

St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

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9 November 2025 | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from
God, prepared like a bride adorned
for her husband.

Cf. Revelation 21:2

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Be built up like living stones, into a
spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

Cf. 1 Peter 2:5

Weekday Mass times

Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Administrator: Fr Paul Marshall

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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.

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17

Archbishop Desmond Tutu was a pivotal figure in South Africa's difficult transition from racist apartheid to an open and free society for all South African citizens. In his book **Forgiveness**, Archbishop Tutu offers this reflection on what he learned from his years working to bring justice and peace to his deeply broken country:

"There may indeed have been moments when God may have regretted creating us. But I am certain there have been many more times when God has looked and seen all these wonderful people who have shone in the dark night of evil and torture and abuses and suffering; shone as they have demonstrated their nobility of spirit, their magnanimity as they have been ready to forgive, and so they have dispelled the murkiness, and fresh air has blown into that situation to transfigure it. It has filled people with new hope that despair, darkness, anger and resentment and hatred would not have the last word. There is hope that a new situation could come about when enemies might become friends again, when the dehumanized perpetrator might be helped to recover his lost humanity. This is not a wild irresponsible dream. It has happened and it is happening and there is hope that nightmares will end, hope that seemingly intractable problems will find solutions and that God has some tremendous fellow-workers, some outstanding partners out there."

To be the light of such hope, to work to mend hearts and spirits that are broken, to be "partners" with God in the creation of his Kingdom, is the very definition of church. Our church is not the beauty or serenity of this place; our church is *us*: souls brought together in the Spirit of God to be about the work of our baptism. In "our" church, the love of God is always present, always healing, always restoring in the midst of our clumsiness, our selfishness, our brokenness; in "our" church, we experience the hope and the grace that God bears our crosses with us that enables us to the means of resurrection.

Today we celebrate the dedication of the Church of St. John Lateran, the cathedral church of the diocese of Rome and, as such, the mother church of every parish, including our own. As we mark this day, may we give thanks for our own church and parish community and renew our efforts to continue to make this a place to realise Desmond Tutu's vision of church: a church of *us*; a community that reflects the light of hope to this broken world; brothers and sisters called to *become* the Eucharist we receive at this table.

May your spirit of love and peace dwell within your church, O God. Make our church a family of support and generosity, of consolation and hope to all. Let this place be a house of prayer where all are welcomed, a school where we learn and practice your Gospel of justice and mercy, a workshop for ministries of charity and healing for all.

Fr John



Other News and Events

When it comes to formation, our seminarians are kicking goals



Seminarians of the Holy Spirit Seminary during the Inter-Seminary Soccer Tournament in Brisbane. Image: Supplied By Fr Paul Marshall, 4 November 2025, Catholic Outlook

The 2025 intake of seminarians

In April this year, we welcomed four new seminarians to Holy Spirit Seminary – Anthony Anning, Tam Thanh Nguyen, Van Hiep Nguyen (John) and Van Phu Dang (Anthony). Anthony Anning recently completed a degree in Melbourne and the latter three have joined us from Vianney College, Wagga Wagga.

Combined team claim “Golden Boot” at Inter-Seminary Soccer Tournament

On 11 October, our Holy Spirit Seminary participated in the inter-seminary soccer tournament at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane.

Combining with members of Vianney College, Wagga Wagga, our Parramatta seminarians competed against teams from Brisbane, the Archdiocese of Melbourne (Corpus Christi College), Archdiocese of Sydney (Good Shepherd Seminary) and the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Chester Hill.

With wins over both Brisbane and Melbourne, our seminarians were up against the depth and skills of a polished Good Shepherd team in the finals. Sydney took the overall trophy with their superior firepower.

Under the brilliant captaincy of Van Phu Dang (Anthony), we secured the coveted “Golden Boot Award” for the individual who kicked the most goals in the tournament. The award went to Anthony Anning with a tally of 5 goals.

