ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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1 November 2026 | All Saints

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 5:8-10

Weekday Mass Times
Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 am

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday: Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

All Souls' Day, 2nd November, 7 am & 9:30 am

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Tuesday & Friday:
10:00am-3:00pm
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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.

All Souls and All Saints Day



There is something innately personal about a local saint wherever they hail from. It took over a century to have an officially recognised saint in Mary MacKillop. The cause took many years but in the end it was a triumph for our local Church to have its own saint. convents and schools in our own Diocese at St. Marys and Penrith, her presence somehow becomes much more tangible.

Men and women attain to sainthood because of the memory of their lives of holiness (in many cases secret, almost hidden lives). In fact, for every one saint named by Rome there are probably a few thousand e.g. child martyrs for whom there is no book written. We all know saints even from our own families. When I listen to the eulogies given at funerals I can only marvel at the incredible holiness, dedication and love of some of the saints we bury even from our own parish.

Saints are approachable, and, in our Catholic tradition, close at hand so that the veil of death seems to be thinner and they are, therefore, readily accessible to us, through their prayers and intercession for us.

From eternity they still behold us and, in turn, in this month of November, we remember and behold their lives and faith. Of those we remember, who have fallen in war, we remember their martyrdom. Nevertheless, we should not underestimate the opposition they often had to face in living their faith in times of despair and conflict.

In our own times where meaning and faith are under challenge from so many areas, we do well to call on the quiet heroic faith stories of, not only the Church's recognised saints, but our own local saints from St. Oliver's and the saints of our own families. In this month of November, is it a parent, a grandparent, an aunt or uncle, a cousin or Godparent who was a model of Christ for us? There are similarities between saints and heroes. But while heroes are mortals who earn their glory on earth and once dead have no further connection with us, the saints, on the other hand, form a closer relationship with God in death and are then able to intercede on our behalf. Perhaps one intention we may make of our saints this November is for a deepening of our own relationship to Christ.

There are November Mass envelopes in the church for the names of our departed loved ones. These names will be entered into our Book of Life in the church, and all our November Masses will be offered for them.

Fr Paul Marshall



Our patron saint, Saint Oliver Plunkett

News and Events

Please Save the Date!
Bishop Vincent invites the faithful to celebrate the ordination of three new priests
(By Outlook Contributor, 28 October 2026)



The ordination of **Paul Tran, Jeff Hood and Luke Huynh** will take place on the Memorial of Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions, Vietnamese martyrs who gave their lives for their faith. The date holds particular significance for the Vietnamese Catholic community including Paul, Luke and Bishop Vincent, all born in Vietnam, and where their faith journeys began.

The ordination of a priest is a moment of great joy for the whole Church. Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, Paul, Jeff and Luke will be called to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments and accompany all people through the joys and challenges of life. **Please come and join in celebrating their ordination on** Tuesday, 24 November 2026 at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Livestream link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHhEQ1pQ6K4


(L-R) Deacons Luke Huynh, Jeff Hood, and Paul Tran. Image: Diocese of Parramatta

Fr Paul's Corner



November is Dedicated to the Holy Souls

On All Saints' Day, the 1st of November, we honour all the saints, both known and unknown, and on All Souls' Day, the 2nd of November, we are dedicated to praying for those who have died.

In November, we remember the souls in purgatory who need our prayers. All masses to be celebrated at St Oliver's during this month will be offered for all those who have died, especially for those our parishioners have asked to be remembered. You may use the November mass offering envelopes to write the names of your departed loved ones which will be entered in our book of remembrance to be placed in front of the altar during this month of November. The names of the deceased will not be published in the bulletin during this month, except for those who died recently.

Through prayer and remembrance, we entrust our departed loved ones to God's mercy and keep their memory close to our hearts.



There will be two masses on the 2nd of November at St Oliver's, at 7 am and 9:30 am, combined school mass.

Parish Updates

Thanksgiving Mass of Deacon Luke at St. Oliver's on Saturday, 28th November



"Our three deacons, **Paul Tran, Jeff Hood and Luke Huynh,** will be ordained to the priesthood on Tuesday, the 24th November at 7.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. It will be a special occasion for over 20 years of combined studies in theology and spirituality for our three men who will shortly be serving in different parishes in our Diocese. While Jeff Hood has been serving as a deacon in Greystanes and Paul Tran as a deacon in Windsor, Luke Huynh is better known to many of you in Harris Park as his pastoral placement has been among us. **Luke** will be celebrating his **Thanksgiving Mass** here at St. Oliver's on Saturday, 28th November at 5.30pm. It is fitting that we help in a celebration for Luke after his Mass with us. We are looking for helping hands to prepare food for serving afterwards. A few days later, Luke departs to Vietnam with his Mum for other Masses in his home country over the Christmas period" – *Fr Paul*

Meanwhile, our mainstay coordinator for our parish events and parish council leader, Jim Hanna has started engaging people for the special event and will be needing your assistance. Please watch this space for updates about this very significant event for Deacon Luke and our parish.

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.



If we can please help a fellow parishioner…



One of our parishioners is earnestly looking for work, can be a casual teacher, kitchen hand or cleaner. Please talk to Fr Paul or contact the parish office on 02 8863 8801 if you can assist directly or be able to direct the person, so we can provide the assistance needed.

