



# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

## HARRIS PARK



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

### 18 February 2024 - First Sunday of Lent

**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.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
 I will deliver him and give him glory,  
 I will grant him length of days.

Cf. Psalm 90:15-16

**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.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

One does not live by bread alone,  
 but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

**LENTEN REFLECTIONS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 At St Oliver's, during the season of Lent, a **reflection** will be printed off week by week and will be placed in the church.  
**Stations of the Cross** will be on every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm, but on Good Friday, it will be on at 10 am. - Fr Paul and Team



*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.***



**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.



*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.*

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 “Lent is a time of preparation. It involves associating ourselves with Jesus in his life, deepening our faith in the God who saved the world through his death, practising prayer and penance, and deepening our understanding of the Gospel and its riches.” (Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ, 14 February 2024, Catholic Outlook)

**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, 24/25 FEBRUARY 2024**  
 Saturday 5:30 p.m. **Gerard Pinto / Karen Fernandes**  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. **Anne Haddad / Anthony Melham** || 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:** 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.

**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.

**MET THE FAITHFEED: 15 MARCH**

Interested in live music + curious conversations + life & faith stories from those in their 20s, 30s 40s? Sign up for The Faith-Feed, Friday 15 March 2024 – Doors open 7PM w/ live music for 7:30PM. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@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.



**CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA 2024 LIFTED LAUNCH: 29 FEBRUARY**

LIFTED Launch 2024 is here! Join young people from across our Diocese for an evening of faith, live music, formation, and announcements. Learn about ways you can meet, connect and 'walk with' other young people | West HQ Rooty Hill, 29 February 2024, 7pm to 9:30pm. Register [www.parracatholic.org/liftedlaunch](http://www.parracatholic.org/liftedlaunch)

**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)

**YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 3 MARCH**

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 3rd March 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is Monica Doumit who will talk about and lead discussion on 'How to speak about Hot Topics in the public sphere'. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions please call Mark on 0477004687.

**BISHOP VINCENT LEADS WORSHIP FOR 2024 WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

By Antony Lawes, 15 February 2024, Catholic Outlook Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, administers the Oil of the Sick to a boy during the 2024 Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass at St Patrick's Church, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. Image: Diocese of Parramatta More than 200 people gathered at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Blacktown, on Saturday, 10 February, for a Mass for those in need of healing, to mark World Day of the Sick.

