

St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

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2 November 2025 | The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Just as Jesus died and has risen again,
so through Jesus God will bring with
him those who have fallen asleep;
and as in Adam all die, so, also in
Christ will all be brought to life.

Cf. 1 Thessalonians 4: 14; 1 Corinthians 15: 22

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the Resurrection and the Life,
says the Lord. Whoever believes in
me, even though he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes
in me will not die for ever.

Cf. John 11: 25-26



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.

NOVEMBER 2, 2025: All Souls' Day

"This is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." John 6: 37-40

A gift never lost

An 18th century gravestone in an old Maine cemetery is engraved with this prayer:

*We seem to give him back to thee, dear Lord,
[you] who gavest him to us.
Yet as Thou didst not lose him in giving,
so too, we have not lost him
by his return to you.*

Those who erected that stone to their departed loved one grasped two important understandings of the Christian perspective of death: that in every life, God reveals his love to all humanity, and for the good of every life we give thanks; and that despite the loss of those we love, the good they did in their time among us lives on in the good they inspire us to do.

The words on that gravestone were composed by the great seventh century English theologian and historian Saint Bede. This is the rest of Saint Bede's prayer:

*Not as the world gives do you give, O God.
What you give you do not take away.
For what is yours is also ours.
We are yours and life is eternal.
And love is immortal,
and death is only a horizon,
and a horizon is but the limit of our sight.*

Our lives are a gift, given not only to us but to those whose lives we touch. We are the manifestation of God's love: God makes his love present to all in our love for one another.

In death, we give back to God what God has given to us with the hope that what we have made of our lives is a fitting expression of gratitude to our Maker.

Today's Commemoration of All Souls confronts us with the sobering inevitability of death and the pain of taking leave of this life and those we love — but we know that we live always in the promise of Easter's empty tomb, that every step we walk on this earth is guided by the light of the Risen One. Today we remember the souls of our loved ones who have gone before us to the dwelling place of God.

As we hold tightly to our memories of them on this All Souls Day, may we seek for one another what they were for us: the "immortal" love and compassion of God in our midst — the God who lives "beyond the horizon."

Fr John



Other News and Events



Diocesan Advent Week Scripture Reflection Evening; 26 November

In what way would you say I'm 'awaiting' God's presence this Advent? How do I see myself in Advent Scripture stories this year? Register for the Diocesan Advent Scripture Reflection Evening w/ Dr Debra Snoddy on Wednesday 26 November 2025 – 6:30PM to 8:30pm. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-advent-scripture-night-26-november/> or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Positions Vacant

- Senior Employment Relations Advisor – Diocese of Parramatta
 - Administration and Projects Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta
- More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Responding in Mercy – Pilgrims of Hope: 5 November

The Mercy Futures team is privileged to present Sr Aine Barrins RSM all the way from Ireland, who will be joining them in Parramatta to share her invaluable insights into Catherine McAuley, Woman of Hope. The conclusion to this presentation will take place on 5 November. Come along and bring a friend (or few) and be part of this unique presentation. The session will also be livestreamed, and the link will be provided closer to the date. Please RSVP to mercyfuture@parrasom.org.au with any dietary requirements by 29 October.

The FaithFeed ECHO – Emerton Parish: 14 November

An evening of music, creativity, and praise & worship at Holy Family Parish, Emerton, 252–254 Luxford Rd, Emerton from 6:30pm to 9:00pm on Friday 14 November. The FaithFeed ECHO (TFF ECHO) is a vibrant, welcoming space that echoes the God of love working within, around us and among us. Whether you're in your 20s, 30s, 40s—or simply young at heart – you're most welcome. Details via https://tr.ee/XTJqW_InNz OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Blue Mountains Deanery Christ the King Eucharistic Procession: 23 November

The Blue Mountains Deanery will be commemorating the Solemnity of Christ the King with a Eucharistic Procession on Sunday 23 November in Springwood. The procession will start at 9.30am at St Columba's Catholic College, Springwood and go to St Thomas Aquinas Parish, where Mass will be celebrated at 10am. Morning tea will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Updates

◇ **HSC exams began on Thursday, 16 October.** Please remember to pray for our HSC students, their families, teachers and mentors.

◇ In **November**, all masses to be celebrated at St Oliver's will be offered for all those who have died, especially for those our parishioners have asked to be remembered. Special envelopes for November masses are available at the church foyer. The names of your departed loved ones will be entered in our parish's Book of Remembrance which will be placed in front of the altar during November. The names of the deceased will not be published in the bulletin in November.



