



St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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24 May 2020 - The Ascension of the Lord

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DUE TO COVID-19, ONLY 10 PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS AT ANY ONE TIME

WEEKEND MASSES RESUMED AT ST OLIVER'S
 Weekend masses at regular times resumed on the 16th & 17th of May with attendance limited to 10.
Weekday masses are not being held yet.

SACRAMENTS @ ST OLIVER'S

Reconciliation, Baptism, Marriage and Funerals, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings are allowed to take place under strict government guidelines with regards to social distancing, hand sanitizing and submitting names and contact details. The following are the number of people allowed to attend for the particular sacrament:
Baptism: 10 attendees | **Funerals:** 20 mourners (indoors) / 30 (outdoors) in addition to clergy and funeral directors
Weddings: 10 persons plus the couple, the celebrant and assisting ministers are permitted. **Reconciliation:** by appointment or 4 pm Saturday

PLEASE NOTE: From the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Sunday 22nd March 2020), Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligations until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181)

LETTER FROM FATHER CHRIS RE: COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,

As social distancing restrictions begin to ease across NSW, I wish to advise you that we will be commencing public masses on weekends only at St. Oliver's beginning this weekend (Saturday 16th May/ Sunday 17th May).

- However in keeping with State and Federal Government prescriptions, the number of people permitted to attend Church must and will be limited to 10 people at any one time, (not including the celebrant and ministers, but including children).
- Further all who attend will need to maintain the appropriate and safe distance from each other at all times.
- Each person will need to apply hand sanitizer as they enter and leave the church, (sanitizer will be available).
- Entry into the Church building will be via the 'Car Park' entrance only. The Carpark and the Church will be open half an hour before mass begins and be closed again fifteen minutes after mass concludes. This will enable the required cleaning to occur before the next liturgy.
- Consequently after 10 people (again not including the celebrant and ministers), have been seated in the Church building for the beginning of mass or the scheduled time for the commencement of mass has been reached, the doors will be closed.
- Also and in keeping with Government regulations, each person coming to church must provide their name and contact details each time they come to mass, (paper and pen will be provided).

I regret the stress, inconvenience and hardship that these practices may cause many and I thank each of you for your patience, perseverance and faithfulness.

It is my hope that shortly (in stage 2 of Government regulations) we will be permitted to increase the number of participants. I will keep you informed.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

Weekends: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm.
 Sunday 8am. and 10am.

May we continue to pray for and with each other as we journey together in this new way but always with the same Lord, Jesus the Christ.

Every good wish and Blessing,

Fr Chris.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WEBSITE

The Diocese has created a dedicated COVID19 page with Diocesan updates and a compilation of resources, links and articles to assist us during this time. Please visit parracatholic.org/covid19

You can also keep up to date with Diocesan Initiatives and messages via their Facebook page
 ° [facebook.com/parracatholic](https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic)



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: Mary Moses | Jeanette Coorey | Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey | Christine Coorey | Coorey, Norman, Budwee & Nicholas Families | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos Romanos Family | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | All those who died recently | **All those who died from CoVid-19** | Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

Sick: All the Sick especially those who are sick in our parish community | **All those who have fallen ill from CoVid-19**

Special Intention: **All the frontline workers, medical and non-medical staff working in hospitals and clinics, essential workers, police officers, government leaders, businesses and workers affected by the pandemic**

Please call (02) 8863 8801 or email: stoliva@bigpond.net.au if you have any request for mass offerings or home/hospital visit for the sick.

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FINANCIALLY AT THIS TIME

With Church closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the way we give support to our parishes have changed. We know that the spirit of giving and being able to share our blessings are still very important to people and people desire to support their parishes. Thank you so much to all those who continue to drop in their weekly envelopes.

You can continue to support your parish through any of the following ways -

• Continue through your planned giving envelope. The planned giving envelopes are available for collection at the parish office or you can advise us if you would like them to be posted to you.



• Online giving -

† Deposit directly into our parish account using the details below -

BSB: 067 950 | Account number: 00000362 | Account name: Harris Park Church
Please use your envelope number and surname as reference.

† Go to our parish website, www.stoliversharrispark.org.au and select "Give to Your Parish"

† To make a contribution to the First Collection, supporting the priests, please use EFT to the following account -

BSB 067 950 | Account No 00004265 | Account Name Diocesan Clergy

Reference here either the Parish Name (Harris Park Parish) or the parish code, 6017

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



MAY
THE MONTH OF
MARY



O MARY, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to You.

Thanksgiving Offertory



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Your gift supports our parish to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all

GIVE TO YOUR PARISH

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of all People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.



Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.