to share Bishop Vincent's Christmas message for 2023. It can be viewed online at <https://youtu.be/T7Rn2GyHVis> and can be downloaded ☐ [via this SharePoint link](#) using your [@parracatholic](mailto:parracatholic@parracatholic.org) email addresses.

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2023 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, Sunday, 24th 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, 25th December

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



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.



The Vigil Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

Cf. Exodus 16:6-7

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

Cf. Isaiah 40:5

The Mass During the Night

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

Psalms 2:7

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory. John 1:14

The Mass During the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Cf. Isaiah 9:5

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Cf. Psalm 97:3

Please note the following mass times -

- No mass on Boxing Day, Tuesday, 26 December 2023
- 31 December, Sunday, 8 am and 10 am
- 1 January 2024, New Year's Day, Monday, 9 am

PARISH READING ROSTER NEXT WEEK: 30/31 DECEMBER 2023

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Katherine Katrib / Victoria Micalizzi || 10:00 a.m. Floria Mascarenhas / Natasha Joseph



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 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) and on Catholic Outlook (www.catholicoutlook.org). The Diocese of Parramatta wishes you, your families and faith communities a Merry Christmas.

A Christmas Message from Fr Paul

At Christmas, we remember the preciousness of human life and how God became one of us as a small, vulnerable baby in Bethlehem. That child grew up to sing us songs about God; he told us parables to help us understand the kingdom of heaven; he healed those physically, emotionally and spiritually by His Presence with us and he showed us the Face of God.

We thank Fr Chris de Souza for his many years as Parish Priest here in Harris Park and we wish him well in his new appointment as Secretary General with the Australian Catholic Bishops in Canberra.

Thank you to all who have served in a variety of ministries in the parish from Administration to Finance, to Liturgy, Flower Ministry, Lectors, Acolytes and Morning Teas bringing so many of us together in a showing of life and faith.

God bless this Christmas.

Fr Paul



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 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 or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.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.



*"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*

