

St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

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21 September 2025 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

John 10:14



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.

Gospel Reflection

For evil to triumph, all that is necessary is that good people do nothing.

Christian stewardship is cultivated through forming good habits. Just as dishonesty can become a way of life, so can honesty. Honesty can become habitual, spontaneous, second nature. It is not achieved by a few great deeds but by a lot of little ones.

Once, a holy man was instructing his disciples as they walked through a forest. He pointed to a small eucalypt sapling, and asked one of his disciples to pull it up. The disciple did so with one hand. Then the master pointed to another eucalypt, a little bigger than the first, and asked the disciple to pull that up. He did so but had to use two hands. The Master pointed to a third and bigger eucalypt, and asked the disciple to pull it up. He could do so only with the help of one of his companions. Finally he pointed to a still larger eucalypt and asked the disciple to pull that one up. Even with the help of all his companions he was unable to do so.

And the Master concluded, "That is how it is with passions and habits. In the beginning before they have sunk deep roots, it is easy to eradicate them. But if we allow them to sink deep roots and grow in girth diameter, it becomes virtually impossible to rid ourselves of them."

The steward in Jesus' story (Luke 16.1-13) was unreliable and dishonest. It is obvious he had been so for quite some time. It probably started off in little ways, but eventually became a way of life. Jesus wasn't holding up the wicked servant as a model. He was saying that the children of light can learn something from the children of darkness. Evil people are industrious, single-minded, prepared to make sacrifices, in order to achieve their evil ends. Good people, on the other hand, often just sit around doing nothing. And for evil to triumph, all that is necessary is that good people do nothing.

Good stewardship begins with families recognizing time as a blessing from God, are grateful for their very precious gift and with their open hearts willingly share part of these limited moments with others. Thanks are due to our families who have encouraged their children to train as altar servers in our parish. Last Sunday ten young people volunteered to be more engaged in serving our worship of God around the altar. May these children and their families be bearers of faith and life to others. ***They are giving of their Time and Talent.***

Thank you to all those who put themselves forward to serve in any small or large way in our faith community. Feel free to begin by looking for small tasks that no one else wants to do. Do these little things as if they were great things, because God acknowledges a good steward and cheerful giver. Stewardship takes in Time, Talent and Treasure. Many thanks to all who contributed recently to our Father's Day Appeal for the retired priests. ***You have been a good steward by giving of your treasure.***

Fr. Paul



Other News and Events

Kairos Prison Ministry 30th Anniversary celebrations: 27 September

This year marks 30 years of Kairos Prison Ministry Australia—three decades of bringing hope, healing and the gospel to people affected by incarceration. To celebrate, Kairos is hosting an event on Saturday 27 September at Stanhope Anglican Church, Stanhope Gardens, from 12.45pm to 4.30pm, inviting past and present volunteers, supporters, and anyone curious about the work to come and give thanks. For those unable to attend in person, a livestream option is available—making it possible to tune in from anywhere across Australia. For more information, and to register, please visit kairos.org.au/30-years

Closing soon! Register now for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Church in Australia 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. Registrations have been extended until 1 October for young people aged 18-25. For more details and to register, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org
Promotional material: registrations open and how to register information.

Kellyville Parish Marian Procession: 11 October

To celebrate their patronal feast day, the youth of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, are organising a Marian procession on Saturday 11 October. Mass begins at 6pm, followed by a procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents. All are welcome to join the parish as they gather again to pray through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.



Dr Nora Nonterah during her public lecture as part of the Bishop Vincent Presents series in September 2025. Image:

Alphonsus Fok/Diocese of Parramatta

One of Africa's leading theologians Dr Nora K. Nonterah believes strongly in synodality—where all members of the Church journey together in a process of listening and collaboration—but it wasn't until she was in Rome in 2023 that she realised its true power.

"I am more convinced now that the Holy Spirit is the protagonist of our mission and that we have to be more open to the guidance from the Holy Spirit."

"Synodality has taught me that it is possible for us to do it together—young, old, priests, laity, men, women. It has given me a good perspective of what it means to be a Church, and that perspective is that to be a Church is to acknowledge differences. ...

"Synodality is the biggest hope for the global Church and also for Africa, which is awakening as a Church to see that we need to learn to do things together.

"This concept of co-responsibility is very important and it gives me a lot of hope. I really appreciate God's gift of Pope Francis to our contemporary world where he really started this renewal of the Church to emerge as a synodal church.

