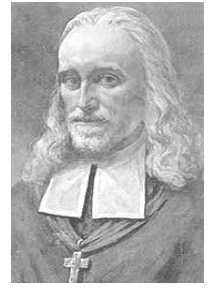




St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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23 December 2018 - Fourth 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 CLOSED TILL 24 JANUARY 2019

Please note: 7 am 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
 Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
 and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
 let the earth be opened
 and bring forth a Saviour.

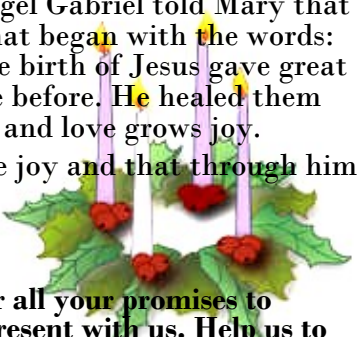
COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and
 bear a son; and his name will be called
 Emmanuel.

The Advent Wreath - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy. We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

Celebrant: Let us pray,

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us to day, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem.
 Amen.



PARISH READING ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS:

24 December	6:30 pm	Jackie Perumal / Joby Joseph	
25 December	8:00 am	Brian Hatch / Kimberly Imbun	10:00 am Seminarians

PARISH READING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK, 29 / 30 DECEMBER:

Saturday	5:30 pm	Maria Lawton / Stuart Walker
Sunday	8:00 am	Katherine Katrib / Julee Wilson
Sunday	10:00 am	Seminarians

PARISH CLEANING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK, 29 / 30 DECEMBER:

◆ UDC YOUTH
 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: Joseph Boulous | Jeanette Coorey | Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey Coorey, Norman, Budwee & Nicholas Families | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos Romanos Family | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family Constanton Family | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Samiha Frome

Anniversary: Michael Moses | Grraham Fear | Norman Coorey

Special Intention: Binish Virka & Jehangir Alam

(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

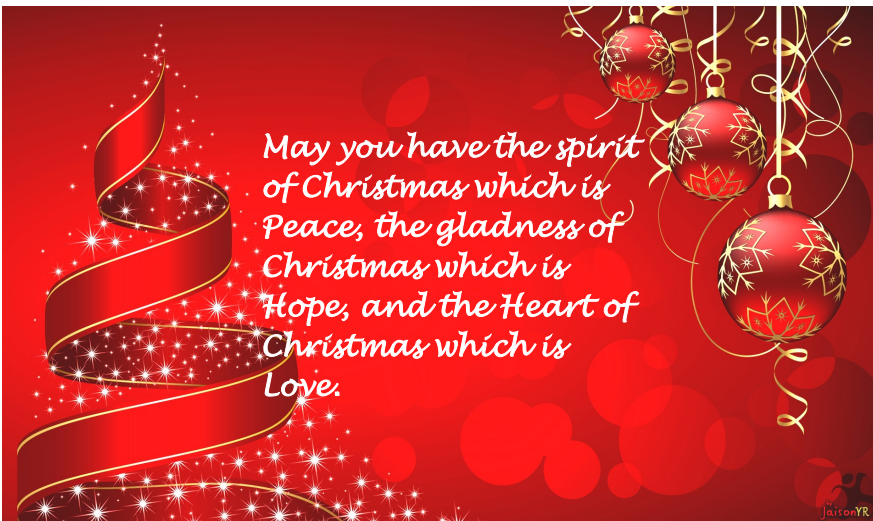
Midnight, Starting with Singing (Carols) 11:30 pm

Tuesday, 25th December, Christmas Day 8:00 am
10:00 am



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you all for your kindness, generosity and continued support in 2018, especially during this Christmas season. SVdP pray for God's blessing upon you and your loved ones.



Thank You for Showing the Compassionate Face of Christ to Homeless Young Mothers and children in crisis

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, CatholicCare and Houses to Homes thank you for supporting the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Thanks to your kind-hearted generosity, Houses to Homes can provide more homeless mothers with the shelter, support, independent living and parenting skills programs they desperately need.

Please pray for the wellbeing of all mothers and children in Houses to Homes' care. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

CHRISTMAS 2018 MASS TIMES

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

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019. YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To make a submission or to find out more visit: <https://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/>

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.