◇ **Saturday evening Mass on 1 November is for All Souls' Day - that is, the usual Sunday Mass.**

◇ Thank you to all those parishioners who signed up to **volunteer to clean our church.** Thank you for giving up some of your time and effort to help with the upkeep of our church. *thank you*



Fr Paul would like to acknowledge all the donors of our raffle prizes, the helpers for baking— bread, cakes and biscuits, the volunteers and the organizing committee led by Event Coordinator, Jim Hanna. Please take your time to read the lists of helpers and donors posted around the church. Thank you to those who are still giving donations for the event.

Thank you, St Oliver Plunkett !

PARISH READING ROSTER NEXT WEEK: 8/9 November

Saturday 5:30 pm Gerard Pinto / Robert Aquino
Sunday 8:00 am Seini & Ipolito Lasalo

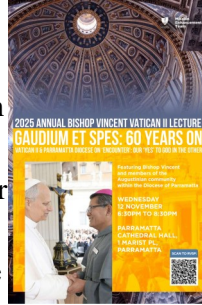
10:00 am Natasha & Kaitlyn Joseph

Diocesan Notices

Mass and prayers for Deceased Clergy: 12 November
The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Wednesday 12 November at 9:15am at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Rookwood Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ. We encourage each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests and deacons who have served in your own parish on the same day, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture: 12 November

How does Vatican II continue to inform the work of becoming a synodal church? To learn more, all are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 12 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road. Register for limited seating and share with others via <https://tr.ee/xzetr5kV1>- OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org



Grow your own veggies at Mamre House and Farm
Learn food-growing skills with farmer Joe at Catholic Care's Mamre House and Farm, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. These free workshops cover seeds, garden beds and pest management – and you'll take home your own plant. Workshops are held on Wednesday 19 November, 5pm–7pm or Saturday 22 November, 2pm–4pm. Register: tinyurl.com/mamre-house

Craft Market Greystanes

OLQP CAMILLERI HALL
198 OLD PROSPECT RD
GREYSTANES 2145

SATURDAY 15
NOVEMBER 2025
8AM - 2PM

COME & ENJOY THE ANNUAL CRAFT MARKET GREYSTANES
INCLUDING:
Devonshire Tea / Sausage Sizzle
Super Raffle

FIND THE PERFECT GIFT & BAG A BARGAIN ON:

Arts & Crafts/ Jewellery
Children's & Baby's Clothes
Christmas Decorations
Embroidered Items / Quilts
Crocheted Items / Candles
Bags / Edible Treats
And so much more!

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OUR LADY
QUEEN-PEACE

Parramatta Street Feast: 19 November

You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, a Festival of Welcome on 19 November 2025 from 11am–3pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Parramatta. It's a space for people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of community, solidarity and friendship, and to enjoy delicious food, free services, creative activities and great music! You can support the Street Feast as a volunteer, or share your talent by hosting an activity table. Find out more and express your interest at parracatholic.org/streetfeast



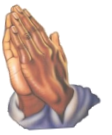
Our Community

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

Search for **St Oliver Plunkett's - Harris Park, NSW, Australia** and click Like



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

Deceased: Rev. Bishop Arnold Arowa | Conrad Courtney, Mick Ryan | Solomon Frangieh | Maxine Penney | John & Triponie Pasangha, Reggie & May Perumal, Rita Fernando, Clement Fernando, Quintus Fernando | Lattouf, Melan, Salah, Maroun families | Queenie & Nicholas Nicholas, Namtullah & Christine Coorey, Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey, Jabour & Doura Nicholas & family, Saidie & Joseph Coorey & family, Najia & Toufic Samyia, Vincent Budwee, 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, Melissa, 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: Joseph Romanos | For all those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time

Sick: Alex & Danjela | 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: Mr Charlemagne Hernani & Mrs Janine Jose | 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

2 Maccabees 12:42-45

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

Sacrifice for the dead.

Judas took a collection from them individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmae, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an altogether fine and noble action, in which he took full account of the resurrection. For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62:2-6,8-9

℟ For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. ℟

So, I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. ℟

So, I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. ℟

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings, I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. ℟

Second Reading

Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:39

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 7:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Young man, I say to you, to get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

