



St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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

3 December 2023 - First 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

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;
 And let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Cf. Psalm 24:1-3

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
 and our earth shall yield its increase.

Psalm 84:13

The Advent Wreath First Sunday of Advent

Within the four weeks of the Advent season itself, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of the one reality of how God's plan has been revealed in Christ, is now revealed in his glory, when he comes again at a time we do not know. For each Sunday of Advent we take our focus for the wreath from our Advent traditions. Like the people of the Old Testament we live in hope for the fullness of the revelation of Christ the Messiah when he comes in glory to judge the living and the dead.



First Week: Hope (Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44)

God of hope, we light this candle as we prepare for the coming of your Son. Awaken our hearts to you this Advent season, so that when Christ arrives, we are ready to receive him with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our strength. 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: 9/10 DECEMBER 2023

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Anthony Melham / Katherine Katrib || 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: 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 | Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey & children Jeanette, Veronica & Kevin; Queenie & Nicholas Nicholas; Maurice & Antoinette Coorey, Namtullah & Christine Coorey; All deceased members of the Coorey, Budwee, Norman & Nicholas families | 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

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 harrisparc@parracatholic.org. You may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer for mass offerings or special intentions.

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

"The poor and the sick are the heart of God.
"In serving them, we serve Jesus Christ."
- St Camillus de Lellis



Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



CARE CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you



Photo of some community members who gathered and joined the **STREET FEAST ON 11 NOVEMBER** at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.



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/>



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY ON DECEMBER 8

Please come and join our devout parishioners for prayers to honour the Virgin Mary on this feast day on Friday, the 8th of December at 11:45 am to 1:15 pm at St Oliver's. For more information, please contact Victoria on 0414 212 943.

STREET FEAST SERVES UP BIG HELPING OF KINDNESS

The third annual Parramatta Street Feast was held on Saturday 11 November, at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.

Community members gathered with those on the margins of society to share a meal, company and good conversations in a spirit of solidarity and friendship. (Photo & write up taken from <https://catholicoutlook.org/>)

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/>

AUSTRALIAN BRANDENBURG ORCHESTRA ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CONCERT: 12 DECEMBER

Reel in the festive season with the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir on Tuesday 12 December, 7:30PM at St Patrick's Cathedral for their annual Christmas concert, *Noël! Noël!*. Gather your loved ones and join us for this beloved festive tradition, as the Brandenburg perform stunning choral works and Christmas classics, conducted by Artistic Director Paul Dyer.