



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
22 January 2017



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## Happy 100th Birthday Frank Margerison



Heavenly Father,  
We praise You for all Your gifts to us.  
In a special way, we thank You for Frank,  
Bless him always in Your love.  
Bless us too, Holy Father,  
Help us all to praise You and give You glory  
Through Jesus Christ our lord.  
Amen.

"100 years" of memories and 100 years of life...  
You are very special and surely honour is due  
for all the great experiences that life has given you.  
You've done more in a lifetime than others can only dream,  
and you are the most amazing  
100 year old that most have ever known or seen!

Happy birthday Frank  
Frs Mathew, Joe, PJ & Parish staff

### Parish Staff

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### Office Hours 9am - 5 pm

Lunch 1pm - 1.30 pm (Office closed)

### Weekend Mass

**Saturday** 6.00pm Vigil  
**Sunday** 7.00am 8.30am  
10.00am 6.00pm

### Reconciliation:

**Saturday** 9.30am - 10.30am  
5.00pm - 5.45pm

**Adoration:** After Saturday Morning Mass

### Weekday Mass during January

**Monday** 9.30 am  
**Tuesday** 9.30 am  
**Wednesday** 9.30 am  
**Thursday** 9.30 am  
**Friday** 9.30am only  
**Saturday** 9.00 am  
**Healing Mass** 9.00am 1st Saturday of month  
**Filipino:** 11.00am 1st Saturday of month

**Baptisms & Marriages by appointment only**

### Schools

**St Nicholas Primary** 4721 2623  
Principal - Ms Anita Knezevic  
**St Mary Mackillop Primary** 4736 3466  
Principal - Mr Scott Buchan

**Please pray for** Agnes Fazon, Paddy Finn, Rudy Lesseps- Fonseca, Margaret Hawkins, Mary Henderson, Mary Ryan and Vicky Vella **who died recently** George Attard, Dorrie Bertles, Brian Bourke, Evangeline Cahatol, Hilda Henrisson, Jenny Rees, Mark Stubbs and Loreta Xerri **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Ary Franke, Peter & Frances Hendry, Reg Levinge, and Norah & Bernard Wilding.

**Funeral Mass for Rudy Lesseps-Fonseca will be held Wednesday 25 January at 11am.**

**Please pray for those who are sick** Cyril Burborough, Michael Burke, Noel Langdon, Jane McCann, Lisa McDeed and Chris Tabone.

**Gospel Reflection; Matthew 4:12-23.**

*'They immediately left their nets and followed him.'*

*I have trouble picturing the call of the disciples as Jesus walked along the shore of Galilee. When Jesus addresses Peter, Andrew, James and John with the simple command, 'follow me', their response is to 'immediately' leave their nets and follow. Not one of them questions 'why', nor stops to ask 'wait, who are you?'*



*Their response is dramatic, and presents the all or nothing nature of God's call to each of us. While I don't advocate rushing into big decisions, it is always worthwhile to examine those thoughts that seem to enter our minds from out of left field. Holding them up to the light of discernment, we can, over the course of our lives learn the language that God uses to speak to us, to call us out of ourselves and into the world in order to further build his kingdom.*

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| 28/29<br>January | Vigil                                 | Parish                          |  | Roster                                       |                                      |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
|                  |                                       | 7am                             | 8.30am   | 10am   | 6pm                                  |
| Acolytes         | J Buttigieg<br>D Wellfare             | D Wiggins                       | R Kroon<br>C Walsh   | J Jordan<br>A Ostrowski                      | A Sebastian<br>B Wrightson           |
| Servers          | Logan & Ryan<br>Smee<br>Grace Nematic |                                 | Lily & Ella<br>Loughland Larsen<br>Alison & Leah<br>Joseph                         | K Ross<br>J Crispin<br>B Powell<br>W Ezekiel | Michael Tickner<br>Xavier Whalen     |
| Comm.<br>Rep.    | E Sicam                               | Alison Johnson                  | L Gal  | D Dawson                                     | N Joseph                             |
| Reader           | C Limjap                              | E Marshall                      | S Von Bock   | P Samuelu                                    | K Smith                              |
| E.M.             | C Coyte<br>N Calub<br>A Calub         | A Yuzon<br>L Davie<br>G Wiggins | Y Bacchan<br>P Wheller<br>A Fletcher<br>B Keavy<br>R Bryan<br>E Isaaks<br>B Oxlade | J George<br>J Vella<br>K Pemberton           | K Wrightson<br>D Lee<br>A Alimangoha |

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## Sacramental Program First Reconciliation 2017

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at our parish will be in Term 1.

