

St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

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28 June 2026 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Psalm 46:2

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Cf. Psalm 102:1

Weekday Mass times

There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES** beginning 29th June. They will re-commence on Tuesday 21st July.

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

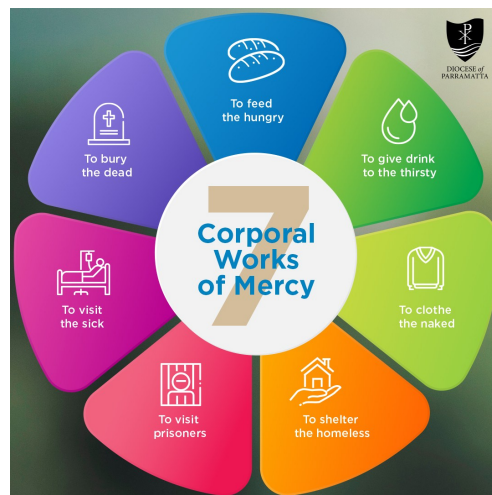
13th Sunday in Yr. A 28th June 2026

Introduction: The common theme of today's readings is the witnessing mission given to Christ's followers to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment in humble service, and the practice of corporal and spiritual works (acts) of mercy (charity). The readings also remind us of the sacrifice demanded of Jesus' disciples and the suffering they will endure for their Faith when they bear witness to Jesus.

Eleven times in the New Testament, Jesus either assumes or receives the hospitality of others for his daily care and lodging. How else do you think he survived? Furthermore, hospitality is assumed by Jesus in the sending forth of the apostles ("He who receives you, receives me," Mt 10:40). And the early Church would never have made it, had it not "practiced hospitality" as Paul mandated in Rom 12. Traveling missionaries stayed in homes ... conducted worship in homes ... served the Sacrament in homes ... and took up collections for those engaged in the work of the Gospel in homes. In the first two centuries of the Church's existence, any talk about "the house of God" literally meant a house ... somebody's house ... where the people of God gathered and where the servants of God bunked (while passing through). -- "What happened to hospitality?" people cry. Well, what happened to hospitality was insecurity. When people no longer felt safe, they buttoned things up. They installed locks, buzzers, cameras, gatehouses and tall hedges ... along with any number of things that controlled access. They became "selectively social," given that you never knew who might be out there. But "security" was not the only issue that privatized hospitality, turning "welcome" into a highly selective verb. Privacy also entered in. People began to define their space more carefully ... setting limits ... establishing perimeters, all of which is understandable, maybe even laudable. But much of this runs counter to the spirit of Scripture whose mandate was especially appropriate to "nomadic life," when people moved around a lot, but where public inns were a rarity. Fr. Tony (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

Life message: We need to be hospitable and generous: Hospitality means acknowledging the presence of God in others and serving Him in them, especially those in whom we least expect to find Him. We, as individuals and as a community, are to look for opportunities to be hospitable--and, of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality. Maybe hospitality is offered through a kind word to a stranger - or even a smile. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day. We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is more important than the sending of donations for charitable causes is the giving of ourselves to people, primarily in the way we think about them, for from that spring will flow the ways we speak to them and about them, forgive their failings, encourage them, show them respect, console them, and offer them help. Such generosity reflects warmth radiating from the very love of God. (Fr. Tony Kadavil)

Fr. Paul



Other News and Events

Discernment retreat for women by The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth: 4 July

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite women 18-35 for one day discernment retreat on Saturday, 4 July 2026, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. The retreat offers Mass, adoration, inspiring talks, small group sharing, and quiet reflection time. Bring your questions, your hopes, and an open heart as we listen to God together. Cost is free.

Music Workshop on The Importance of Copyright: 21 July

Copyright can be tricky to navigate. Come on 23rd June or 21st July to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre and learn all about your requirements for reporting music used at Mass, the different types of copyright licensing available, and much more. This workshop will be led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. Be sure to bring along any questions you might have. Register parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship

Bethany Pilgrimage for Women: 29 August

The theme for 2026 is "Totus Tuus" ("Totally Yours"). There will be a decade of the rosary, reflection and personal prayer at each church. Adoration and Confession will be available at times also. This event is perfect for active women who would like to spend a day in prayer whilst pushing themselves physically in order to pray for themselves or family. Water, snacks and light lunch provided. Registration is essential \$20 www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1569560 For more info call Victoria on 0494173359 or email bethanypilgrimage@gmail.com

Fr Paul's Corner

Is our Safeguarding up-to-date?



All clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to be current and complete their Safeguarding Training every 2 years. This is different to a Working with Children Check (WWCC).

