WEEKEND MASS TIMES SATURDAY 6.00 PM VIGIL, 8.00AM & (9.30AM LIVE STREAMED)

GOOD NEWS—COVID UPDATE—NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED FOR MASS. Numbers are

now up to 120 people at each Mass with any overflow seated just outside. Please

do come early as we still need to sign in.

We Join the wider Diocese in continuing to wear masks in the church as a sign of our care for each other.



As we worship peacefully and safely, may our face masks also act as a shared sign of our prayerful concern for those in the world currently most threatened by the pandemic.

PLEASE NOTE - 'To enable the live stream to begin at the 9.30am Mass - kindly be seated by 9.25am at the very latest'

Also kindly understand that due to entry procedures, sanitising, live streaming etc that entry to Mass will not be possible after the designated starting time.

MIDWEEK CHURCH OPENINGS— MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES.

The following applies regarding church openings: No bookings required. **WEDNESDAY** –

MASS 9.15AM - available for all with social distancing requirements adhered to.

THURSDAY -

MASS 8.15am – available for all with social distancing requirements adhered to. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 9.00am

FRIDAY-

MASS 7.15am – available for all with social distancing requirements adhered to.

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY AT 5PM.

Vinnies Petition for Social Housing.

Many thanks to parishioners who signed this petition after Mass two weeks ago. In order to have this issue debated in the NSW Parliament Vinnies NSW had to collect 10,000 signatures. They were able to collect 11,733 signatures.

Vinnies Christmas Cards

Once again these are on sale at the back of the church. The cost is \$7.00 per pack. Please place money in the special container provided and not in the poor box.

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ALL SOULS DAY: Monday 2nd November. Mass will be held for the commemoration of all the faithful departed on Monday evening 2nd November at 7pm.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES As many people know, November is traditionally a month of special remembrance for those who have gone before us. There are a couple of options available at the front of the church if you'd like. Firstly you'll notice a basket entitled REMEMBRANCE BOX NOTES. Anyone is welcome to write on a provided Remembrance Note with a name or names of those you wish to remember or give thanks for. NO DONATIONS NEEDED. Those names will be transferred to the altar during weekend Masses. Then by the following week, they'll appear in the Book of Remembrance on display. Feel welcome to write a prayer of thanks along with the name if you wish.

Then there's the container holding NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING envelopes. If you want to use this custom, you are welcome to fill in the details and give it directly to me (Fr. Paul).

ABOUT MASS OFFERINGS GENERALLY – and YOUR PRAYERS

Mass offerings are a good and special, but purely optional custom in our faith life. Never under-estimate the effect of YOUR PRAYERS at Mass for any special intention. As a baptised person YOU share in Jesus' ministry and the Mass can be a powerfully grace-filled channel operating through you! Some people are not aware that if someone gives a donation offering for a Mass to be celebrated, then one Mass per offering amount is celebrated. No priest can 'bundle' offerings into the one Mass. As well, a donation offering for a Mass, in any parish, is used at the discretion of the priest, for a helpful use. It's separate to the essential generosity of collections that enable all the core work and existence of parishes.

As we pray for and ask the prayers of our deceased loved ones in November, we also give thanks for all those people who sustain parish communities as key means through which the Good News of Jesus Christ can be shared and handed on. **With friendship in God's mission, Fr Paul**



ROSARY GROUP: Our need for Mary's intercession is very great during this time of the Covid pandemic. You are welcome to come to the church at 4.10pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday to pray the Rosary, for Mary's intercession for our lives and for all those we love. For more information contact Chrissy at the Parish Office 4735 1041.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP: Formation Course for Readers, focusing on the practicalities of reading at Mass. It will be presented by Br Michael Dredge. Please note that this workshop is held at three different venues: St Oliver's Parish Harris Park, Sat. 7th Nov 10—12noon. St Nicholas of Myra Penrith, Thurs. 12 Nov 7-9pm. Institute for Mission (IFM) Blacktown Thurs 19th Nov 7—9pm If you are interested or would like to register, please contact: 8838 3456 or <u>anne.alimanqohan@parracatholic.org</u>. Please also indicate which venue you are intending to attend. Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing will be practiced. Flyers in the church foyer.

Please pray for those who are sick in our community.

Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Shirley &Les Coburn, Michelle Gardam, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, Angela Lonergan, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Ray Dukes, Barbara Grant, Mavis Thompson, Nathalie Dhyon, Pam & Mike Sayer, Terry Simpkin, Nicole Unsal, John Von Schomburg, Debra Gleeson, Paul Ziberras, Joseph Pender, Ken Ridley, Joseph Stipich, Joyce Dukes, Tyler Kennedy & Catalina Labra—Knox.