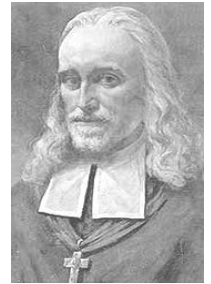


St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

HARRIS PARK



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4 February 2018 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Priest: Rev. Chris de Souza PP
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Weekday Mass Times

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

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5:30 pm **Sunday:** 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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 come, let us worship God
 and bow low before the God who made us,
 for he is the Lord our God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are those who mourn,
 for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those
 who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
 for they shall have their fill.

PARISH READING ROSTER

Thank you to our Readers at weekend Masses. God bless. Rostered for Next week, 10/11 February:
 Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan O'Donnell / Tram Nguyen
 Sunday 8:00 am - Brian Hatch / Kimberly Imbun
 Sunday 10:00 am - Savea Family

A MESSAGE FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS HELPING CLEAN THE CHURCH

Requesting those who are helping clean the church on the weekends to please contact the parish office on 9637 1062, or email stoliva@bigpond.net.au, so we can create the roster for 2018. Please let us know your preferred times during the month, i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Saturday/Sunday, so we can come up with the cycle for the whole year. Please leave a message if the phone is unattended. Many thanks again for all your time and hard work.



SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
 1869 - 1947
 Feast Day, 8 February

St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint for victims of slavery, was born in the west Sudanese region of Darfur in 1869. As a young girl, she was kidnapped for slavery in both Sudan and Italy. Following her delivery from slavery, Josephine became a Canossian Sister and dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She died on February 8, 1947 and was canonised in 2000.

The Catholic Church in Australia and around the world will recommit to fighting slavery and human trafficking in the coming days as it celebrates the feast of St Josephine Bakhita.

Pope Francis, who has continued the papal tradition of clear denunciation of human trafficking and slavery, has designated February 8 as a day of prayer, reflection and action to end the injustice of human trafficking.

Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ, chairman of the Bishops Commission for Justice, Ecology and Development, said support for the commemoration of the feast day continues the Australian Church's focus on this important issue.



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:** All Souls in Purgatory | Jeanette Coorey | Queenie Nicholas | Maurice Coorey Coorey, Norman, Budwee, & Nicholas Families | Allan Leslie Murray Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Samiha Frome | Salustiana Santos | Anthony, Madalene, Patrick, Raymong & Rosa Lee | May & Reggie Perumal | John & Triponie Pasangha | Rita Fernando | Cyril Fernando | Sr. Catherine Huang Daniel Zhang
- Anniversary:** Sayed Doueihi | Marjorie & George Cronin | Adnan Augustine (1st year anniversary)
- Thanksgiving:** Nicole Slatter
- (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.)*

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL: 11 FEBRUARY

The Catholic Foundation, Diocese of Parramatta was launched in Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains on 19 November 2017, when it officially replaced the *Diocesan Works Fund* as the central charity for the good works of the Diocese of Parramatta.

The Catholic Foundation sustains the works of Faith, through the Holy Spirit Seminary and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; works of Hope through the Ephpheta Centre; and works of Charity through Catholic-Care.

In support of *The Catholic Foundation*, our Parish will be holding a special collection on **11 February**. Appeal Envelopes will be provided at the Masses, and we invite all Parishioners to support the good works of the Diocese of Parramatta, by coming prepared and giving generously to *The Catholic Foundation Appeal* on **11 February**.

You can also choose to donate by visiting www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/donations

Please visit www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/disclaimer for the Collection Statement, including information on how to update contact details, or mailing preferences.

POSITIONS VACANT

- Professional Officer - Chancery Office, Parramatta
- Archives and Records Manager - Chancery Office, Parramatta

More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

- Interfaith and Ecumenical Executive Officer - Chancery Office, Sydney
- Safeguarding Training and Support Officer - Chancery Office, Sydney

More details at: www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES: 8 FEBRUARY

Enrolments close on 8th February 2018. The Office For Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying, Senior Servers and Acolytes. Our Courses are offered at two locations at no cost. Diocesan Assembly Centre: 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, Mondays 7-9pm

NOTE: Introduction Session on 12th February is compulsory. St Nicholas of Myra Parish: 30 Higgins St, Penrith, Thursdays 7-9pm. NOTE: Introduction Session on 15th February is compulsory. Please see your Parish office for a form or for more information contact ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au or 02 8838 3456.

NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO: 11 FEBRUARY

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

WALKING WITH CONFIDENCE: 14 FEBRUARY

Move around with confidence and make a big difference to how you feel every day. Join Catholic Healthcare's Walking with Confidence program for over 65s commencing 14th February, 10 am, every Wednesday for 8 weeks at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Harris Park. Cost: \$15 per person, per session. For more information, call our friendly staff on 1300 319 011.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE: 17 FEBRUARY

Lenten Reflection Day - Seeking God who keeps looking for us. Lent calls us to renew and deepen our Christian call to the faithful seeing of God. The day will include input, conversation and time for quiet reflection. The day will be facilitated by respected biblical scholar and teacher Dr Michele Connolly rsj. Date: Saturday 17 February, 10.00am -3.30 pm. Cost: \$30 morning tea provided, BYO lunch. Reserve your place by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or 02 8752 5390. Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills. Entry off Hull Road.