

St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

Harris park



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24 May 2026 | Pentecost Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

Romans 5:5; Cf. 8:11

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Vigil Mass)

On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.

John 7:37

(Day Mass)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Acts 2:4,11

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.

Gospel Reflection

Pentecost



We human beings do not see things as they are; we see things as we are, and we have an unfortunate tendency to create God in our own image. The Holy Spirit calls for a radical decentering of our own selves. Greed, war, acquisition of wealth and territory are symptomatic of hearts and minds turned in on themselves. We are seeing in Pope Leo one who

embraces the life of Pentecost inspired by the Holy Spirit. He has a gift of Peace-making: courageously, he takes on the super-powers and is unafraid to challenge them. As an American, he was invited to go to the USA to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the 13 American colonies separating from Great Britain in 1776. Pope Leo offered his apology and, instead, on the 4th July, Pope Leo is travelling to the island of Lampedusa in the Mediterranean to put the spotlight on a displaced world where refugees are fleeing conflict and hostility.

Pentecost shifts the focus of preferencing ourselves, and our own interests, in favour of another centre-and that centre is the centre of Love. Our small, myopic agendas have nullified the love and grace which God would hope for us. What might a new and re-ordered covenant of love look like? A small story for a conflicted world:

The Angel with the Torch and the Bucket

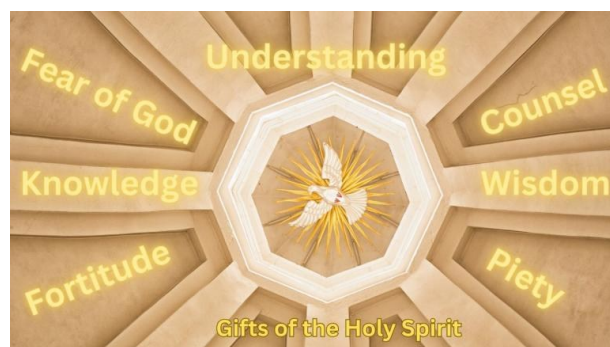
An angel was walking down the streets of the world carrying a flaming torch in one hand and a bucket of water in the other. A woman asked the angel, "What are you doing with that torch and bucket?"

The angel replied, "With the torch I am burning down the mansions of heaven, and with the bucket I am putting out the fires of hell. This is the only way we will ever know who really loves God."

Water and fire are symbols of the Spirit that cut through the idols we set up in life. The Spirit of Pentecost breaks us out of the reward-punishment frame. "It is too small and self-serving. It makes the God of the ever-evolving and expanding universe seem equally small and petty, and it has already shown itself to create far too many small, petty, largely competitive, and happily vengeful humans."

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Fr. Paul



Other News and Events

Attendance counts at all Masses over the first four weekends in May

The National Count of Attendance for 2026 will take place over the first four weekends of May, commencing on the weekend of 2–3 May 2026. This important initiative provides valuable data to support pastoral planning and resource allocation across our Diocese and the wider Church.

Pro-life rally outside NSW parliament: 2 June

A pro-life rally is to be held outside NSW Parliament House at 6pm on June 2nd in support of a bill banning the practice of sex-selective abortion. A show of significant numbers will greatly help this cause as we advocate for the protection of all unborn children and particularly our baby girls who are especially vulnerable. They have no voice but ours. Please do all you can to attend and bring others with you. This will be a family friendly event. More information can be found at: <https://www.drjoannahowe.com.au/sydneyrallyforlife2026>

Tim Fischer Oration 2026: 17 June

The third Tim Fischer Oration for Ethics in Public and Political Life will be held on Wednesday 17 June, 6:00–8:00pm at Rosehill Gardens, NSW. Dr Mary Healy will present Citizens of the Kingdom in a Secular Age. Parishioners are encouraged to sponsor Years 11–12 students. Register at tfo.org.au.

Holy Hour for Vocations at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills: 2 July

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. An hour with Jesus in prayer and adoration followed by a fellowship at 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Seven Hills. All are warmly welcome.

