

# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

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### 5 April 2026 | Sunday of the Resurrection

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Cf. Psalm 138:18, 5-6

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

#### Weekday Mass times

There will be No Weekday Masses on 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> April, will resume on 14th April.

#### 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.

#### Gospel Reflection

##### From Desolation to Hope

Today's readings offer us a variety of approaches to the Easter mystery. They invite us to consider our own experience as a Gospel to be shared. We may know Easter faith as a slow journey from desolation to hope. It may be a vision of transformed reality that orients us to live each day from above. It can also be like Peter's simple response, "We knew it, saw it, and now must proclaim it."

There are many models, and ours will probably grow and change. What is essential is our response to the question: "What does it mean for us?"

When we read the resurrection Gospels objectively, we realize that the empty tomb didn't prove anything. Far from being a sign of hope, it was more like a doubling down on the disciples' depression. The only really good news in our readings is that the beloved disciple "saw and believed," but what exactly he believed remains unclear. At best, he believed that Jesus had returned to the Father, a situation that did little to address the bitter angst of the question Mary represented for all of them, "What happened to the Lord?" along with, "What does it mean for us?"

The readings for Easter Sunday seem to be a letdown from the no-holds-barred celebration of the Vigil that took us from creation through Christ's resurrection, punctuated with the new fire, bells and all those alleluias. On Easter morning the church takes a step back to say, "Now we need to think about all of this and integrate what it means." That's the process we'll be involved in for the next 50 days.

As we pray for a greater realisation of the Resurrection in our lives...those glimpses we get of the love and beauty and goodness in our daily lives...those sights and sounds that give us hope and encouragement as we make our journey back to our true home, the open sea of God's mercy and love.

- *Have you ever witnessed new life emerging from apparently death-like circumstances?*
- *Or have you ever seen or experienced goodness being born from apparent evil?*
- *What gives you courage to go on when your life is being turned upside down?*

On behalf of Fr Paul, our seminarians and myself, may we offer to each of you our gratitude for the contribution all of you made to our celebration of the these past three days and we pray that the richness of joy and experience of life anew that Easter brings and promises may be realised in the hearts of you all, your families and loved ones.

A Happy and Holy Easter to you all.

- Fr John Frauenfelder



## Other News and Events



**Easter Sunday**  
4 – 5 April 2026

**Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!**

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**Or online at:** [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

**Bishop Vincent presents Archbishop Ryan Jimenez: 21 April**  
Archbishop Ryan Jimenez, Archbishop of Agana in Guam and President of the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific is the first guest speaker for this year's Bishop Vincent Presents series. Join us at 6pm on Tuesday 21 April in Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, for an evening with Archbishop Jimenez as he reflects on the theme "An Immigrant Bishop for an Immigrant Church." To register, please visit [parracatholic.org/jimenez](http://parracatholic.org/jimenez)

## Fr Paul's Corner

*To all our parishioners*

*Please note in your calendars the following dates for the **Ordination to the Diaconate** of three of our seminarians.*

- *Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> of April, at 6:00 pm, **Luke Huynh**  
Holy Trinity Church, Cnr Randle St and 47 Bennalong St, Granville*
- *Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> of April, at 6:00 pm, **Paul Tran**  
St Nicholas of Myra Church, 326 High St, Penrith*
- *Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> of April, at 6:00 pm, **Jeff Hood**  
St John XXIII Church, 160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens*



(In photo: Macky, Paul, JV, Luke, Jeff)

## Parish News & Updates



The latest **Catholic Outlook** magazine is **out now**, keeping you connected with news and events across the Diocese of Parramatta. Inside this edition, you'll find:

- Bishop Vincent's Easter message
- Celebrating the Special Year of St Francis in our Diocese
- A parish profile featuring the oldest church in mainland Australia
- Looking back at our first 40 years as a Diocese
- Reflections on Lent and the peace Christ teaches us ... and much more. Visit your local parish to pick up a copy or read Catholic Outlook online.



### **SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH:**

In our Parish of St. Oliver's, we aim to promote child safety in what we say and do. The Diocese of Parramatta's Statement of Commitment to Safeguarding outlines our commitment to being a community of safeguarding that actively promotes the dignity and rights of children and of all other persons, particularly those who may be at risk.

Clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers are all required to undertake Safeguarding training and to follow the Diocesan Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policy. Most of our parishes have a Safeguarding Champion who co-ordinates the Safeguarding training of parish volunteers. Our Safeguarding person is Milly and the parish office team.