Catholic Healthcare Christmas Fair: 14 November

Join Catholic Healthcare for a festive Christmas Fete at Bodington Wentworth Falls! We’re raising funds to help our residents tick off their bucket list wishes — every contribution makes a difference! Join us on 14 November from 4pm to 8pm at Bodington Drive (off Tableland Rd), Wentworth Falls. Enjoy local stalls, a silent art auction, face painting, and festive fun for all. Come celebrate community, joy, and the spirit of giving!

Plumpton Antioch Community 40th anniversary: 16 November

This year, Plumpton Antioch joyfully celebrates 40 years of witnessing faith, friendship and community with a celebration on Sunday 16 November from 3pm at Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Mass at 6pm, alongside fellowship, food, music and the rich traditions of Plumpton Antioch. Whether you were part of Plumpton Antioch in the past, are journeying with us today, or want to join the celebration – all are welcome. RSVP via the following form for catering purposes: <https://forms.gle/RpH8RSoStaDz81dCA>. For enquiries, contact Russell and Nicole Arayon on 0433 121 381 or 0416 329 924.

New 2026 Academic Scholarship Opportunity

Nagle College Blacktown is now offering a limited number of Academic Scholarships for Year 7 students commencing in 2026. These scholarships are intended to recognise exceptional academic promise and help make an excellent Catholic secondary girls’ education more accessible to families. Please review the eligibility criteria and application process on the school website as soon as possible. Learn more here: <https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au/nagle-scholarship>.

Parish Updates

- ◇ 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, **except for those recently deceased.**



- ◇ **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

- ◇ **Adoration & Benediction**
As our seven senior seminarians will be on Retreat this week, there will be no Adoration & Benediction this Sunday 5.00pm - 6.00pm.

Important Reminder for those who volunteered to clean our church: Please email the parish office using this address, harrisark@parracatholic.org, so you can receive the cleaning roster via email or if you do not have an email address, call/leave a message on 02 8863 8801. Thank you so much again for your help.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



PARISH READING ROSTER NEXT WEEK: 15/16 November

Saturday 5:30 pm Jackie Perumal / Siji Lino

Sunday 8:00 am Anthony Melham / Katherine Katrib

10:00 am

Carol Isaac / Nick Tagnipis

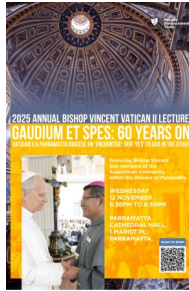
Diocesan Notices

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 (NOTE: CHANGE IN LOCATION)

How does Vatican II continue to inform the work of becoming a synodal church? Recently back from meeting Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Vincent will unpack his annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 12 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Register for limited seating and share with others via <https://tr.ee/xzetr5kVI>- OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org



Australian Catholic Historical Society Gathering: 16 November

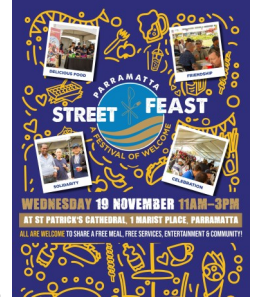
The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of St Patrick's, Church Hill on Sunday 16 November at 2pm. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be speaking on the 60th Anniversary of the Vatican II document Christus Dominus: on the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops. Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history and YouTube videos are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

Merrylands Parish International Food Festival: 15 November

All are welcome to attend the St Margaret Mary's Parish Merrylands International Food Festival on Saturday 15 November after the 6pm Vigil Mass. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children aged 5-17 years and includes a buffet dinner, drink and entertainment. All proceeds will go to the parish. For more information, contact the parish on (02) 9637 2526 or email merrylands@parracatholic.org.

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



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

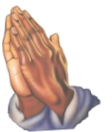
Our Community

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.



Deceased:

In November, the Church remembers all those who have died.
All Mass Intentions for the Deceased will be entered in the Book of Remembrance
Which will be placed in front of the altar
and will be offered for the whole month of November.

Recently Deceased: Kevin Abood (6 November 2025)

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: 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

First Reading

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

℟ The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. ℟

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. ℟

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. ℟

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

2Ch7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

