



St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

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9 August 2020 - Nineteenth 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
 Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
 Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
 Cf. Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
 who gives you your fill of finest wheat.
 Psalm 147:12, 14

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.



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: 15/16 AUGUST

Saturday	5:30 pm	Tram Nguyen / Jackie Perumal
Sunday	8:00 am	Seini & Ipolito Lasalo
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: 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 | Ray Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun
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

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



Saturday 15th August 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, 14th August, 6pm / Saturday, 15th 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 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

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS:

Saturday, 8th August - SAINT MARY HELEN MACKILLOP (1842 - 1909) Mother MacKillop is Australia's first native-born saint and its patron. She pioneered a new form of religious life and 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**. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence. The order received papal approval in 1888, and she was canonized in 2010 in Rome.

Saturday, 8th 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."

Monday, 10th August - SAINT LAWRENCE. Honoured for his almsgiving. Became the most celebrated martyr of the Church of Rome, after the apostles.

Tuesday, 11th August - SAINT CLARE. From a well-to-do family, Clare embraced an evangelical way of life after hearing the preaching of Saint Francis of Assisi. Founded the order of the Poor Ladies, now the Poor Clares. Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation and charity.

Friday, 14th August - SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE. Died in Auschwitz in 1941, offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. Remembered for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry and his self-sacrifice.

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

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