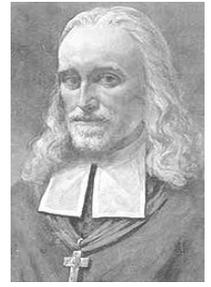




# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

## HARRIS PARK



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### 2 August 2020 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Chris de Souza PP  
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**DISPENSATION:** 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)

**LIVESTREAMED MASSES**  
 Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>.

**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 (at least 4 square metres of space for each person is observed), hygiene (hand sanitising) and submitting names and contact details.  
**Reconciliation:** by appointment or 4 pm Saturday

**COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE**  
 Parishioners are reminded to continue to practice hand sanitising, hygiene and physical distancing measures. Please stay at home or seek medical advice if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with anyone that is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**  
 O God, come to my assistance;  
 O Lord, make haste to help me!  
 You are my rescuer, my help;  
 O Lord, do not delay.  
 Ps 69:2, 6

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**  
 You have given us, O Lord, bread  
 from heaven, endowed with all  
 delights and sweetness in every taste.  
 Wis 16:20

**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.*



**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.



**PLENARY COUNCIL DISCERNMENT PAPERS RELEASED**  
 You are encouraged to take the discernment papers from the six national Plenary Council writing groups for your own discernment about how to bring to life a Christ-centred community in your area. These papers can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>. The Pastoral Planning Office can accompany you in reflecting on these papers. Please contact [pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org](mailto:pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org) to discuss ways to engage with these discernment papers.

**PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 8/9 AUGUST**  
 Saturday 5:30 pm Maria Lawton / Stuart Walker  
 Sunday 8:00 am Anne Haddad / Joseph Karam  
 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:** May & Reggie Perumal | John & Tripony Pasangha | Xavier & Clara Fernando | Clare Boulous Joseph Boulous | Rosa Michael | Cecelia Moras | Jas Long | Jos Tinh | Maria Phuoc | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | Ray Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Jeanette Coorey | Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey | Christine Coorey | Coorey, Budwee, Norman & Nicholas Families | All those who died recently | Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

**Special Intention:** Luigi, Jackie, Jonathan | Sidney Imbun

**Sick:** All the Sick especially those who are sick in our parish community

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

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In Australia, this is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, which means that all Catholics are obliged to attend mass; However this year, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Bishops of Australia, in accordance to Canon Law, have dispensed all Catholics from this Obligation which means that you don't have to attend mass if you don't want to.

Those wishing to attend Mass, the following masses will be offered at St Oliver Plunket's:

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm / Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 8am and 10am.

The numbers will be limited to 50 persons (including children) at each mass and all other usual Covid-19 procurations regarding name taking and sanitising will apply.

Fr Chris



## A Letter from Fr Chris to the Parishioners of St Oliver's

Dear Parishioners of St Oliver's,

As I mentioned at all masses on the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> July, I have asked and the Bishop has consented that I be given a further term as your Parish Priest. I thank him for his continued trust in me. To help me better minister with you into the future I have also asked and he has consented that a review of my priestly ministry with you over the last six years be conducted. To that end two members of the Diocesan Personnel Board; Mrs. Paula Kerr and Mons. Ron McFarlane will conduct the review. I thank them for accepting this task. However as we continue to live through a global pandemic and we are all vulnerable people, and also to allow as many who wish to participate in this process to do so, the following email address is been made available. Any and every person who may wish to make a comment to the reviewers please use this email address. The email can only be accessed by the reviewers and by no one else, including myself. Thus providing complete confidentiality and anonymity if you wish. The reviewers will collate and summarise your comments and feed them back to me at the end of the process. To help you in your reflections but not limit you in your comments, you may find the following questions helpful:

- In what ways has Fr Chris's ministry at St Oliver's helped or hindered your faith/prayer life. Is there more he should be doing, and/or is there some things he should stop doing.
- In what way has Fr Chris's administration of St Oliver's Parish helped /hindered the welfare of the parish. Is there more he should be doing, and/or is there some things he should stop doing.

All your responses will be taken seriously by the reviewers and by me. I encourage you to be as honest as you can. I want to listen to you so I can better minister with you. Thanking you in advance for your engagement in this process.

Fr Chris de Souza. PP

The email Address is [feedback@parracatholic.org](mailto:feedback@parracatholic.org)

## THIS WEEK'S SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS:

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August - SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD** (1811 - 1868) The patron saint of eucharistic devotion. He founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, an order of sisters, both devoted to perpetual adoration. He was canonized in 1962.

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY** (1786-1859) Born near Lyon, France, became a model parish priest, was devoted to his parishioners and became famous for rigorous preaching and insights in the confessional. The Cure of Ars, as he was known, spent up to 18 hours a day hearing the confessions of pilgrims who sought him out. He is the patron of parish priests.

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August - SAINT DOMINIC** (1170-1221) Dominic was head of a preaching mission that evolved into the Order of Preachers, or Dominicans. A friar said that he had "a lively sympathy with any suffering."

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August - SAINT MARY HELEN MACKILLOP** (1842 - 1909) Mother MacKillop is Australia's first native-born saint and its patron. The oldest of eight children of Scottish immigrants, Mary began working with children as a governess. Mary founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, the continent's first religious order, to open schools and orphanages for poor children in rural areas and to serve the aged and friendless by setting up women's shelters. She took the name Mary of the Cross, and survived episcopal opposition, disrespect and even excommunication. The order received papal approval in 1888, and her 2010 canonization in Rome drew thousands of pilgrims from Australia, where she is considered a national heroine.

## SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS STORIES!

Thank you for all that you continue to do to share the love and peace of God. Our Pastoral Planning Office welcomes your good news stories of hope and encouragement during COVID-19 to share with parishioners and communities across our Diocese. If you have a good news story to offer, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/goodnewsstory>

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