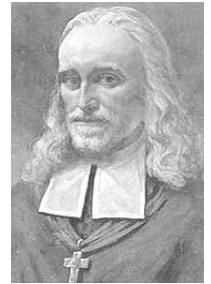


St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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24 December 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Priest: Rev. Chris de Souza PP
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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.

Weekday Mass Times

Weekday masses will resume on 30 January 2018.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5:30 pm Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Office Hours: Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Only until 29 January 2018

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 today, 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.

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASSES

(Sunday, 24th December and Christmas Day, 25th December are Holy Days of Obligation)

23rd December, Saturday 5:30 pm
 24th December, Sunday 8 am & 10 am (Fulfilling your Sunday obligation)
 5:30 pm Midnight mass (Fulfilling your Christmas obligation only)
 25th December, Christmas Day 8 am & 10 am

NEW YEAR, 1st January 2018 9 am



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.

Sick: Anna Zapanta
Deceased: Jeanette Coorey | Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey | Coorey, Norman, Budwee, & Nicholas Families | Samiha Frome | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun Lucia & Regena Faleono | Arthur Moses, Sr. | Raymond, Etour & Joe Romanos Joseph Boulous | Gerardo Medina | Habib Chidiac | Jim & Bridget Khalic
Anniversary: Queen Rizk (20 December) | Josefina Laurito | Eduardo Hermogenes Salam Barakat (22 December)

(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.)

PARISH CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Big THANK YOU to all our church cleaners in the past. We need you again to help keep our church clean. Current and new volunteers required to clean weekly St Oliver's Catholic Church. Please contact Fr Chris on parish office number, (02) 9637 1062. If unanswered, please leave a message.

Rostered this week, **23/24 December: Savea Family**; Next week, **30/31 December: UDC Parish Youth**

PARISH READING ROSTER

Thank you also to our Readers at weekend Masses. God bless. Rostered for Next week, **30/31 December:**

Saturday 5:30 pm - **Maria Lawton / Stuart Walker**
Sunday 8:00 am - **Anne Haddad / Julee Wilson**
Sunday 10:00 am - **Nick Tagnipis / Sapna Bhatta**



Wishing you and all whom you love and love you a very happy and blessed Christmas and your New Year be filled with Joy and peace.

- Fr Chris and the staff at St Oliver's.

SPECIAL EDITION OF CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back in print for a special, one-off December 2017 Christmas edition. This special edition will be a beautifully bound, 40-page, A4 magazine and will showcase the work of the parishes, ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your parishes and schools from Monday 4 December.

BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Bishop Vincent's Christmas message can be viewed online at: www.parracatholic.org

Merry Christmas from Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta.

DEANERY AND DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCILS

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv launched our new councils on Saturday 2 December at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. He called on our councils to be listening bodies, particularly to those who are "outside the tent". Council members are to be connected to the grassroots, to help him listen and respond to the real needs and concerns of the people. More information, including council membership, can be found on www.faithinourfuture.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT

*Youth Minister - St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill. Accounts Officer - Chancery Office, Parramatta. More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

*School Maintenance & Outdoor Worker - Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Baulkham Hills. Must have valid Working With Children Check, Commence February 2018, 3 hours/day- 5 days per week, Pre-employment Medical Assessment required, General maintenance experience preferred, 2 Referees, Applicants addressed to: The Principal - ololbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

CHRISTMAS 2017 MASS TIMES

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

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: A GIFT TO THE WORLD

For women of any age and experience in formal leadership positions and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes etc. The inspirational Sr Hilda Scott OSB (presenter at ACYF) and Dr Leoni Degenhardt will be the presenters. April 13-15 2018 at Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo. Info: 02 4236 0533 or cottagere-treats@jamberooabbey.org.au