

St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

Harris park



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12 July 2026 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold
your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your
glory.

Cf Psalm 16:15

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my
King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your
house,
for ever singing your praise.

Cf. Psalm 83:4-5

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable of the Sower

Matthew 13: 1-23

"As seen on TV . . ."

A primary school teacher asked her students to write an essay about what they would like to be. At home that evening, while grading the essays, the teacher read one student's essay that made her start to cry.

Her husband walked in just at that moment. "What's wrong, dear?"

"Read this. It's one of my students' essays."

The husband sat down and read:

"I would like to be a television set. I want to take its place and live like the TV in my house. I would have my own special place and have my family around me. They would take me seriously when I talk. I would be the centre of attention and people would listen to me without interruption or questions.

"I want to get the same special care the TV set receives even when it is not working. I would have the company of my dad when he arrives home from work, even when he is tired. And I want my mum to want me when she is sad and upset instead of ignoring me. And I want my brothers and sisters to fight to be with me.

"I want my family to put everything aside, every now and then, just to spend some time with me. And last, but not least, I want them all to be happy and entertain them. I just want to live like a TV."

The husband looked up. "That poor kid. What horrible parents!"

The wife looked at him and said, "That essay is our son's."

This mum and dad discover to their dismay that the love and relationship they are trying to nurture in their home is being "choked" by the "thorns" of so many hours in front of the TV and "withering" by a lack of attention or care for one another.

Christ calls us to model the Sower of today's Gospel within our own homes and households: to sow seeds of encouragement, joy and reconciliation in the "earth" of our own "gardens" and doing the patient work of realising the harvest God has promised, to trust and believe that our simplest acts of kindness and forgiveness, our humblest offers of help and affirmation may be the "seed" that re-creates and transforms our homes and hearts.

Fr. John



Other News and Events

Celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop: Saturday 8 August

Join the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Saturday 8 August. Make a pilgrimage to Mary's tomb, spend time in prayer in the Chapel, and celebrate the Eucharist with us at one of our Feast Day Masses:

8:00am & 6:00pm – Chapel

10:00am & 1:00pm – Glen Roy Green (outdoors)

The 10:00am and 1:00pm Masses will be AusLan interpreted, and the 10:00am Mass will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

Other ways to celebrate Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop's Feast:

Walk with Mary in Hope and Wonder – Online Novena

30 July – 7 August | 7:30–8:00pm (AEST) | Via Zoom

Wherever you are, you're invited to make an online pilgrimage through Mary's life. Across nine evenings, we'll journey through the significant moments that shaped her faith, courage, and hope, discovering how her story can inspire our own pilgrimage of life. Whether you're joining from interstate, overseas, or simply unable to travel, all are warmly welcome! Join us on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92816949299>

Prayer & Adoration – Holy Hour for Young People

Before the 6:00pm Feast Day Mass, join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4:30 - 5:45pm. Take time to step away from the busyness of life and rest in prayer, silence, and the presence of Christ.

For the full Feast Day program, information and more, visit www.marymackillopplace.org.au or contact ministries@mmp.org.au.

St John XXIII Parish Mass & Blessing of foundation stones of parish hall and offices: 19 July

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join us for the laying of the Foundation Stone for the new Parish Hall and Offices, to be blessed and laid by Bishop Vincent Long. Date: Sunday 19 July 2026. Time: Following the 10.30am Mass. Location: St John XXIII Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens. This significant milestone marks an important step in the growth and future of our parish community.

Fr Paul's Corner

A heartfelt thank you for uniting against poverty

Thank you so much to you and the entire Harris Park Catholic Parish community for being a part of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2026.

This Lent, your parish has stood hand in hand with thousands of others across the country to raise a phenomenal \$10.26 million and counting in support of vulnerable communities around the world. We couldn't be more grateful to you for choosing to Unite Against Poverty with us and helping to create a brighter, more just future.

As a token of our deep appreciation for your incredible efforts, please find your Certificate of Appreciation attached. ... We hope this serves as a reminder of the amazing impact that Harris Park Catholic Parish has helped to create.

Thank you so much once again for standing alongside us this Lent.

Caritas Australia



Parish News & Updates



The amazing wonderful women volunteers in action, working happily and tirelessly.