Fr Paul's Corner

Upcoming Feast Days:



Sunday 24 May – Pentecost Sunday

Monday 25 May - Our Lady, Help of Christians

Tuesday 26 May - Saint Philip Neri

Wednesday 27 May - Saint Augustine of Canterbury

Sunday 31 May – Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

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 News & Updates

School / Parish Toilets Renovations

Beginning early next month (June), major renovations are planned for the school toilets. The car park will still be accessible for parking at weekend masses but there will be trucks, construction and temporary toilets located in the car park facing Wigram Street. It is anticipated that the scope of works would extend from 4th June to mid-July 2026.

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession: 4 June

This year, for the Feast of Corpus Christi the Diocese of Parramatta and the Maronite Eparchy are coming together for a vibrant Eucharistic Procession from Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral to St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 4 June at 6pm. If you would like to get involved or learn more information about the event, contact Fr Tom Green, Assistant Parish Priest at Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

Who needs to be counted for the attendance count?

Everyone who is present at the Mass or other assembly: all the adults including archbishops, bishops, priests, deacons and any other celebrants, all the children and all the babies. Don't forget to include the altar servers and anyone distributing communion.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for May 2026

There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout May at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Positions Vacant:

Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park

Parish Secretary – St Monica's Catholic Church, Richmond

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

National Count of Attendance for 2026

Our parish need volunteers to assist with the actual head count at each mass time over the next four weekends in May. Please let us know if you can assist.

PARISH READING ROSTER : 30/31 May 2026

Saturday 5:30 pm Gerard Pinto / Robert Aquino

Sunday 8:00 am Anne Haddad / Victoria Micalizzi

10:00 am

Carol Isaac / Nick Tagnipis

Diocesan Notices

CCR Parramatta Diocese and The Emmaus Prayer Community
Invites You to Come & Celebrate Pentecost

The POWER OF PENTECOST

Holy Mass at 2pm celebrated by Rev Fr Ambrose Owusu-Ansah (Chaplain CCR Parramatta Diocese)

Speaker Abraham George (The Gospel of Love Community)

Praise & Worship, Prayer Ministry, Talk & Fellowship

Come and Receive the Power

**SUNDAY, 24 MAY 2026
2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**



Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church
198 Old Prospect Road, GREYSTANES


All Welcome Free Event

Enquiries: Desiree - 0478 765 772
Amila - 0424 445 397

Or use following link to register
www.trybooking.com/DLWRE

Scan to Register




Diocese's GOOD WORKS APPEAL

HELP OUR SEMINARIANS ANSWER GOD'S CALL AND SUPPORT THE FUTURE PRIESTS OF OUR CHURCH.

Diocese of Parramatta

Bishop's Good Works Appeal
Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.



7-10 July 2026

WINTER PROGRAM

A four-day residential program to experience uni life at Campion College – sample lectures, conversations with current students, shared meals, and time to connect with like-minded peers.

Learn more and register: www.campion.edu.au/events





CAMPION COLLEGE AUSTRALIA

Relics of St Anthony of Padua in the Diocese of Parramatta: 6 & 7 June

The relics of St Anthony of Padua will be in two parishes on 6 and 7 June 2026. Details below:

SATURDAY, 6 JUNE: Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kellyville, Fr Christopher Shorrocks OFM Conv PP
9:30am Mass followed by Devotions. 4:00pm First Holy Communion followed by Devotions. 6:00pm Vigil Mass followed by Devotions.

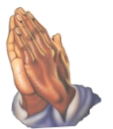
SUNDAY, 7 JUNE: St Padre Pio Church Glenmore Park Fr Johnson Malayil Joseph CRS PP
7:30am Devotions. 8:00am Mass. 8:45 – 9:45am Devotions. 10:00am Mass followed by Corpus Christi Procession. 11:30am – 4:00pm Devotions.

Our Community

Thank you for your generosity. FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation. SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish.



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: Rafael T. Paquia | Roberto Mamaril | Johnson Anthony | All those who died recently, especially those who used to be part of this parish community as parishioners or relations of our parishioners

Deceased: Michael Francis Ryan | Tonnie Soeterbroek, Fons Bazelmans | Clare Margaret Hastie | 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, Petronillo & Rebecca 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: Samuel Diaz | For all those souls whose anniversaries occur around this time

Sick: Marcia Clayburn, Roseline & Craig Meyn | 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 | 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. For mass offerings or special intentions, you may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.

Mass Readings

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language.

They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34

℟ Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. ℟

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. ℟

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. ℟

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all

baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven:
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

