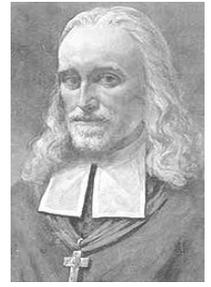




St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

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23 August 2020 - Twenty-first 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)

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) 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 ear, O Lord, and answer me;
 save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
 Have mercy on me, O Lord,
 for I cry to you all the day long.
 Cf. Psalm 85:1-3

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks
 my blood has eternal life, says the Lord,
 and I will rise him up on the last day.
 Cf. John 6:54

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...

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: 30 AUGUST

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 August. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020.

PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 29/30 AUGUST

Saturday 5:30 pm Jim Hanna / 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: Rena Andrade | Sayed Doeih | Cyril D'souza | Sr Christin McIntosh RSM | Sr Sophie McGrath RSM | Sr Marie Gaudry RSM | Sr Cecily Gaudry RSM | 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: Noreen Andrade (75th Birthday) | Wap-Hill Imbun | Lynn Imbun | 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.

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

NEW PARISH SACRAMENTAL TEAM AND SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Firstly, we would like to thank St Patrick's, Parramatta who have worked in collaboration with us to lead the sacramental journey for candidates in recent years. We now are operating in our service of the sacraments independently as a community at St Oliver's. With Rev Chris de Souza's (PP) guidance and leadership, a newly formed community team has begun reimagining how the formation of the Sacraments can help all those in St Oliver's, Harris Park community to walk humbly in the way of Jesus, serving all of God's people and to be a formation experience for all.

For families who are intending to enrol their child/ren into the Sacraments (Reconciliation and Eucharist) and their child is currently in Year 2 or above (or are / have turned 8 years old in 2020) there is an online ZOOM information session on Tuesday, 13th October at 6:00pm:

- You can register through the Eventbrite app using the link below or you can visit our website, go to "Mass & Sacraments", then click on "A note about our newly formed sacramental team and program" and click on the link in that letter:

○ [Sacraments at St Oliver's event registration](#)

For the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020, please contact Anthony Matthews to enrol directly. Due to COVID 19 this process in 2020 has been placed under the care of the Parish:

- stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au

You can also visit our website to read the full 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.



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to "Take fresh courage." This year is the ten year anniversary of Mary's canonisation. During the challenging times we all face, please pray and support Mary MacKillop Today, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross.

For more information please call 02 8912 2777 or visit marymackilloptoday.org.au

If you missed Scripture Night with Laurie Woods- please visit www.ifm.org.au to watch a replay. If you are interested in continuing on the journey of the Reflective Ministry program, please register via <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry>

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.