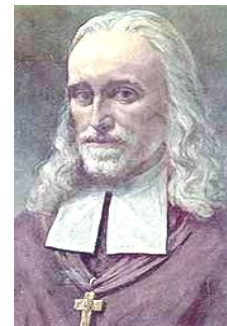


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29 June 2025 | Saints Peter and Paul

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Cf. Matthew 16:16, 18



Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 am

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.

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.

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

The feast of St. Peter and St. Paul calls each of us to re-visit how Jesus can work in surprising ways in our lives. Judas Iscariot gave way to despair in the face of his betrayal of Jesus. But Peter and Paul were betrayers and persecutors as well. What makes them so different? And what can we take from their example? I think we often deprive ourselves of the strength we could gain from entering into Christ's sufferings, because in facing them we hold our breath, we close our eyes, and we go on just the same. We do not confront our broken-ness in a conversation with Christ. We do not take them into ourselves and so our trials remain like foreign bodies, they are not integrated into our experience and therefore we remain fixated in all the same old patterns that we have used over and over again. In short, we don't grow emotionally or spiritually. (adapted from In the thick of his Ministry by Carlo Maria Martini St.Paul Press 1990, pp.18-19)



St. Peter and St. Paul don't blame themselves or others, they don't implement re-crimination, they see God sends people like Ananias to pull them out of their quagmire. This takes enormous internal change of attitude. Saul flips out of being a passionate and righteous follower of Judaism to being the passionate teacher to the Gentiles about the person of Christ. When can I remember doing a complete 180 degrees about an aspect of my attitude, my faith-life, my habits? The feast of St. Peter and St. Paul beckons us to change dutiful love into full-on commitment in our relationship with others and in our relationship with God.

Against great odds, these apostles "kept the faith." We, too, have been given the same faith in Christ Jesus as Peter and Paul. Because of this we can be as extraordinary as they were. Like the apostles, we are the Church. We are the manifestation of God's mighty acts of salvation. We are the pillars of the Church for our time and place. Like Peter and Paul what is an example of where Christ is building His Church through me?

Fr Paul Marshall
Rector, Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park

Other News and Events

Caritas Australia appeals for support for amputees in Gaza – June 2025

The UN described Gaza as being “home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history”. As of April, the UN reported that 4,500 people have been made amputees due to the current conflict. In response, Caritas Jerusalem is working to support those affected by the loss of limbs, as part of a program supported by Caritas Australia’s Gaza Emergency Appeal. We urgently need your support. Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

Young Adult Faith Formation: 6 July

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 6 July at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt at 7pm. Fr Tom Green will talk about and lead discussion on Blessed Franz Jägerstätter. 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 0477 004 678.

JRS Australia ‘Free Together’ Refugee Week Event: 4 July

You are warmly invited to JRS Australia’s Refugee Week event, showcasing stories, art and music shared by refugee leaders of JRS Australia’s Refugee Leadership Program. The event will be held on Friday 4 July from 6pm at the St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Entry cost is a \$10 voluntary donation to cover the costs of dinner for those able to contribute. To RSVP, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/jrsrefugee-week-2025>.

Volunteers needed: NAIDOC Week Event – Whalan Reserve – 10 July

On 10 July 2025, the annual Mt Druitt NAIDOC Week Event will be co-hosted by Holy Family Parish Emerton, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and Blacktown City Council at Whalan Reserve. We’re seeking volunteers from parishes and organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta. If you are interested in supporting this amazing celebration of Aboriginal culture, community and resilience, please visit parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025 for more details.

Expressions of Interest now open for Australian Catholic Youth Festival – closes 25 August

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. For more details and to express your interest by 25 August 2025, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Parish Updates

BEST WISHES AND BLESSINGS to all the children who received their First Holy Communion at St Oliver’s last Sunday, the 22nd of June. Please remember to pray for these children and their families to continue their journey to seek, find, meet and love Christ in the Eucharist.



Leo Abraham	Joel Purathoor
Kian Dabre	Neil Rebello
Lucas De Jesus	Elaina Roberts
Marissa Germanos	Kiara Gabrielle Royan
Aida Hajjar	Mackenzie Piper San Miguel
Melaia-Grace Hendricks	Peter Mason San Miguel
Leandra Antonia Joseph	Arlo Szewczuk
Maeve Margaret Mullans	Alex Paul Tigga
Cataleya O’Keefe	Robyn Anne Tirambulo

Reminders:

- No weekday masses during the seminary break, Tuesday, 1 July to Friday, 18 July. Weekday Masses will re-commence on Tuesday 22nd July.