*Fr Paul*



### **PARISH READING ROSTER : 11/12 April 2026**

Saturday 5:30 pm Kristine Alba / Jim Hanna

Sunday 8:00 am Seini & Ipolito Lasalo

10:00 am Natasha & Kaitlyn Joseph

## Diocesan Notices

### Winbourne Retreat Centre Labyrinth Reflection Day: 15 April

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a Labyrinth reflection day on Wednesday 15 April from 10am to 3pm. Focussing on “finding peace despite turmoil”, the retreat will be a mainly quiet reflection day with an introduction to labyrinth walking for those who are unfamiliar. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email [info@winbourne.org](mailto:info@winbourne.org).

### A conversation with the Sisters of Saint Joseph on Homelessness: 23 April

In partnership with the Sisters of Saint Joseph, join us for an hour-long conversation on zoom at 5.00pm on Thursday 23 April to raise some possible responses to the urging of the 2025 Bishops' Statement: Signs of Hope on the Edge. If you would like to participate in this conversation, please register by Wednesday 1 April: <https://parracatholic.org/events/online-conversation-homelessness/>

### Be The Witness: Casting, Chorus and September Performances Announced

**Be The Witness** – The Musical, endorsed by Bishop Vincent, is progressing strongly. Acclaimed local theatre director Jon-Claire Lee has been appointed, rehearsals are underway with a 60-member chorus, and performances are confirmed at Riverside Theatres, 10–16 September 2026, including school matinees on 15–16 September. Casting Call for lead roles, Choreographer call and Marketing, Social Media volunteer opportunities are now open. Email [twysydau@gmail.com](mailto:twysydau@gmail.com) or register [@bethewitness.com.au](mailto:@bethewitness.com.au)

### Rosary Workshops in May

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The evening will be held on the following days: Tuesday 5th May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7pm. Wednesday 20th May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7pm Cost: \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit [parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops](http://parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops) or [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

### Yard Maintenance role Wanted for House of Welcome Volunteer role

House of Welcome is seeking a volunteer for general yard maintenance (lawn mowing, whipper snipper, weeding, pruning) in South Granville on a weekly basis. House of Welcome provides personalised support for people seeking asylum and refugees. Through transitional housing, trauma-informed casework, employment assistance, emergency support, and advocacy, we meet essential needs and empower our clients to rebuild their lives. For further information: Jacqui Clark: [J.clark@houseofwelcome.org.au](mailto:J.clark@houseofwelcome.org.au)

### Music Workshop ‘Exploring Music for the Solemnities’: 5 May

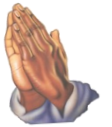
Musicians throughout the Parramatta Diocese and beyond are invited to attend this workshop led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. On Tuesday 5 May to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, the workshop will outline suggested hymns and explore music new and old for the many Solemnities and Feasts that occur in the period of Eastertide. Please RSVP by 1 May via <https://parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-exploring-music-for-the-solemnities>. For enquiries, please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

## Our Community

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES on 6-10 APRIL, after Easter Sunday. Weekday masses will resume the following week on 14<sup>th</sup> April.**



*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:** Morfeo Sumiran | Timothy Brown | All those who died recently, especially those who used to be part of this parish community as parishioners or relations of our parishioners

**Deceased:** Bishop Arnold Arowa, Andrew Allen Pitaia | Raymond, Etour & Joe Romanos | Joe & Clare Boulous, Isaac & Ruby Moses | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun, Frank & Ray Malkoun, Romanos Malkoun & Samiha Frome | Queenie & Nicholas Nicholas, Namtullah & Christine Coorey, Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey, Jeanette & Veronica Coorey, Jabour & Doura Nicholas & family, Saidie & Joseph Coorey & family, Najia & Toufic Samyia, Vincent Budwee, John Doumit, All deceased members of the Nicholas, Coorey, Budwee & Norman families | Artemio, Abraham, Augustus, Rebecca & Tranquilina Patacsil; Yolanda & Donald Muir; Rachael Sumagui, Melissa, Rebecca & Petronillo Llanillo | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Pamela Romanos | Evelyn Betros | Tony, Kevin & 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:** Joan Wright | For all those souls whose anniversaries occur about this time

**Sick:** Antonio Pires | 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:** Sidney Lavyo Imbun | Cristina Yara Pipi | Melhem Family | John Joaquin, Agnes, Napoleon, Manuel, Virginia & Jorge Patacsil & his families; Elizabeth, Michael & Maryrose Perez; Erwin Ayuste | Wap-Hill, Sidney, Kimberley, Richard | 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 [harrispar@parracatholic.org](mailto:harrispar@parracatholic.org). For mass offerings or special intentions, you may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.*

# Mass Readings

## First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand.

Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R.** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

## Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

### *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 20:1-9

### *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## The Gospel of the Lord.

