



St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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

8 September 2024 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday & Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

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.

FOR HOME VISITS

Is there anyone you know who is in need of visitation in the parish area of Harris Park? Please inform Fr Paul and Fr John or contact the parish office and let us know of their situation, location and needs.



LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit parracatholic.org/synodality.

ACBC 2024-2025 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has formally launched its 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World'. In the statement, Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. Download your copy of the Statement and a range of resources by visiting <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

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.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Psalm 118:137, 124

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Cf. Psalm 41:2-3

2024 SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS ON 31 AUG / 1 SEP

Thank you for caring for our retired priests' health and wellbeing. The money raised will provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve during their retirement. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



LECTORS COURSE: 7, 14, 21 SEPTEMBER@2:30 PM

For parishioners who may be interested in serving the parish through this ministry, please note that there will be a course to be held at the parish for this ministry. Commissioning of lectors will be held on Sunday, 6 October at 10 am mass. Our seminarians will also take part in the preparation for these ministries.

NEXT PARISH READING ROSTER: 14 / 15 SEPTEMBER

Saturday 5:30 pm **Kristine Alba / Daisy D'Souza**
Sunday 8:00 am **Anthony Melham / Katherine Katrib** || 10:00 am **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.

Recently Deceased: Andrew Allen Pitiaia | Connie Azzopardi | Lily Cruz | Catalina Pua-Diaz | Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning | All those who died recently, especially those who used to be part of this parish community as parishioners or relations of our parishioners

Deceased: Sayed Doueihi | Lena & Noreen Andrade | Charlie “Charbel” Isaac | Rachael Sumagui; Artemio, Abraham, Augustus, Rebecca & Tranquilina Patacsil, Yolanda & Donald Muir | Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey & family; Jabour & Doura Nicholas; Queenie & Nicholas Nicholas; Namtullah & Christine Coorey; Saidie & Joseph Coorey; Kevin Coorey; All deceased members of the Nicholas, Coorey, Budwee and Norman families | Joe & Clare Boulous | Isaac & Ruby Moses | 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 Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

Anniversary: Arthur Saad | For all those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Sick: Virginia, Agnes, Napoleon, Jorge, Manuel & Joaquin Patacsil, Elizabeth & Michael Perez, Naty & Maria Aurora Degamo | Erwin Ayuste, Neil Patacsil | All the Sick especially those who are sick in our parish community

Special Intention: John Patacsil | For all our special intentions and for those who have asked us for prayers

Thanksgiving: For all our blessings and prayers for thanksgiving

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. For mass offerings or special intentions, you may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.

MT SCHOENSTATT RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN: 13 – 15 SEPTEMBER

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young women aged 18 to 35 for a weekend retreat entitled, “Encounter - God, nature, friends and yourself” from Friday 13 to Sunday 15 September at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa. Single room is \$265, shared room \$217 and Saturday only is \$65. Places are limited and registrations close 8 September. To register, contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or email srrita@schoenstatt.org.au.

WINBOURNE THE ARAMAIC LORD’S PRAYER REFLECTION DAY: 28 SEPTEMBER

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on ‘The Aramaic Lord’s Prayer’ on Saturday 28 September from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Returning to what Jesus actually said is a truly enlightening and prayerful experience. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email info@winbourne.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BISHOP MANNING SUPPORT FUND

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. The fund, named in honour of the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one. Please scan this code or visit <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>. Applications close 18 October

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 20 SEPTEMBER

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill-Schofields on Friday 20 September 7pm to 8pm. Deacon Menard Gaspi will be leading adoration and giving a short talk about vocations to the priesthood. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. Join us afterwards for refreshments. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9626 3326 or email parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

DIOCESAN SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING: 14 SEPTEMBER

You are invited to a Diocesan Season of Creation gathering on Saturday 14 September from 10am to 4pm at Winbourne Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. This event is part of Catholic Earthcare’s national Season of Creation Convocation from 12-14 September. Cost is \$50 for the Diocesan gathering only, or \$100 for the full Convocation (with days 1 and 2 online). For program details, please visit tinyurl.com/soc-gathering24. Register for the Convocation by 10 September at caritas.org.au/soc-convocation.

MET FAITHLIFE SPIRITUALITY SHORT COURSE: STARTING 17 SEPTEMBER

Searching for a deeper understanding of spirituality? Hoping to find renewed ways of expressing your faith? Wanting to further discern God’s call in your life? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Spirituality short course with spiritual director Jeff Hood on Tuesdays 17 SEP + 24 SEP + 1 OCT! Registration and more dates and details via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org



GROWING IN FAITH: LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS 2025

There is an opportunity for a group to travel to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress experience in February 2025. The Congress focuses on growing in understanding about the Catholic faith and seeking personal growth. Synodal Consultancy is organising a 10-day pilgrimage with visits to Christ Cathedral and Disneyland! Please contact Lisa Bright from Synodal Consultancy on 0419 418 547 to find out more. See <https://recongress.org/> for more information about the Congress.

TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE (TLC) FUNDRAISING RAFFLE: 7/8 SEPTEMBER

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets this weekend, along with some merchandise. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 16 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets. Prizes include Tasmania with 5 x \$50 Restaurant Food voucher plus \$300.00 toward airfare*, 1 week accommodation in Cairns plus \$300.00 toward airfare*, Jabra GN – Evolve 2 75 speaker phone, Fitbit – Smartwatch, Samsung Tablet.