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC)

Fundraising

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) would like to *thank* the Parish for their generous support for its fundraising held last week-end. All proceeds directly support their free legal clinic which provides free legal advice every Thursday 6pm – 9pm and Saturday 9am – 1pm to the marginalised, disadvantaged and vulnerable members of Western Sydney.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

ST OLIVER’S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

From 7:30 AM to Midday on Sunday, 13 July 2025
at St Oliver’s primary school playground
33 Wigram St, Harris Park

We invite you all to a morning full of community spirit, great food, and fellowship!

- 🍕 Freshly baked manouches. (zaatar & cheese Pizzas)
- 🌭 Sausage sizzle
- 🍰 Homemade cakes, biscuits & slices
- ☕ Tea & coffee

All food is lovingly prepared and donated by our amazing volunteers.

All proceeds go directly to support our parish.

Come along, bring your family and friends – we’d love to see you there!

PARISH READING ROSTER THIS WEEK: 28/29 June

Saturday 5:30 pm Jackie Perumal / Siji Lino

Sunday 8:00 am Seini & Ipolito Lasalo

10:00 am Geoff & Monica Officer

Diocesan Notices

2025 Peter's Pence Collection: Sunday 29 June

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held on Sunday 29 June 2025. The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples.

Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. Please donate generously.

Thank you for supporting this important initiative.

Collection 2025

PETER'S PENCE



Hope in the Lord! Hold firm,
take heart and hope in the Lord!

Ps 27:14



MAKE YOUR DONATION TO THE HOLY FATHER

Offerings are designated for the Pope's apostolic and charitable ministry

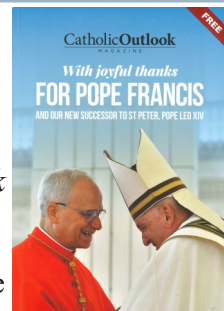


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Bishop Vincent presents Mauricio López: 23 July

One of Latin America's most influential lay leaders, Mauricio López Oropeza, will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series. Mauricio will offer powerful insights on synodality, justice, and the Church's mission in a changing world. The free public lecture will be held on Wednesday 23 July at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register and learn more, please visit parracatholic.org/lopez

Our Community

Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the opportunity to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

August 16: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>

November 15: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>



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: Domenica Marcellino | Maria Thi Nguyen (Bishop Vincent's mother) | Jack (Aki) Leven Talavou Ulu | All those who died recently, especially those who used to be part of this parish community as parishioners or relations of our parishioners

Deceased: Elizabeth Dias | John & Tripony Pasangha, Reggie & May Perumal, Joe & Fatima Cerera, Clement/ Quintus, Cyril/Felix & Rosita, Rita Fernando, Mrs Richard Fernando | Said El Boustany | Queenie & Nicholas Nicholas, Namtullah & Christine Coorey, Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey, Jabour & Doura Nicholas & family, Saidie & Joseph Coorey & family, Najia & Toufic Samyia, All deceased members of the Nicholas, Budwee & Norman families, Maurice Farhart, Bedwani Moussa | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Frank & Ray Malkoun | Romanos Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Joe & Clare Boulous, Isaac Moses, Ruby Moses | Luzviminda Nolasco, Rachael Sumagui & Artemio, Abraham, Augustus, Rebecca & Tranquilina Patacsil, Yolanda & Donald Muir, Melissa. Rebecca Llanillo, | 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: Habib Chidiac | Alicia Labayo Agosto | Anthony Francis DSouza | 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 & Erwin Ayuste | All the Sick especially those who are sick in our parish community

Special Intentions: Russel & Petula Wheeler | John Joaquin, Manolo, Agnes & Napoleon Patacsil; Elizabeth, Michael & Maryrose Perez; 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 harrisparke@parracatholic.org. For mass offerings or special intentions, you may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.*

Mass Readings

First Reading

Acts 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'



The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:2-9

℟ The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. ℟

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. ℟

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. ℟

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. ℟

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

