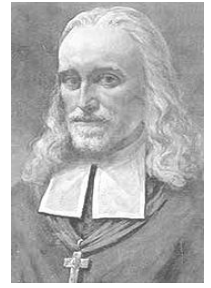




St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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16 August 2020 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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)

Congratulations and Blessings to all the children receiving their **First Holy Communion** this Sunday, the 16th of August at St Oliver Plunkett's church.



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) REMINDERS
 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
 Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
 and look on the face of your anointed one;
 one day within your courts
 is better than a thousand elsewhere.
 Ps 83:10-11

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 With the Lord there is mercy;
 in him is plentiful redemption.
 Psalm 129:7

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.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIESTS - FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2020
 Owing to COVID19 pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father's Day appeal, this September. Like many other organisations, the CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at www.parracatholic.org/csf or electronic funds transfer to BSB 067950 / Account No 00001691
 Account Name CSF No 1 with Reference your name.
 IF you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please send email to csf@parracatholic.org with your name and address details.
 The CSF Committee thank you for your support of the Clergy Support Foundation over the last 15 years. May God bless you at this difficult time in all our lives.

PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 22/23 AUGUST
 Saturday 5:30 pm Jackie Perumal / Karen Fernandes
 Sunday 8:00 am Brian Hatch / Kimberly Imbun
 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: Sr Christin McIntosh RSM | Sr Sophie McGrath RSM | Sr Marie Gaudry RSM | Sr Cecily Gaudry RSM | Cyril D'souza | Clare Boulous | Joseph Boulous | Jeanette Coorey | Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey | Christine Coorey | Coorey, Budwee, Norman & Nicholas Families | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Ray Malkoun | Samiha Frome | 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 | Benedict Imbun | Charlie Isaac | Charbel Isaac

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

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: 15 AUGUST

The prayer for the feast reads: "**All-powerful and ever-living God: You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory.**"

On 1 November 1950, the day after the closing of the International Marian Congress in Rome, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven." With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.



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 25th/26th 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

Please watch this space for some details regarding our newly formed Parish Sacramental Team and Sacramental Program or visit our website and read the letter regarding these.

MASKS ARE NOW HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO BE WORN AT ALL MASSES

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern. We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA FOR THE CORONAVIRUS

The National Rosary Crusade 54-Day Novena invites you to join them in prayer for a nation-wide 54-day rosary novena to Mary Help of Christians, the national patroness. The novenas will be run between 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption through to 7 October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

Due to COVID-19, please take this bulletin with you or dispose of it in the rubbish bin when leaving the church. Please do not put it back in the pile. Thank you for helping keep everyone safe.