PARISH READING ROSTER: 7/8 November 2026

Saturday:	5:30 pm	Jackie Perumal / Siji Devasia		
Sunday:	8:00am	Seini & Ipolito Lasalo	10:00am	Carol Isaac / Nick Tagnipis

Diocesan Notice

Maronite Youth Australia Spring Festival in Bass Hill: 20-21 November
Raising funds for the South Lebanon Appeal, proceeds will support families and help rebuild lives in communities affected by the ongoing conflict along the border. Details: Fri 20 Nov, 6pm–11pm; Sat 21 Nov, 4pm–11pm at 703 Hume Highway, Bass Hill. Entry is free and open to everyone. Guests can enjoy viral foods and desserts from local vendors, live music, rides and games, and market stalls from Sydney's faith-inspired makers such as Project Sainthood, Linked By Faith and Little Saints by Norma.

Parramatta Street Feast: 17 November



You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, a Festival of Welcome: 17 November 2026, 10:45am–2:30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Parramatta. It's a space for people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of community, solidarity and friendship, and to enjoy delicious food, free services, creative activities and great music! You can support the Street Feast as a volunteer, or share your talent by hosting an activity table. Find out more and express your interest at parracatholic.org/streetfeast

Serving at the Altar Workshop: 14 November
A day of ongoing formation for acolytes and ministers of the altar will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre on Saturday 14 November, 2026 from 9:30am-3pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Topics covered: Basic structure of the Mass: including how various rites can be inserted into the Mass, practical scenarios of planning celebrations, the use of incense, benediction, planning Mass with the Bishop and time for all your questions. Please register by 9 November at parracatholic.org/events/ofw

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 15 November
Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 15 November at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your full names, years married, and numbers attending via parracatholic.org/events/wedding-anniversary-mass by 6 November.

Christmas Fete at Bodington Wentworth Falls: 4 December
Catholic Healthcare is raising funds to help our residents tick off their bucket list wishes — every contribution makes a difference! Date: 4 December 2026. Time: 4.30pm – 7pm. Location: 6 Bodington Drive (off Tableland Rd), Wentworth Falls.Enjoy local stalls, a toy raffle, refreshments, BBQ, and festive fun for all. Come celebrate community, joy, and the spirit of giving!

Community Updates

Thank you for your generosity during our first collection (for the needs of the clergy actively serving in the Parramatta Diocese) and second collection (for our parish expenses)



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: Joel Pickering | Nagova Malek | Alwyn Phillips | All those who died recently, especially those who used to be part of this parish community as parishioners or relations of our parishioners

Deceased: Marie Therese Nemer; Lattouf, Melan, Nemer & Essey Families | John & Triponie Pasangha, Reggie & May Perumal, Clement Fernando, Quintus Fernando, Rita Fernando, Elmo & Stella Fernando, Pius & Mercy Fernando | Eugene O'Sullivan, Olivia Pinto, Cyriaco Pinto | Louis Royal, Pushparaj, Paapathi | Irudhaya Joseph, Rathina Mary & Louis | Pantaleon, Jimenez, Gerondio Jimenez, Pascuala Dionsion, Meliton Ortiza, Cleta Albina, Nicodemus Tagnipis, Sonanita Tagnipis, Aurellia Navarro | Dominique Nguyen, Theresa Le | Daraban Karam | (Unknown) "Recently passed away family members and other souls | 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, Vincent Budwee, Tannous Haddad, All deceased members of the Nicholas, Budwee & Norman families | Artemio, Abraham, Augustus, Rebecca & Tranquilina Patacsil; Yolanda & Donald Muir; Rachael Sumagui, Melissa, Rebecca & Petronillo 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: Isaac Moses | George Adib Lattouf | Elizabeth Khoury | Consolacion Concepcion | Maria Muoi & Peter Thanh | Rebecca (Tp) Conferido Marasigan | Vincent Budwee | Maurice & Martha Haddad | Alonzo Rae Monis | For all those souls whose anniversaries occur around this time

Sick: John Nemer | 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 Intention: John & Emma Nemer | Jemal, Kone Wetzell (birthdays) | Thomas Leong Sr. | (Unknown) Family members' peace | John Joaquin, Agnes, Napoleon, Manuel, Virginia & Jorge Patacsil & his families, Elizabeth, Michael & Maryrose Perez, Erwin Ayuste | For all our special intentions and for those who have asked us for prayers

Thanksgiving: Rosa Wetzel & family | Luigi, Jackie & Jonathan Perumal | Mrs. Lourduraj & Regan | 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 harrispark@parracatholic.org. For mass offerings or special intentions, you may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.

Mass Readings

First reading **Revelation 7:2-4,9-14**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises,
carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a
powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to
devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any
damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we
have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of
our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a
hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes
of Israel.
After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count,
of people from every nation, race, tribe and
language; they were standing in front of the throne
and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and
holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud,
'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to
the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a
circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and
the four animals, prostrated themselves before the
throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads,
worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and
glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and
power and strength to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.'
One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do
you know who these people are, dressed in white
robes, and where they have come from?' I answered
him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These
are the people who have been through the great
persecution, and they have washed their robes white
again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 23:1-6**

R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Second reading **1 John 3:1-3**

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 11:28**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat
down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to
speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute
you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my
account. Rejoice and be glad

The Gospel of the Lord.

