

St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

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26 January 2025 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I will praise you, Lord, among the peoples,
among the nations sing psalms to you,
for your mercy reaches to the heavens,
and your truth to the skies.

Psalm 56:9-10

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Psalm 102:2



Weekday Mass Times Will Resume
Tuesday 4th February 2025

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am



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OFFICE HOURS:

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

Sacraments @ St Oliver's

**For Baptism, Reconciliation,
First Holy Communion,
Confirmation, Marriage and
Funerals,** please ring or email the
parish office for assistance.

Reflection Prayer for Australia Day –

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th January

God of all peoples, Lord of the journey
who always walks with us.

In this land you have blessed us
with the first inhabitants of the land
who have loved it through the ages:
for them we give you thanks.

You have blessed us in the settlers
who made this land their home,
and forged a nation with their toil:
for them we give you thanks.

You have blessed us in the many peoples
of different languages and cultures
who have found a new home here:
for them we give you thanks.

We ask that you make a home among us,
so that justice and truth may flourish here
and all Australians may walk together
into the future you are preparing:
for that we give you thanks.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Activities



2025 Jubilee Year of Hope

The **2025 Jubilee Year of Hope** commenced on 24 December 2024 with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis and will conclude on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, with the closing of the same Holy Door. (Image: Vatican Media)

In our Diocese of Parramatta, three of our pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year are:

- St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
- Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa
- The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville

The Holy Father invited us to pray, to prepare ourselves throughout this year, so that this Jubilee may "strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

Please check parracatholic.org and please follow catholicoutlook.org for further news updates.

Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick: 11 February

A World Day of Prayer for the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Tuesday 11 February 2025 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 2025 via parracatholic.org/world-day-prayer-feb11

Music for Lent Workshop: 13 February

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Thursday 13 February from 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. Registrations are essential, please RSVP by 11 February via parracatholic.org/music-workshop

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings online gathering: 13 February

"Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings" are quarterly online gatherings for everyone interested in social justice, care for creation, or global peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, and discuss what's currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. In February, the PJE Sharing will focus on raising the age of criminal responsibility in NSW and Caritas' Project Compassion. You are invited to join Thursday 13 February 2025, 6:30-8:00pm. To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to met@parracatholic.org

Parish Updates

Please **NOTE** that the last *weekday* Mass for 2024 at St. Oliver's finished with the seminary year on Friday 29th November and will resume on Tuesday 4th February 2025.

Let us acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet and pay respects past and present.

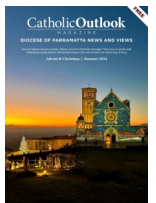


"Australia Day is an opportunity to reflect on our past and respect that we all have a contribution to make." (Quotes attributable to Assistant Minister Patrick Gorman, 19 Jan 2023)

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 29 January at St Andrew the Apostle Parish Marayong for Cycle 1 (Module 1). More training opportunities will be available throughout January and February. 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>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

The 2024 Advent and Christmas Summer Edition of the Catholic Outlook is now available. Please get your free copy.



PARISH READING ROSTER NEXT WEEK: 1/2 FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday 5:30 pm Reema & Nelton D'Souza

Sunday 8:00 am Anthony Melham / Katherine Katrib 10:00 am Nick Tagnipis / Geoff Officer

Diocesan Notices

Solemn High Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of The Lord and World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: 2 February

Join us for Mass at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and a special celebration of Consecrated Life. Jubilee candles for each Order or Congregation will be blessed during a short ceremony in the Cathedral courtyard then carried in procession into the Cathedral.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 8 February

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 8 February at St Thomas Aquinas, Springwood for Cycle 2 (Renewal Modules 4-5). More training opportunities will be available throughout February and May. 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>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Red Mass for judiciary and legal community: 3 February

The Very Reverend Robert Riedling, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta cordially invites members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass on Monday 3 February at 7:00pm, (refreshments following Mass). Please RSVP by Friday, 31 January to enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or call 02 8839 8400.

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 12 -26 February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> OR email met@parracatholic.org

Our Community

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 need.

Outside Our Community

For those who are also looking for a pilgrimage outside Sydney, Saints Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral at Goulburn, a beautiful, meticulously restored 19th century building, is only about 90 minutes drive south. Saints Peter & Paul's is unique for being the only church in the world built from greenstone, which was quarried just outside the city and thought to be 440 million years old. Fr Tony Percy, from the Old Cathedral's Restoration Committee said of particular interest to pilgrims are the 19th century French Stations of the Cross, which are three-dimensional and have exquisite colours.



To book your pilgrimage at the Old Cathedral, located on the corner of Verner and Bourke streets, Goulburn, contact 0403 631 797, or email goulburn@cg.org.au



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: Ronald Allan Palacpac Fernando | Lolita de la Cruz | Aristotle Barrios | All those who died recently, especially those who used to be part of this parish community as parishioners or relations of our parishioners

Deceased: Saide & son Soloman Frangie | Bishop Arnold Orowae | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Frank & Ray Malkoun | Romanos Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Joe & Clare Boulous | Isaac & Ruby Moses | Rachael Sumagui & Artemio, Abraham, Augustus, Rebecca & Tranquilina Patacsil, Yolanda & Donald Muir, Erwin Ayuste | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Pamela Romanos | Evelyn Betros | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | Queenie & Nicholas Nicholas, Namtullah & Christine Coorey, Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey & family, Jabour & Doura Nicholas & family, Saidie & Joseph Coorey & family, Najia & Toufic Samyia, Maurice Farhart, James Haddad, All deceased members of the Nicholas, Coorey, Budwee & Norman families | All Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

Anniversary: Samantha Diaz | Jaime Lapitan | For all those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time

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

Special Intention: John Patacsil | Erwin Ayuste | 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 harrisark@parracatholic.org. For mass offerings or special intentions, you may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.

Mass Readings

Australia Day Mass Readings
26 January 2025

First reading

Isaiah 32:15-18

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The effect of justice will be peace.
Once more there will be poured on us
the spirit from above;
then shall the wilderness be fertile land;
and fertile land become forest.
In the wilderness justice will come to live
and integrity in the fertile land;
integrity will bring peace,
justice give lasting security.
My people will live in a peaceful home,
in safe houses,
in quiet dwellings.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14

℟ The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. ℟
Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. ℟
The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. ℟

Second reading

Romans 12:9-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Work for the Lord earnestly.
Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer
good to evil. Love each
other as much as brothers and sisters should, and have a
profound respect for
each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with
great earnestness of
spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not
give up if trials
come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need
you must share with
them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:9

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in
heaven.

Jesus began to speak to the crowds. This is what he taught
them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you
and speak all kinds
of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will
be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

