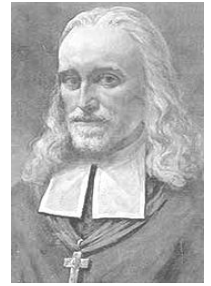


St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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25 December 2017 - The Nativity of the Lord

Parish Priest: Rev. Chris de Souza PP
Parish Secretary: Lilia Tolentino
School Principal: Barbara Young
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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

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
 his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
 and his name will be called
 Messenger of great counsel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the
 salvation of our God.

The Advent Wreath - The Birth of Christ



Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Celebrant: Today we light again the candles of hope, peace, love and joy. In lighting the first Candle, we speak of hope - because God keeps his promises to us. The second Candle, we work for peace because Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace' and he calls his children to work for peace in his name. Through the third Candle, we show love - because Jesus gave everything for us and led us to know the forgiveness of God. And the fourth Candle, we share joy - because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and minds with the presence the God. Today, we light our last candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As the prophets promised so long ago you have come to us once again; and with the shepherds, we are filled with wonder and amazement.

All: Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.
 Come, Lord Jesus, come.
 Amen.



May you rejoice in the miracle, the gift and the promise of Christmas.

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: Helen Shek Toevai | 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 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 - Jackie Perumal / Tram Nguyen
Sunday 8:00 am - Anne Haddad / Julee Wilson
Sunday 10:00 am - Nick Tagnipis / Sapna Bhatta

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.

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.

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



*Merry Christmas. May your days be merry and bright with the light of God's love.
It gives me great pleasure to wish each and every one of you a very happy and blessed Christmas.
Every blessing in this holy season and all whom you love,
Fr Chris and all at the parish house*

