



# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

## HARRIS PARK



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

### 11 February 2024 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 a.m.

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday & Friday 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### 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

Be my protector, O God,  
 a mighty stronghold to save me.  
 For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
 Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Cf. Psalm 30:3-4

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

God so loved the world  
 that he gave his Only Begotten Son,  
 so that all who believe in him may not perish,  
 but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

#### LENTEN REFLECTIONS

To our parishioners,  
 During the season of Lent, please know that a reflection will be printed off week by week and will be placed in the church.

Fr Paul and Team



#### ASH WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2024

*Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Lent is the great annual penitential season in the Catholic Church for prayer, self-denial and helping others. This is the way the whole church prepares annually to celebrate Easter.*



*Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.*

*The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Fasting means having one full meal and two smaller meals that together are Not equal to a full meal.*

*The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. Abstinence means refraining from eating meat (or luxury foods).*

*Also, Catholics are obliged to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.*

#### Message from Mary Armao

*St. Olivers Morning Tea – February*  
*Our next Morning Tea will be held on Sunday, 18th of February following the 10am mass. We will celebrate February Birthdays. It would be appreciated if you can bring a plate to share.*  
*Thank you!*  
*From the Morning Tea Team.*



#### 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 Note Masses for Ash Wednesday: 7.00am Mass; 9.30am School Mass; 7.00pm Evening Mass**

#### PARISH READING ROSTER: ASH WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY & NEXT WEEK, 17/18 FEBRUARY 2024

Ash Wednesday	Geoff & Monica Officer
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Jackie Perumal / Olivia Estibeiro
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Seini & Ipolito Lasalo    10:00 a.m. Carol Isaac / Catherine Elias



*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:** Solamon Frangie | Rachael Sumagui, Artemio, Abraham, Augustus, Rebecca & Tranquilina Patacsil, Yolanda & Donald Muir | Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey & family; Queenie & Nicholas Nicholas; Namtullah & Christine Coorey; All deceased members of the Nicholas, Coorey, Budwee and Norman families | 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:** Virginia, Agnes, Napoleon, Jorge, Manuel & Joaquin Patacsil | Elizabeth & Michael Perez | Naty & Maria Aurora Degamo | Erwin Ayuste | All the Sick especially those who are sick in our parish community

**Special Intention:** John Patacsil

**Thanksgiving:** Malcolm Malkoun & family

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

### **MOUNT SCHOENSTATT YOUNG WOMEN'S LENTEN REFLECTION DAY: 25 FEBRUARY**

The Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite young women to a Lenten Reflection Day on Sunday 25 February from 10.30am to 8.30pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost is \$25 including afternoon tea and dinner. BYO lunch. Register before Thursday 15 February to Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au)

### **YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE: 25 FEBRUARY**

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, on Sunday 25 February for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact Laura on [laura@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:laura@stbernadette.org.au)

### **CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK: FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: 9 MARCH**

The Office for Worship presents 'Celebrating Holy Week' – a workshop for current Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar presented by Chris Ohlsen. It will be held on Saturday 9 March from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To register or for more information, please contact [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or call (02) 8838 3456 by 5 March 2024.

### **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.



### **MET FaithLIFE SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSE: TUESDAY EVENINGS 13, 20, 27 FEBRUARY**

Looking to learn more about the Bible? Wanting expert guidance on interpreting Scripture for life & faith? Interested in the theme of women in the Bible through the Gospel of Matthew? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Scripture short course with Dr Debra Snoddy on Tuesday evenings 13, 20 and 27 February! Registration and more dates and details via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=faithlife> OR get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### **MET NATURAL FERTILITY SYMPTO-THERMAL METHOD INTRODUCTORY SESSION: 13 FEBRUARY**

Initial Instructions and Introductory Sessions for our three methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) available in the Diocese of Parramatta. The first session on the Sympto-Thermal Method (STM) will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 13 February from 7pm to 8pm. To book your place or for further information, contact [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or on 0400 427 605. Save the date Creighton: 20 March and Billings: 23 April

### **GLENBROOK PARISH ASPECTS OF THE EUCHARIST TALKS: 21 AND 28 FEBRUARY**

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a series of talks exploring the fundamental aspects of the Eucharist with Chris Ohlsen on Wednesday 21 and 28 February at 7.30pm at the parish. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, please email [glenbrook@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenbrook@parracatholic.org)

### **SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Opportunities for face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown this coming February.

Monday 12 February (10am – 1.30pm) – Modules 4-5: Renewal Safeguarding Training is for those in Parish Ministry who commenced Cycle 1 Training two years ago.

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>