



St Oliver's Primary School

Newsletter

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At St Oliver's we are called to unite in service by living out our Mercy Values and striving to be quality learners who contribute positively to our community.

Term 3 Week 2

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30th July 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Celebrating 90
years of Catholic
education at St
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Gospel

Mt 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.



Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Reflection

If we read today's Gospel in a different way it can be a commentary on what God has done for us. Humanity can be seen as the treasure in the field that God has sold everything to own. We are the pearl of great price that God has moved heaven and earth to possess and we are the fish caught up in the net of God's love.

Our God is the one who became one like us, in Jesus the Lord, so that we might know, love and serve him. That's what today's Gospel is all about.

Jesus reminds his disciples that in glimpsing the things of heaven they have to be like the master of a household. That's a rich image. In Jesus' day such a person would have provided protection, love, security and justice for all.

God has given us free will and treasures, both new and old, to help us protect each other, love each other, feel secure in the truth and act justly. But we need to know that the choices we make in regard to these things have implications for how we live now and in the life to come.

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Sacrament of the First Eucharist

At St Oliver's we currently have candidates preparing to receive Jesus for their first reception of the Eucharist. Due to COVID 19 these candidates and their families have had to wait patiently.

The Sacrament is now scheduled to take place on Sunday, 16th August at 11:30am. Due to restrictions to ensure social distancing, this mass will be celebrated with limited numbers.

As a community let's pray for these students preparing to receive Christ as they approach the altar.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Student prayer

Dear God, thank you for my family, my classmates and my teacher. Sadly, we had a rough start to the year with Covid19, but as the year goes on we still stay strong. I'm still not sure about the situation in America, but I hope no one else gets hurt because everyone should be treated fairly so that they can avoid losing any more loved ones. We will never give up and stay strong and positive. Amen. Akeem Yr 5.

Dear God, I pray for my friends, parents and sister Zanita to be safe and help people if they need it. Amen. Jarrod Yr 5.

PBS4L NEWS

Congratulations to Year 1 for being Oli's Star Class.

This week's focus: keeping our hands and feet to self.



2020 Non-Government School Census collection notice

The Australian Government provides funding to Australian schools under the Australian Education Act 2013 (AE Act). The act requires that a school authority provides the Australian Government with certain information about the school, its staff, and student body to ensure the school's funding is properly calculated and appropriately managed. This information is collected by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment on behalf of the Australian Government. You can get more information about the way in which the department will manage any personal information collected, including information on accessing or correcting that personal information, and how to make a complaint, in our full privacy policy at www.dese.gov.au/privacy

ANNULMENT INFORMATION WEBINAR

Each year the Catholic Tribunal Office in the Western Sydney Diocese and CatholicCare WSBM Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. Questions are answered in detail on all aspects of the Annulment process. This year this event will be held as an online Webinar via Zoom. Date: Tues 04th August Time: 6pm -8pm Registration is Essential: To register for this Webinar, please call the Tribunal Office PH: 8838 3480 or Email Rita at soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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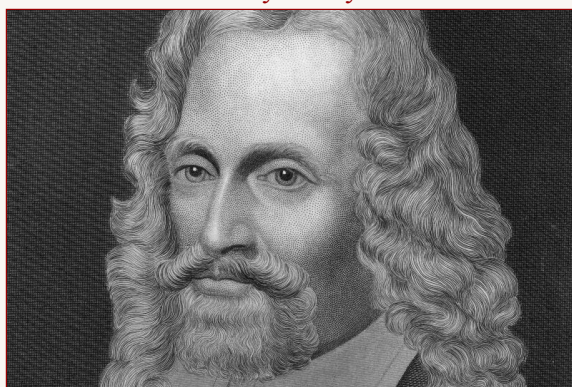
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History of St Oliver's

Blessed Oliver Plunkett becomes a Saint: On 12 October, 1975 Blessed Oliver Plunkett was canonized a saint, so our school became St Oliver's Primary School and our Church, St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church. St Oliver's feast day is July 11.



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History of St Oliver's

The former Convent served as the Australian International Conservatorium of Music for a number of years until 2013. Today the former Convent, historic Kenilworth House, has been restored to become the Holy Spirit Seminary, training our future priests. The Holy Spirit Seminary was opened on 26 May, 2013 by Archbishop Anthony Fisher.



Holy Spirit Seminary

InfoZone

Welcome to the Library and Technology section of the St Oliver's Newsletter!

BOOK WEEK CHANGES

The Children's Book Council of Australia has postponed this year's Book Week due to COVID-19 implications. Book Week will now be celebrated in Term 4. The official CBCA Book Week date is now 19th – 23rd October. St Oliver's celebrations will be finalised at a later date owing to government regulations.



NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Challenge is quickly drawing to a close, with just a month left before all student entries are to be finalised. The Closing Date for the 2020 Challenge is Friday August 28. This means that all entries on the online Student Reading Records must be completed by this date. As always, if you have problems doing this, we are very happy to do it for you. However, we will need your paper entries **BEFORE 28th August** so we have time to enter them all.

Please send your paper entries to school, signed by a parent, to indicate the correct number of books have been read. If the original paper copy has been lost, please just write on a

blank sheet of paper.

Over 100 new books were added to the PRC booklist in the holidays, and you can find them on the [New Booklists](#) download document, or on the regular book lists that are available on the PRC site. Thank you to everyone who has submitted suggestions for books for inclusion on the list!

FUN, BUT TRUE!



QWERTY- DESIGNED TO SLOW YOU?

There are actually two theories to this. The first one starts to make sense when you look at manual typewriters. If someone typed too fast, the keys would jam. QWERTY placed common alphabets at a distance from each other and slowed typists down.

Another theory is that telegraph operators designed the QWERTY layout because it was easier (and faster) to decipher Morse code.

Fact 1:

Reading can make you a better conversationalist.

Fact 2:

Neighbors will never complain you are reading too loud.

Fact 3:

Knowledge by osmosis has not yet been perfected, so you'd better read.

Fact 4:

Books have stopped bullets. Reading could save your life.

Fact 5:

Dinosaurs did not read. Look what happened to them.

