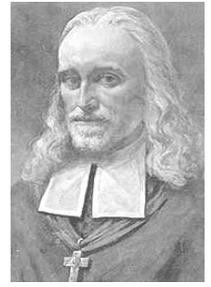




St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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9 December 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent

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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 16th of November and will resume on the 4th 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
 O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

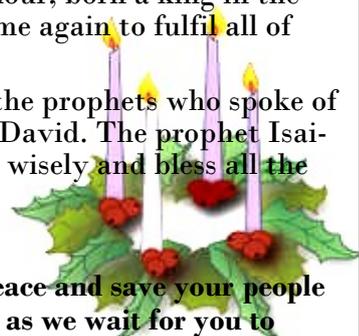
COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

The Advent Wreath - Second Sunday of Advent

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Saviour, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfil all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

Now we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

Celebrant: Let us pray,
All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem.
 Amen.



Happy 60th Birthday to Fr Chris.
 Wishing you every blessing for your special day and for always.



PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK, 15/16 DECEMBER:
 Saturday 5:30 pm Jenny Fernandes / Stephen D'Souza
 Sunday 8:00 am Anne Haddad / Julee Wilson
 Sunday 10:00 am Seminarians

PARISH CLEANING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK, 15/16 DECEMBER:
 ♦ LASALO FAMILY
 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 | Sayed Doeihi | Greg Keating

Anniversary: Michael Moses

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, 24th December

Christmas Eve

6:30 pm

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

Tuesday, 25th December, Christmas Day

8:00 am

10:00 am

Reconciliation

Days & times:

Tuesday, 18th December

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, 19th December

6:00 – 7:00 am

Thursday, 20th December

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Friday, 21st December

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, 22nd December

4:30 – 5:15 pm

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank You for Showing the Compassionate Face of Christ to Homeless Young Mothers

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, Catholic-Care and Houses to Homes thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks.

Our Bishop's Christmas Appeal raised over \$X (parish secretary to provide) which will provide more homeless young mothers with the shelter, support, independent living and parenting skills programs that they so desperately need. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

We ask you to continue to pray for the wellbeing of all families this Christmas and especially the young mothers and children in Houses to Home's care.

Thank you for showing God's unconditional love this Christmas by supporting homeless young women and children in crisis. Your compassionate prayers and gifts will truly change lives this Christmas and beyond.

VINNIE'S 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."



CHRISTMAS 2018 MASS TIMES

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting: www.parracatholic.org

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN MARSDEN PARK: 14 DECEMBER

All Welcome! Join our Catholic Faith community, in conjunction with St Luke's Catholic College, on Friday 14 December 6.00pm - 8.00pm for Christmas Carols and a Nativity play. There will be LIVE animals, BBQ food and drinks available for purchase, and a possible visit from Santa (if he's not too busy!) Entry via Frontier Avenue carpark. For further details email: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

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

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: 29 DECEMBER

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite family and youth (age 18-35) to join us for a Celebration Vigil for the Feast of the Holy Family. Saturday 29 December 2018 at 3:00pm. Join us also for pizza at 5:30pm. 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. RSVP to Sr Paula by 27 December via vocationsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

ST OLIVER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Wigram Street, Harris Park

We are accepting enrolments for all classes in 2019. Please contact the school office on (02) 8633 8300.