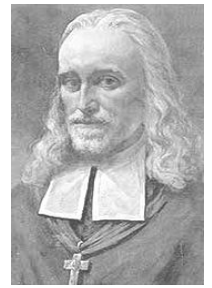




# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

## HARRIS PARK



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### 3 January 2021 - The Epiphany of the Lord

#### 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

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**Tuesday to Friday:** \*7:00 am

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** Vigil 5:30 pm

**Sunday:** 8:00 am & 10:00 am

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday & Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

*\*For 7 am mass, please use the side door access from the seminary. Please sanitise your hands and register your details as soon as you enter the church.*

**DISPENSATION:** From the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020), Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligations until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181)

#### COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) REMINDERS

Parishioners are reminded to continue to practice hand sanitising, hygiene and physical distancing measures, 4 sq mtr rule applies. Please stay at home or seek medical advice if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with anyone who is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East  
and see your children gathered from the  
rising to the setting of the sun.

Cf. Baruch 5:5

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The brightness of God illumined  
the holy city Jerusalem, and the  
nations will walk by its light.

Cf. Revelation 3:38



#### The Epiphany of the Lord

For by gold the power of a king is signified,  
by frankincense the honor of God,  
by myrrh the burial of the body;  
and accordingly they offer Him  
gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.

- St John Chrysostom

#### 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.



#### PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK: 9/10 JANUARY

Saturday 5:30 pm Jackie Perumal / Olivia Estibeiro  
 Sunday 8:00 am Anne Haddad / Joseph Karam  
 Sunday 10:00 am Seminarians

#### VISIT THE WELL

To be nourished by amazing Catholic resources from our local ministries and agencies, visit [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)



*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:** John Langtry | Michael Moses | 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

**Thanksgiving:** Roshan, Ashitha, Keith, Kiara Royan

**Special Intention:** Imbun Family

**Sick:** Mrs Flory Pinto | All the Sick especially those who are sick in our parish community

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

### Christmas Message from Fr Chris

Dear Parishioners and Visitors at St Oliver's,  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

What a year 2020 has been (so far).

A popular phrase which we have heard so many times this year. Another has been; "unprecedented times". These phrases with their negative connotations have dominated our thoughts and conversations, our fears and anxieties throughout 2020. Our unspoken hope is that we can get back to 'normal' soon. What we really and secretly hope for, is that we can get back to doing what we have always done. Change is never welcome. Yet there are many positive aspects to 'change'. For the Christian, Christmas is 'change' in every positive way imaginable and beyond. "For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son". God is Love, and now he has been born in space and time and nothing can ever be the same again. There is no more going back to the pains and sorrows of the past. Why? Because God is 'with us'. His name is *Emmanuel*. Life and Love have won and today we remember with Joy when that 'change' was revealed to us. Jesus borne this day in a town called Bethlehem. He is Christ the Lord.

This calls us to change in every aspect of our lives once we have truly encountered him. Living lives **of peace and good will to all; lives of hope and forgiveness for all; lives of mercy and love with all**. Perhaps we meet him like the shepherds or the kings in our needs and wants, in the *least of his brothers and sisters*, in the poor and the needy, those on the margins, or in some other unexpected place. Once we have met and truly listened to His message we will be transformed. Like the poet T.S. Elliot put it in his poem 'the Journey of the Maji'; "no longer familiar in the old dispensations".

On behalf of all at the parish office I wish you all Every Good wish and Blessing in this Holy Season and a Joyful and Hope filled New Year.

Fr Chris de Souza PP

### **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...

### **CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE SUMMER 2020/21 EDITION**

Catholic Outlook Summer edition is out now and free to all parishioners. Read about our amazing HSC students, the new bells of St Patrick's Cathedral and how the new Vatican Ambassador who originates from Castle Hill is settling in. Plus what the symbols of Advent really mean. Pick up your free copy from your local Catholic Church, Catholic School or Catholic office today.

### **LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES**

Dates for the Diocesan marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the Smart Loving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

### **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 sincerely thank you for understanding and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

### **POSITION VACANT:**

•Parish Secretary – Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath –  
**Applications close 15 January 2021**

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

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