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) Fundraising

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets on 25/26 weekend, along with some merchandise items. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets – with ten prizes. There will be pancakes for sale: 2 for \$5.



Thank you all for your support for our Annual St Oliver's Bake Day last Sunday 5 July

St Oliver Plunkett, Pray for us!

Thank you EVERYBODY for making our celebration of St Oliver Plunkett's feast such a resounding success this year.

From the wonderful volunteer women who worked since Saturday evening preparing food and then backing up from 6am on Sunday to set up and cook the delicious manouches, spinach pies and saj bread. To our dedicated sellers who stood all morning serving hundreds... to the generous people who donated cakes and other sweets for sale... to those who couldn't be there but sent cash donations... and of course the fabulous St Oliver's parish community who turned out in droves to enjoy food made with love.

Together we raised \$7,500 to help fund our parish and its important work. But it's not just about the money. It's about our community coming together to support our parish and share each other's company in St Oliver's name.



– Jim Hanna

PARISH READING ROSTER : 18/19 July 2026

Saturday 5:30 pm Jim Hanna / Siji Devasia

Sunday 8:00 am Emelia & Judith Buehler

10:00 am

Patricia Armao / Natasha Joseph

Diocesan Notices

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>

From stories to solidarity – A table talk on Homelessness: 9 August

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, connection and community as we explore how relationships can inspire meaningful action on housing insecurity and homelessness. What is the call to us as members of the Diocese of Parramatta? What strategies can we put in place? What to Expect: Light refreshments, Table conversations in mixed groups, Practical action we can take together. All are welcome! Please register at <https://parracatholic.org/events/pje-table-talk-homelessness/>

Positions Vacant:

Parish Secretary – St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta
Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park
Sacramental Coordinator – St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith
More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Annual African Mass 2026: 27 September

The African Catholic communities of the Diocese of Parramatta, in collaboration with the Diocesan Office for Migrant Chaplaincies and the Nigerian and Ghanaian Chaplaincies, warmly invite you to the African Mass 2026. Join us on Sunday 27 September from 1pm–5pm at Mary Queen of the Family Parish (St Patrick’s Church), 51–59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, for a vibrant celebration of faith, culture and community. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided following Mass. All are welcome.

For more information and a gallery of images visit www.bethewitness.com.au. Contact: Minette Mendens 0452 562 725 twsydau@gmail.com.

Be The Witness
A powerful musical encounter
with the story of Jesus through the eyes of Peter

10–13 September 2026
**Riverside Theatres
Parramatta**

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With the support and encouragement of
Bishop Vincent Long

Presented by
Mary, Queen of the Family Parish,
Blacktown

Special Event – WITNESS LIVE – MEET OUR DIRECTOR, CAST and CHORUS

We have a very special event next Friday, with limited capacity.

Friday 17th July, 7.30pm

St Patricks Church, MPA hall, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown

Limited Entry. By Registration only. Entry \$10 at the door

Here’s your chance to hear the behind-the-scenes stories and meet our Director, Cast, and Chorus.



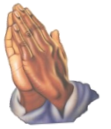
Scan the QR code to register and join us for a wonderful evening.

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: Helen Atala | Nilo Nacario | Francis Xavier Dang | 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: Charbel Isaac | Tony Spires | John & Tripony Pasangha, Reggie & May Perumal, Joe & Fatima Corera, Daphne Perumal, Xavre & Clara Fernando | Joe & Clare Boulous, Isaac & Ruby Moses | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun, Frank & Ray Malkoun, Samiha Frome & Romanos Malkoun | Queenie & Nicholas Nicholas, Namtullah & Christine Coorey, Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey, Veronica & Jeanette Coorey, Jabour & Doura Nicholas & family, Saidie & Joseph Coorey & family, Najia & Toufic Samyia, All deceased members of the Nicholas, Budwee & Norman families, Vincent Budwee, Marica Kovacic | 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: Clare Boulous | Joe Boulous | Samuel Villamena Talisayon | For all those souls whose anniversaries occur around this time

Sick: 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 harrisparke@parracatholic.org. For mass offerings or special intentions, you may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.

Mass Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 64:10-14

℟ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims
over to provide its grain. ℟

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. ℟

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. ℟

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. ℟

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there

was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