- If you are new to ministry or have not yet completed any Safeguarding training, you need to complete the Introductory Modules 1 to 3 (Cycle 1)
- If you completed Modules 1-3 in 2024 or earlier, you are now due to complete Modules 4&5 (Cycle 2)
- If you completed Modules 4&5 in 2024 or earlier, you are now due to complete the Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)

Safeguarding Training Modules can be completed online at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

We had a safeguarding face-to-face training on Saturday 9th May for Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1), at Harris Park, but another face-to-face Mandatory Training will be available on the 19th September for Modules 4&5 (Cycle 2) at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish at Greystanes. To enrol - contact OLQP Parish Office at Greystanes at parishoffice@olqp.org.au or phone: 9631 8135

Fr Paul

Parish News & Updates

In Remembrance of Paul Bazelmans

Please remember our parishioner Paul Bazelmans who passed away on the 11th June. He was a communally-minded family man and a gifted sheet metal worker who contributed to our local area and had a great curiosity for 'how things work'-including a curiosity and love for our faith. Please remember in your prayers his widow, Mary and daughter, Lara, and son, Adriaan.

Fr Paul



Fr Paul's message:

NO WEEKDAY MASSES- JUNE-JULY

While the seminarians are on their mid-year break, there will be no weekday Masses at St. Oliver's. There will be no WEEKDAY MASSES beginning 29th June until the 21st July. However, WEEKEND Masses will be as usual on the 4th and 5th July, 11th and 12th July, and 18th and 19th July. The last weekday Mass will be on Friday 26th June and will re-commence on Tuesday 21st July. There will also be no Holy Hour Devotions on the Fridays and Sundays during



ANNUAL ST OLIVER'S BAKE DAY - SUNDAY 5 JULY

Join us from 7:30am to midday on Sunday 5 July for the annual St Oliver's Bake Day in the school playground.

Our wonderful volunteers will be baking delicious **spinach pies, cheese pies and zaa'tar manouches** all morning and there will be **home-made cakes, biscuits and drinks** for sale. This year, we will also be selling **'saj' bread** for the first time.

This is always a joyous day as the parish community comes together. All proceeds will help support our parish works.

We welcome your donations of cakes, biscuits, slices, etc. Please bring them in a clear container with ingredients clearly labelled.

- Jim Hanna



PARISH READING ROSTER : 4/5 July 2026

Saturday 5:30 pm Kristine Alba / Jim Hanna

Sunday 8:00 am Seini & Ipolito Lasalo

10:00 am

Carol Isaac / Nick Tagnipis

Diocesan Notices

Eucharist28 Update – Hearts Set Ablaze!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org



MET Natural Fertility Seminar – Introductory Session for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 8 July

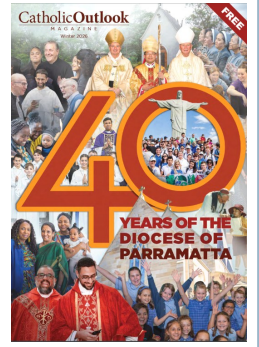
Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy www.fccau.org on Wednesday 8 July 7-8pm via Teams (online). This session is of particular interest to couples that are trying to conceive a child where they may have infertility issues and are seeking medical intervention to help them. To register visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

Position Vacant:

Parish Secretary – St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Catholic Outlook magazine out now

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: Celebrating 40 years as a Diocese, Catholic entrepreneurs providing hospitality and welcome, Giving thanks for our new Deacons, Hospitality in our Parishes ... and much more. Pick up a copy at your local parish or read online at catholicoutlook.org/e-edition parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit & Seminar at St Patrick's Cathedral until 28 June

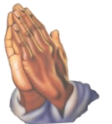
Out of love for the Eucharist, St Carlo Acutis created a website that compiled the details of every recorded Eucharistic miracle. These miracles are moments of extraordinary grace, where Christ's real presence in the Sacred Host is manifested in some physical way. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition has since been made available for display in parishes throughout the world where people are able to spend time learning about these extraordinary events as a community of faith. Throughout this year, the Diocese of Parramatta is displaying the Exhibition at various parishes for people to come and see. St Patrick's Cathedral will be the first host parish from Sunday 14th to Sunday 28th June in the Cloister Hall. Guest Speaker: Fr Gerard Kelly, Biblical Roots of the Eucharist | Saturday 27 June at 4pm in the Cloister Hall.

Our Community

There will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES beginning 29th June. They will re-commence on Tuesday, 21st July. There will also be no Holy Hour Devotions on the Fridays and Sundays during this period.



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: Rita Ippolito | Paul Bazelmans | Peirina Tigga | 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 Spires | John & Tripony Pasangha, Reggie & May Perumal, Joe & Fatima Corera, Daphne Perumal, Xavre & Clara Fernando | Tonnie Soeterbroek, Fons Bazelmans | 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, Jabour & Doura Nicholas & family, Saidie & Joseph Coorey & family, Najia & Toufic Samyia, All deceased members of the Nicholas, Budwee & Norman families, Maurice Farhart, Bedwani Moussa | 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: Charlie Charbel Isaac | Carmelita Peralta | Lucy Ponce De Leon | For all those souls whose anniversaries occur around this time

Sick: Ramon Tagnipis | Agnes Patacsil | 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

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 88:2-3, 16-19

℟ Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. ℟

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. ℟

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. ℟

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

