

St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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

31 December 2023 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste,
 and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant
 lying in a manger.

Luke 2:16

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth,
 and lived among us.

Baruch 3:38

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/T7Rn2GyHVvis> and can be downloaded [via this SharePoint link](#) using your @parracatholic email addresses.
 [20231205 Bishop Vincent Long Christmas Message](#)

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/>

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.



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



PARISH READING ROSTER NEXT WEEK: 6/7 JANUARY 2024

Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Caroline Takchi / Siji Lino
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Anne Haddad / Kim Imbun
		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: 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 | Constan-ton 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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS | SUMMER 2023 CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW!

The Advent and Christmas | Summer 2023 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition features reflections on Mary's journey into the dark night, how our communities celebrate Christmas, our four new leaders in the Diocese, a handy Christmas Mass Times guide, plus so much more. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine

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/>

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 10 FEBRUARY 2024

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February 2024 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2024 to mary.gale@parracatholic.org

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.



MUSIC FOR LENT WORKSHOP: 12 FEBRUARY 2024

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Monday 12 February 2024 from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. To RSVP, please contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org by 5 February 2024.

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!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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 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.

