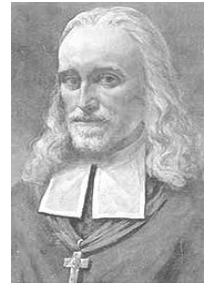




# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

## HARRIS PARK



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### 2 December 2018 - First Sunday of Advent

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Chris de Souza PP  
**Parish Secretary:** Lilia Tolentino

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#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:** 8:00 am  
**Friday:** 9:15 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

**Please note: 7am Masses and Holy Hour finished on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November and will resume on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2019.**

#### Sacraments @ St Oliver's

**Reconciliation,** : Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

#### **Baptism, Marriage and Funerals**

Please contact the Parish Office for information and bookings

#### **RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who may be interested in exploring the Catholic faith? Contact the Parish Office for more details on joining the RCIA program.

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

#### The Advent Wreath - First Sunday of Advent

*Within the four weeks of the Advent season itself, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of the one reality of how God's plan has been revealed in Christ, is now revealed in his glory, when he comes again at a time we do not know. For each Sunday of Advent we take our focus for the wreath from our Advent traditions. Like the people of the Old Testament we live in hope for the fullness of the revelation of Christ the Messiah when he comes in glory to judge the living and the dead.*

**Celebrant:** May this sprinkling of the waters of Baptism remind us of our first sharing in grace that we may prepare for the Lord's coming now and always.

**Verse:** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old.

**Response: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Verse:** Lord Jesus, you come among us now as we read the prophet Isaiah's words "to act with integrity"

**Response: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Verse:** Lord Jesus, you will come again as the fulfilment of all prophecy, and you, the potter, will have shaped our clay to be the work of your hand.

**Response: Come, Lord Jesus.**



#### PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK, 8/9 DECEMBER:

Saturday	5:30 pm	Susan O' Donnell / Tram Nguyen
Sunday	8:00 am	Seini & Ipolito Lasalo
Sunday	10:00 am	Seminarians

#### PARISH CLEANING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK, 8/9 DECEMBER:

◆ **FILIPINO GROUP**  
 Thank you and God bless.



*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 | Coorey, Norman, Budwee & Nicholas Families | David (Dib) Romanos | Romanos Family | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun Samiha Frome | Holy Souls

**Special Intention:** Julee Shijo (Birthday)

**Thanksgiving:** Cherry & Maria | Thu Nhan Hoang

*(Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available at the church or please contact or visit the parish office if you have any request for mass offerings or home/hospital visits for the sick.)*

### 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...

### 2018 Christmas Mass & Reconciliation Times: St Oliver's Harris Park

#### Mass times

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> December,

Christmas Eve 6:30 pm

Midnight, Starting with Singing (Carols) 11:30 pm

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day 8:00 am  
10:00 am

#### Reconciliation

Days & times:

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 6:00 – 7:00 am

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 4:30 – 5:15 pm



### BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR HOMELESS YOUNG MOTHERS IN OUR DIOCESE

CatholicCare's Houses to Homes is one of the vital services supported by our Diocese through Parramatta Catholic Foundation. Houses to Homes gives hope, help, compassion, care and shelter to disadvantaged, homeless young mums who have nowhere and nobody else to turn to. Every year, 30 to 50 mothers and mothers-to-be, rely on Houses to Homes for safe shelter, food and the skills to build a better life.

This Christmas, we're counting on your faith, hope and charity to support homeless mothers and children in crisis. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will support the shelter, independent living and parenting skills programs that homeless mums desperately need.

**Please give with a generous heart via the envelopes on the pews or donate online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)**

Thank you for sharing God's unconditional love this Christmas.

### VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

"Christmas can be anything but merry for people going through hard times. People are battling to pay the rent, put food on the table and pay for their energy usage.

Financial stress place greater strain on families.

Please help The St Vincent de Paul Society with its annual Christmas Appeal by donating gold coins, in-date non-perishable food items and unused toys.

We thank you all for your generosity and continued support.



### POSITION VACANT

• Chaplaincy Manager - CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains

More details at: [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)

### ST ANTHONY RELIC PROCESSION AND NOVENA: 4 DECEMBER

All are welcome to a candle light procession with the first class relic of St Anthony of Padua, 'the Miracle Worker' every first Tuesday at 7pm, followed by "bread blessing" and social gathering. St Anthony of Padua Church, 7-33 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie. Other Dates: 4 December (2 December), 5 February (3 February) etc

### NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO: 9 DECEMBER

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

### CONCERT AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA: 17 DECEMBER

Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Concert. Tickets via [www.brandenburg.com.au/](http://www.brandenburg.com.au/) – More details at: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>

### GRIEF TO GRACE – HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griefftograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griefftograceaus.org.au) or phone 0478599241. For more information visit [www.griefftograce.org](http://www.griefftograce.org)