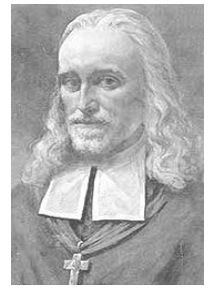


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13 December 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent

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 registering 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.

Please NOTE that weekday masses resumed on Tuesday, 24 November. There will be mass at 7 am, Tuesday to Friday. Please enter using the side door access from the seminary and please sanitise your hands and register your details as soon as you enter the church.

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)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint heart:
Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come,
and he will save us.

Cf. Isaiah 35:4

The Advent Wreath - Third Sunday of Advent

The third candle is lighted, which can be named the Saints' Candle to call to mind all the saints who share the life of Christ by being baptised into his Body the Church.

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah who cried with joy, for God clothes us in the garments of salvation (First Reading). As a joyful, hope-filled Servant Community may our hearts be filled with gratitude for the many gifts God has given us.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St Paul urges us to be happy at all times and to pray constantly (Second Reading). May the joy of the Lord be in our hearts as we journey together, listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church of Australia.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you sent John the Baptist to be a witness for the light (Gospel). Like John the Baptist may we be witnesses to the power of Jesus and be people open to Conversion and Renewal in the Church of Australia.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider / Collect: *Third Sunday of Advent* O God, who sees how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen

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HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen.





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: 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 | Maria Luu Thi Muoi | Peter Nguyen The Ngoc | Maria Cao Thi Trang | Dominic Nguyen Hoang Thach | John Langtry | All those who died recently | Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

Anniversary: Helen Toevai | Sayed Doudihi | Michael Moses

Please call (02) 8863 8801 or email: harrisark@parracatholic.org if you have any request for mass offerings or home/hospital visit for the sick.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you once again for your faithful support and commitment to our ministries of faith, hope and charity through your support of fundraising appeals.

Because of your commitment and kindness, CatholicCare and our Diocesan ministries can be there for more vulnerable families like Sharen, Dale and baby Jackson.

Our faith community's support provides practical and emotional help for parents, children and families in need so that they have every chance to live their potential and lead positive and fulfilling lives.

Thank you for rekindling hope in our community. Please keep Sharen, Dale and baby Jackson, CatholicCare, and all our ministries of faith, hope and charity in your prayers this Christmas.

Your kind commitment, support and prayers mean so much to us and those in need of compassion and care.



ROUSE HILL PARISH CHRISTMAS NOVENA DAWN MASSES: FROM 16 DECEMBER

This Christmas, Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill will be celebrating a Novena of Dawn Masses (also known as Simbang Gabi) leading up to Christmas. Commencing on 16 December, they will be celebrated at 5.00am. Bookings are required via <https://www.trybooking.com/BMWOD>. For details, please contact the parish on rousehill@parracatholic.org or (02) 8883 4063.

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE 2021

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. From 2 – 9 January, pilgrims walk through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland and spend time in prayer and fellowship. Limited overnight registrations are available, and day walkers are welcome. For more information and to register, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org. To follow the journey see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>

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.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

2020 CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE:

Mass Times

Christmas eve 24th December

- Mass 7am
- Christmas Vigil Mass 5.30pm.
- Midnight Mass (at midnight); if we are permitted to sing in the church we will have carol singing from 11pm

Christmas Day 25th December

- Mass 8am
- Mass 10am

Saturday 26th December

- Mass 5.30pm

Sunday 27th December

- Mass 8am
- Mass 10am

New Year's Day 1st January 2021

- Mass 9am

Reconciliation Times (in the Church)

- Saturday 19th December 9am – 10am, and 4.30pm – 5.00pm
- Monday 21st December to Thursday 24th December 8am – 9am
- Monday 21st December to Wednesday 23rd December 5.30pm – 6.30pm



POSITION VACANT:

Head of Mission Integration – Caritas Australia

For more details, please visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/about/jobs/positions-vacant>

PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 19/20 DECEMBER

Saturday 5:30 pm Stuart Walker / Gerard Pinto

Sunday 8:00 am Seini & Ipolito Lasalo

Sunday 10:00 am Seminarians

VISIT THE WELL

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