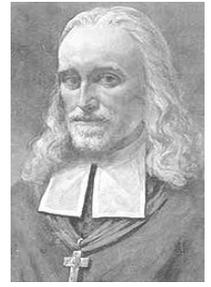




St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



Website: www.stoliversharris.org.au
Postal Address: PO Box 9394 Harris Park NSW 2150
Office Address: 35 Wigram St, Harris Park NSW 2150
Tel: (02) 8863 8801 **Email:** stoliva@bigpond.net.au

8 March 2020 - Second Sunday of Lent

Parish Priest: Rev. Chris de Souza PP
Parish Secretary: Lilia Tolentino

School Principal: Barbara Young
School Tel: (02) 8633 8300

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 am
Friday: 9:15 am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

OFFICE HOURS : Tuesday & Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

SACRAMENTS @ ST OLIVER'S

Reconciliation, : Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

Baptism, Marriage and Funerals
 Please contact the Parish Office for information and bookings.

Baptism: held every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month within the mass.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who may be interested in exploring the Catholic faith? Contact the Parish Office for more details on joining the RCIA program.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
 It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
 hide not your face from me.

Cf. Psalm 26:8-9

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son,
 with whom I am well pleased;
 listen to him.

Matthew 17:5

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
 Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
 O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
 and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
 Give us the grace to see your face in one another
 and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
 Give us the courage to tell our stories
 and to speak boldly of your truth.
 Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
 and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
 Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
 that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

Plenary Council 2020
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



PARISH YOUTH GROUP NEEDING VOLUNTEERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

For the Stations of the Cross, the Parish Youth group are still looking for volunteers, especially young adult men. Children and adults are also very much welcome. Practices will be every Sunday of March from 5.30pm - 7pm, meeting at the school hall. All are welcome. Please contact Milla on 0450 855 080.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLEANING ST OLIVER'S CHURCH ON THE 5TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

The Parish Youth group who used to assist during those weeks, have now got other commitments and will no longer be available to assist. The 5th Sundays will fall only on the months of **March, May, August, November** this year. Please contact the parish office on (02) 8863 8801 if you can help.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER CLEANERS

Every weekend, a group of kind-hearted people give their time and make a devoted effort to keep our church clean, tidy and beautiful in the spirit of serving God and helping our parish. God bless you always.

PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 14/ 15 MARCH

Saturday 5:30 pm Jackie Perumal / Karen Fernandes
Sunday 8:00 am Jade & Jedson Hermogenes
Sunday 10:00 am Seminarians



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.

Deceased: Salwa Zaiter | Father Elias Ayoub | Rita Jabbour | Stanislaw Hackiewicz | Jeanette Coorey | Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey | Christine Coorey | Nahila Haddad | Gregory Stephens | Carol Moses | Coorey, Norman, Budwee & Nicholas Families | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | Ray Malkoun | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

Sick: Ronald Graham | All the Sick especially those who are sick in our community

Death Anniversary: Cyriaco Pinto

Special Intention: Leticia

Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available at the church or please contact or visit the parish office if you have any request for mass offerings or home/hospital visit for the sick.

ST OLIVER'S PARISH OFFICE HAS A NEW PHONE NUMBER

Please take note of the new parish office number, **(02) 8863 8801.**



Second Sunday of Lent
8th March 2020



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR GENERAL & MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

4 March 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

Re: COVID-19 Update

You will be aware through the media and other sources of emerging concerns over the spread of COVID-19 (earlier referred to corona virus.)

Several weeks ago, I issued on behalf of Bishop Vincent some directions around certain liturgical practices which have been accepted by the clergy and people of the Diocese, and it has provided a measure of protection and comfort for many of our people who are rightly concerned about this health issue.

A new set of directions were sent to the clergy today which adheres to advice that we have received from public health authorities about the risks of transmission associated with the virus. One of these risks concerns the administration of Holy Communion.

In the Latin Church, Holy Communion can be received in two ways, either on the tongue or in the hand. From today, Holy Communion can only be received in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue.

I understand that for those of you who normally received Holy Communion on the tongue that this is a matter of pious practice and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament and that you may have been doing so your entire life. In the current circumstances, I ask that you adjust to the practice of Holy Communion in the hand for the sake of your fellow parishioners.

I further ask that you respect those administering Holy Communion, both ordinary and extraordinary ministers, who have received a directive that they cannot administer Holy Communion on the tongue. As soon as this health risk is mitigated, and advice comes from the public health officials we will revert to the usual liturgical practices that applied before the appearance of COVID-19.

Every blessing in this season of Lent,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams
Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia