

St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

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7 June 2026 | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from
the rock.

Cf. Psalm 80:17

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks
my blood remains in me and I in
him, says the Lord.

John 6:57

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

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

The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST

A crucial experience



It is quite natural that the celebration of the Mass has kept on changing through the centuries. Theologians and liturgists have been highlighting some aspects and downplaying others, depending on the age in which they were living. The Mass has provided a framework for the celebrations of coronations of kings and popes, as well as to render homage or commemorate war victories. Musicians have turned it into a concert. People have integrated it into their devotions and religious customs.

After twenty centuries it may be necessary to remember

some of the essential features of the Last Supper of the Lord, exactly as it was remembered and lived by the first generation of Christians.

At the basis of this supper there is something that will never be forgotten: his followers will never be left orphans. The death of Jesus will never be able to sever their communion with him. No one should feel the void of his absence. His disciples will not be left alone at the mercy of historical avatars. At the centre of every Christian community that celebrates the Eucharist is Christ, active and alive. Here lies the secret of its power.

The faith of his followers is nourished by him. It is not enough to be present at Mass. The disciples are invited to "eat". To nourish our attachment to Christ, we need to gather together to listen to his words and to let them enter our hearts, and come forward to "communicate" with him, identifying ourselves with the way he lived. No other experience can bring us more solid nourishment. We must not forget that to "communicate" with Jesus is to "communicate" with someone who has lived and died, "given" totally for others. Jesus emphasizes this. His body is a "body given" and his blood is "blood shed" for the salvation of all. It is a contradiction to "communicate" with Jesus and to egotistically resist involving ourselves with anything except our own interests.

There is nothing as central and crucial for the followers of Jesus as the celebration of this supper of the Lord. That is why we should take great care in its celebration. Properly celebrated, the Eucharist moulds us, keeps uniting us with Christ, nourishes us with his life, keeps us in close touch with the Gospels, invites us to live in a spirit of fraternal service, and keeps alive in us the hope of a final reunion with him.

**As you give to us, O God, may we give to one another.
May our humble acts of compassion, generosity and forgiveness
become visible signs of your invisible grace.
As Christ takes, blesses, breaks and gives his body
to us in the Eucharist,
may we take, bless, and give from our own need
to become Eucharist for others.**

Fr. John

People gathered for the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at the St Anthony of Padua Chapel. Image: Alphonsus Fok/Diocese of Parramatta.



Other News and Events

Christian Unity Ecumenical Concert

One Sydney-Together in Christ is a groundbreaking ecumenical gathering that brings together believers from more than 55 denominations at the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall on Sunday, 14th June 2026 for two performances at @.00pm (Matinee) and 7.00pm (Evening). Website and Bookings: www.onesydney.org

Stand Up – CHARIS Australia National Conference 2026: 11-13 June

Join Catholics from across Australia for a powerful weekend of renewal in the Holy Spirit and discovering your charisms. Featuring Dr Mary Healy, Bishop Tony Percy, Fr Chris Ryan MGL, Dr Katherine Ruonala and more. 11–13 June 2026 Servants of Jesus Community, 15 Park Rd, Seven Hills NSW For details/register: <https://www.charisaustralia.org.au/2026-national-conference>

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.

Australian National University survey: Worldviews and ways of life in Australia

ANU researchers are exploring how perceptions and ways of thinking (i.e. worldviews) relate to experiences and ways of living (i.e. participation and inclusion) in Australia. Ensure your community's representation in this meaningful research: Complete the survey (https://anu.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Ao5q9gu3ysrbVQ) and forward on.

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

City to Surf -Sunday 9th August

The Active4Vocations City2Surf Team, supporting our **Holy Spirit Seminary**, is up and training. Now is the time for you to get up and running too-whether you choose to walk, stroll, jog or run! For registration, please click on <https://tinyurl.com/city2surf-2026-join>

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.

Positions Vacant:

Housekeeper Supervisor – **Holy Spirit Seminary**, Harris Park
Parish Secretary – St Monica's Catholic Church, Richmond
More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

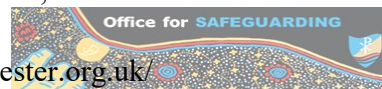
Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

From: <https://parishofrochester.org.uk/>



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 this period.

PARISH READING ROSTER : 13/14 June 2026

Saturday 5:30 pm Kristine Alba / Jim Hanna

Sunday 8:00 am Anthony Melham / Katherine Katrib

10:00 am

Carol Isaac / Nick Tagnipis

Diocesan Notices

Feast of Corpus Christi Parish Celebration & Eucharistic Celebration: 7 June

This special celebration at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook will include Holy Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, parish fellowship, music, and community celebrations as we come together to honour the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Parishioners from across the Diocese are warmly invited to join us for this significant feast day and a joyful witness of faith and unity within our diocesan community.

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



Safe Parishes Week 2026: 1-7 June

This week, the Diocese of Parramatta celebrates Safe Parishes Week. We have been celebrating Safe Parishes Week over the past 5 years. The Office for Safeguarding Parramatta would like to thank the Clergy, Parish Office staff, Safeguarding Champions and all volunteers in ministry who have worked to embed safe practices across each Parish.

The work that has been done over the past five years has prepared us well for the upcoming Safeguarding Audit. Please keep all Parishes in your prayers as they make preparations to showcase 'The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding'.

Acknowledgement and Recognition of Survivors of Abuse

The Diocese of Parramatta offers its unreserved and deepest apologies to survivors of abuse and their families. In all our works, ministries and activities, we respond to the call of the Gospel to protect those who are vulnerable. We are committed to ensuring all children and adults are safe, respected, protected and supported whilst in our care.

Bishop Vincent's Statement of Commitment

<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/statement-of-commitment/>

The Parramatta Way:

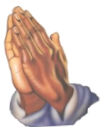
<https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/The-Parramatta-Way.pdf>

Our Community

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

Deceased: 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, Namtallah & 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: Carmelita Peralta | Lucy Ponce De Leon | For all those souls whose anniversaries occur around this time

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 | 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

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20

℟ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. ℟

He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. ℟

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. ℟

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

