

# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

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5 July 2026 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your  
temple,  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
Reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving  
justice.

Cf. Psalm 47:10-11

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in  
him.

Psalm 33:9

### 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

**School Principal:** Pascale Rone

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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

#### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Three Offers from Jesus

One day Jesus surprised everyone by thanking God for his success with the "simple people" and for his failure with the teachers of the Law, the scribes and the priests. "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the learned, and revealed them to little children". Jesus seems happy with the situation. "Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure".

That is God's way of revealing his inner thoughts. Simple and ignorant people, those who have no access to great learning, those who are not considered important in the religion of the temple, are opening themselves to God with pure hearts. They are willing to be taught by Jesus. The Father is revealing his love through him. They understand Jesus as they do no one else.

However, the learned and the clever do not understand anything at all. They have their own learned opinion of God and of religion. They think they know everything. They do not learn anything new from Jesus. Their closed minds and hardened hearts prevent them from being open to the Father through his Son.

Jesus finishes his prayer but continues thinking of the simple ones. They are oppressed by the powerful leaders of Sepphoris and Tiberias and find no solace in the religion of the temple. Their life is hard, and the doctrine they are taught by the learned make it even more difficult. Jesus makes them three offers.

**The first offer:** "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened". It is directed to all who experience religion as a burden, those who are burdened by doctrines that prevent them from experiencing the joy of salvation. If they come into vital contact with Jesus they will find immediate solace: "I will give you rest".

**The second offer:** "Take my yoke upon you...for my yoke is bearable and my burden light". Change your burden. Cast off that of the wise and prudent because it is not bearable, and take on the yoke of Jesus, which makes life more bearable. Not because Jesus exacts less. He exacts more, but in a different way. He exacts what is essential: the love that frees us from that which does us harm.

**The third offer:** "Learn from me because I am meek and humble of heart". Learn to fulfill the demands of the Law and religion by understanding them in the spirit of Jesus. Jesus does not complicate life. He makes it more simple and humble. He does not oppress, but frees us to live it in a more dignified and human manner. To meet Jesus is to find rest.

Fr. John



## Other News and Events

### 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](http://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](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1569560) For more info call Victoria on 0494173359 or email [bethanypilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:bethanypilgrimage@gmail.com)

### Eucharist28 Update – This is My Body, Given For You



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 catechetical material to help your parish and community prepare for this moment, head to [eucharist28.org/resources](http://eucharist28.org/resources)

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au) or phone: 9631 8135

Fr Paul

## Parish News & Updates

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME to **Xavier Nguyen** who will receive the **Sacrament of Baptism** this Sunday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2026 at St Oliver's. We pray and ask God to bless you and your family.



### 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.



### 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 : 11/12 July 2026

Saturday 5:30 pm Gerard Pinto / Robert Aquino

Sunday 8:00 am Anthony Melham / Katherine Katrib

10:00 am

Geoff & Monica Officer

# Diocesan Notices

## Schoenstatt Sisters 'Come & See': 10-12 July

A live-in experience for young women with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary. This will weekend dedicated to prayer and reflection where young women can experience and learn more about the community by working and praying with the sisters. Details and expressions of interest to Sr M Olivia at [sister.m.olivia@gmail.com](mailto:sister.m.olivia@gmail.com) or 0473 201 525.

## Schoenstatt Sisters 'Shrine Time-Winter Special': 12 July

Holy Hour for youth and young adults at the Shrine followed by a fellowship with bonfire, hot chocolate & marshmallows from 7-8pm. Contact Sr M Rita at [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au) or 0493 026 628.

## City to Surf -Sunday 9th August

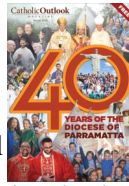
The Active4Vocations City2Surf Team, supporting our Holy Spirit Seminary, is up and training. Now is the time for you to get up and running too-whether you choose to walk, stroll, jog or run! For registration, please click on <https://tinyurl.com/city2surf-2026-join>

## Positions Vacant:

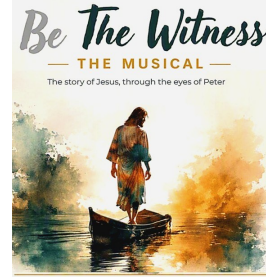
Parish Secretary – St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta  
Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/jobs](http://parracatholic.org/jobs)

## 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](http://catholicoutlook.org/e-edition)



## Be The Witness Musical Gathers Momentum Across Western Sydney, By Outlook Contributor, 29 June 2026



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Riverside Theatres  
Parramatta

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Presented by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

A large-scale Christian musical production is gaining strong momentum across the Diocese of Parramatta, as Be The Witness — The Musical prepares to take the stage at Riverside Theatres, Parramatta from 10–13 September 2026.

Presented by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, the production brings the story of Jesus to life through the eyes of St Peter - offering audiences a powerful and accessible encounter with the Gospel through music, drama and storytelling.

Tickets are now on sale, with a limited-time group booking offer encouraging parishes, ministries, and families to attend together: Group bookings (10+) receive up to 20% off tickets. Offer available until 10 July (limited seats).

Organisers are encouraging parish communities to consider attending as groups, promoting the event at Masses, and inviting schools, families and friends to take part.

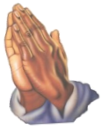
For more information and a gallery of images visit [www.bethewitness.com.au](http://www.bethewitness.com.au). Contact: Minette Mendens 0452 562 725 [twysydau@gmail.com](mailto:twysydau@gmail.com).

## 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:** 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, 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:** Clare Boulous | Joe Boulous | Samuel Villamena Talisayon | For all those souls whose anniversaries occur around this time

**Sick:** Agnes Patacsil | Helen Atala | 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](mailto:harrispar@parracatholic.org). For mass offerings or special intentions, you may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.*

# Mass Readings

## First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

### *A reading from the prophet Zechariah*

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.

## The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 144:1-2,8-11,13b-14

℟ I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. ℟

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. ℟

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. ℟

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. ℟

## Second Reading

Romans 8:9,11-13

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

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you

do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

## The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

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

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

## The Gospel of the Lord.