"Because it is from this concept of renewing ourselves, to make sure that everybody counts, that we can move forward. (Extracts from Catholic Outlook, "The Holy Spirit is the protagonist of our mission": Dr Nora Kofognotera Nonterah on her synodal journey By Antony Lawes, 12 September 2025)

Parish Updates

WHEN TO DROP OFF GOODS FOR THE GARAGE SALE

Thank you everyone for your enthusiasm and kind support in getting our preparations for the celebration going. For those of you who have some goods to donate for the Garage Sale on 18 October, it has been deemed best that **we will accept goods from 4pm on Friday, 17 October at the Seminary** (or early on Saturday morning if you cannot bring them on Friday afternoon).

If you have any questions about what to donate, please email jimhanna@bigpond.com

To stay up to date with parish activities, please follow us on Facebook.

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Sacrament of Confirmation 2025 Enrolment

To be eligible for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time your child should be 10 years of age by the 30th June, 2025. Although, we do recommend that your child be in Year 5 (or above).

Please register your child at this link <https://forms.gle/rfxsGagfguiMBB1p8> before 28th of September 2025.

Please note: The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass will be on **Sunday 23rd November 2025 at 10:00am**.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANONISATION – SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER

How you can help with... PROMOTION

To attract as many people as possible to our event, we need you to tell your family, friends and local community.

You can do this many ways:

- post it on your social media (Facebook, etc)
- drop leaflets into letterboxes into homes near St Oliver's next month, or
- just tell your family and friends (and ask them if they have items to donate to our garage sale).

If you can help or have questions, please email jimhanna@bigpond.com



St. Oliver Plunkett, Canonized on 12 October 1975 in Rome by Pope St Paul VI (first new Irish saint for almost 700 years)

PARISH READING ROSTER NEXT WEEK: 27/28 September

Saturday 5:30 pm Gerard Pinto / Robert Aquino
Sunday 8:00 am Emelia & Judith Buehler

10:00 am Geoff & Monica Officer

Diocesan Notices

Grab your FREE copy of the Catholic Outlook Magazine!
The latest quarterly edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now, keeping you connected with exciting news and events in the Diocese of Parramatta. Also available online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine



Design our next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover!

People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Please submit your entry by Friday 7 November 2025 – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp



Rosary Making Workshop: 25 September

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals in our Diocese via the Camillian Hospital chaplains. The craft evening will be held on Thursday 25 September from 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/rosary-beads-workshop-25-september/>

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 26 October

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (10 years and over) will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome. RSVP to marriage@parracatholic.org or call 0488 000 211 by 20 October.

Our Community

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal – supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve

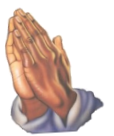
BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL
LET US CARE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS, JUST AS THEY CARE FOR US



Thank You for caring for our spiritual fathers. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised money to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



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: Tony Armao | Greg Whitby | Fr. Kerry Bayada | Felicia Mary Subramaniam | All those who died recently, especially those who used to be part of this parish community as parishioners or relations of our parishioners

Deceased: Tony Karam | Marie Nemer, George Lattouf | Lattouf, Melan, Salah, Maroun families | Karina Tighe | Reggie & May Perumal, John & Tripony Pasangha, Xavier & Clara Fernando, Pius & Mercy Fernando, Irwin & Joan Jayawardana | 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 | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Frank & Ray Malkoun | Romanos Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Joe & Clare Boulous, Isaac Moses, Ruby Moses | Artemio, Abraham, Augustus, Rebecca & Tranquilina Patacsil; Yolanda & Donald Muir; Rachael Sumagui, Rebecca Llanillo, Luzviminda Nolasco | 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: Rosalinda Monis Javier | For all those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time

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

Special Intentions: John Joaquin, Agnes, Napoleon, Manuel, Virginia & Jorge Patacsil & his families; Elizabeth, Michael & Maryrose Perez; Erwin Ayuste | For all our special intentions and for those who have asked us for prayers

Thanksgiving: Kimberley Catchlove and family | 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.*

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112:1-2,4-8

R Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **R**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **R**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers
offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and
thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in
authority, so that we may be able to live religious and
reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and
will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be
saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is
only one God, and there is only one mediator between
God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who
sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the
evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have
been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling
the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to
the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up
reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples, ['There was a rich man and he
had a steward who was denounced to him for being
wasteful with his property. He called for the man and
said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an
account of your stewardship because you are not to be my
steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself,
"Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me,
what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go
begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I
will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office
there will be some to welcome me into their homes."']

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the
first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One
hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward
said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and
write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much
do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the
reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write
eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his
astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute
in dealing with their own kind than are the children of
light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win
you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you,
they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man
who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great;
the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest
in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that
tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And
if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will
give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either
hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with
respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the
slave both of God and of money.'

[Short Form: omit text in brackets.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

