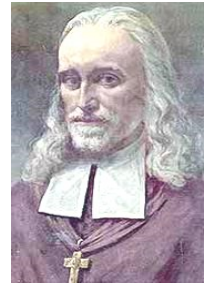


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A warm, welcoming space for all to worship and experience the love of God

20 October 2024 - Twenty-Ninth 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.



FAMILY MASS: Our next Family Mass involving our School families and, by extension, to all our extended parish families will be on Sunday 17th November at 10.00am. Let's make it a family re-union time in thanksgiving to God for the past year and make a special effort to invite those of our families not usually at Mass to come along and extend a welcoming hand to them. We come together to unite in our faith and to pray for peace and good-will within our families and for our world family. Let it be a door to Advent and Christmas.

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

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Cf. Psalm 16:6, 8

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Son of Man has come
To give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

A Short History of St. Oliver Plunkett

Next year we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our parish-1975- the year Pope Paul VI canonized Oliver Plunkett.

Who was Oliver Plunkett? Oliver was born on 1st November 1625 at Loughcrew, near Oldcastle, County Meath in Ireland. He was the son of John Plunkett and Thomasina Dillon. He had an elder brother, Edward, and three younger sisters, Catherine, Anne, and Mary. Oliver studied for the priesthood in Rome and was ordained there in 1654. After sixteen years of teaching there as a Professor of Theology, he was appointed as Archbishop of Armagh in Ireland in March 1670.

The Protestant Restoration was in full swing when Oliver was appointed Archbishop in Armagh. In 1673, a new wave of anti-Catholic persecution began, forcing Archbishop Plunkett to do his pastoral work in secrecy and disguise and to live in hiding. Many of his priests were sent into exile, schools were closed, church services were held in secret and convents, seminaries and monasteries were closed. In 1674 he was a man on the run from Protestant authorities. Yet he was determined not to abandon his flock.

As archbishop, Plunkett was blamed for any uprising or rebellion. He was imprisoned in Dublin Castle in 1679. His trial was moved to London where a jury, in fifteen minutes, found him guilty of encouraging uprisings and revolts. He was hanged, drawn and quartered in July 1681.

He became the final victim of the infamous Popish Plot of Titus Oates- Archbishop Oliver Plunkett became the last of the martyrs of Tyburn.

NEXT PARISH READING ROSTER: 26/27 OCTOBER

Saturday 5:30 pm Kristine Alba / Daisy D'Souza

Sunday 8:00 am Anthony Melham / Katherine Katrib || 10:00 am Patricia & Christian Armao

How long, Lord?

“War, no more war, war never again.” (Pope Paul VI)

On 23rd October 2023, 85-year old Yocheved Lifschitz was released from Hamas captivity in Gaza, having been taken hostage on 7 October with about 250 others. Since then she has been calling for the release of those still in captivity. Her face represents the suffering of the hostages, the anguish of the families who do not know whether their loved ones are alive or dead, and the trauma of those who were released and are trying to rebuild their lives. As she left captivity she turned and shook hands with one of her captors. Recently, she explained this act, which many Israelis found incomprehensible. Her captor had said to her, “We are sick and tired of fighting, let the people speak to one another.” In an interview published on 24th September 2024, she said, “Why would I not shake a hand that is extended to me?” In the same interview she recalled her meetings with both Yahya Sinwar, Hamas chief in Gaza, and with Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel’s prime minister, after her release. She accused both of “seeking only to stay in power.”



Rosary Group prayer for peace, last weekend.

PARISH FUNDRAISING: 3 NOVEMBER

Please join us on **Sunday 3 November after the 8am and 10am Masses** to commemorate the 49th anniversary of **St Oliver Plunkett's canonisation** and raise funds for the Parish. Several parishioners will generously be baking and selling fresh spinach triangles and 'manouche', a delicious Lebanese bread topped with thyme or cheese. All proceeds will be donated to help with the parish's operating costs.



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- Sr. Deborah Harmeling, O.S.B.

O God of Mercy and Tender Compassion,
We cry out to you in this time of crisis.
Hear the cries of the people of the Middle East.
Bring healing to those suffering from violence
and comfort to those mourning the dead.

O God of Hope,
sustain those who labour for peaceful and just solutions.

Inspire leaders and decision makers to choose the way of peace over the way of violence.
Deliver all your children from the threat of war
and teach us to encounter one another with reverence and love.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ
Who came to bring to peace on earth
And who abides with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Please be advised that the NSW Faith Affairs Council, to which the Diocese of Parramatta is a signatory, has released a statement calling for peace in the Middle East and promoting peace, harmony, and understanding in NSW and to stand together as fellow Australians.



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: Ignatius Lasarado | All those who died recently, especially those who used to be part of this parish community as parishioners or relations of our parishioners

Deceased: 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 | Constanton Family | All Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

Anniversary: George Adob Lattouf | Joy Antony Varavumkal | Molly Toy | Pantaleon Jimenez | 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: Wap-Hill, Sidney, Kimberley & Richard | 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.