To be eligible for First Reconciliation,

**children must be in year 3 or above and must be baptised.**

Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information meeting, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on

**Tuesday 28 February 2017 at 7.00pm.**

Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.  
If your child has not been baptised, and you wish to enrol them in the program, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Colleen Nicholas.

## Fr. Joe, this year, is to accompany a group of parishioners for a Pilgrimage to the Continent of Asia.

This will be a great opportunity to experience the culture, faith, nature, people and food of different countries as well as instil a life-long memory of your travels.

Some of the places that we will be visiting are: Dubai (3 days including a Dinner Cruise), Sri Lanka (Colombo-4 days), and the rest of the tour to India (10 days).

The Indian leg will include; Bangalore, Mysore (Jungle Safari), Delhi, Agra, Kozhikode, Cochin and more. There will be an Information morning on Saturday, 18 February, at 11.30 am in PMR1.

For enquiries please email Fr. Joe at: [jmv112003@yahoo.com](mailto:jmv112003@yahoo.com) or [joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)



## Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses in 2017

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for the Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses beginning in February 2017. This course is for all those interested in becoming Readers of the Word, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying, Adult Servers and/or Acolytes. There is no cost for these formation courses which are offered in two locations, Blacktown and Penrith.

- Mondays from 7pm-9pm at the **Institute for Mission Hall**, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, commencing on 20 February.
- Thursdays from 7pm-9pm, **St Nicholas of Myra Parish Meeting Room 1**, 326 High St, Penrith, commencing on 23 February.

If you would like to attend this course please phone Parish Office for more information.



Mass will be celebrated  
Thursday 26 January  
At 9.30am

### Next Week's Readings 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

### Happy Birthday

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**Bereavement Support Program** - CCSS Solo Parent Services will begin a seven session Bereavement Support Program for anyone whose spouse or partner has died. This will run fortnightly in Blacktown from Wednesday 15th February. If you have suffered the loss of your spouse or partner, please come along to an Information session and overview of the Program on Wednesday 1st February.



This is an opportunity to learn about the Program and experience yourself in a supportive group setting. Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown Time: 10.30 am - 12pm. Registration essential: Contact Rita on 8822 2222, or email [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au) See notice board for flyer.

**Stepping Beyond Support Group** - CCSS Solo Parent Services will commence our monthly support group for anyone who is divorced or separated.

The group meets on the last Tuesday of each month. First gathering for the year will be held on Tuesday 31st January. Please note new time: 7pm -9pm.

Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Registration essential: Contact Rita on 8822 2222 or email [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au) See notice board for flyer

### Free Catholic Super Pre-retirement Seminar: 24 January

The Government has recently shifted the incentive for saving via superannuation. Catholic Super can help you to learn more about your superannuation, take control of your finances and plan for a rewarding future. Catholic Super's FREE seminar covers wealth-related issues as well as broader health and lifestyle issues to consider now and for retirement. Non-members, friends and family are welcome. From 10am-2pm at Fairfield RSL Club, 14 Anzac Ave, Fairfield. For other dates and venues call 1300 658 776 or visit [www.catholicssuper.com.au/seminars](http://www.catholicssuper.com.au/seminars)

### Mass for World Day of the Sick: 9 February 2017

Everyone is welcome to this annual Mass in acknowledgment of carers and those for whom they care. Includes the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Bishop Vincent Long will be the principal celebrant for Mass at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church, 51 Allawah St, Blacktown. Plenty of parking – refreshments to follow.

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>

### Day Retreat: Tools for the Year Ahead

Join us for a day of reflection as we explore the tools that will enable us to work with God in all the love, hope and healing that waits us this year.

**Date:** Saturday 4 February **Venue:** Benedictine Abbey 695 Jamberoo Mountain Rd Jamberoo **Time:** 9am commencing with Mass, and concluding with Vespers at 5pm.

**Cost:** \$30 Morning and afternoon tea provided. Please bring your own lunch— tea and coffee are available. **Bookings:** Petrina 0242360533

### Pilgrimage to Israel Information Night: 6 February

Fr Paul Marshall, Parish Priest of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes, is accompanying a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 7-21 October 2017. An information night will be held on Monday 6 February at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. RSVP for catering purposes (Middle Eastern treats) by Friday 27 January tel 1300 550 830 or [katrina@olivetretravel.com.au](mailto:katrina@olivetretravel.com.au) Bookings are being taken up to early February. For more details or booking forms, please contact the parish office tel (02) 9631 8135.

### Fr Wim's Pilgrimage Information Session: 12 March

Fr Wim Hoekstra, Parish Priest of St Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills, is accompanying a pilgrimage 'Of Celtic Saints, English Martyrs and Aussie Links'. The pilgrimage to Ireland, Scotland and England will depart on 25 September and return on 25 October. Places include Birmingham, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, Glastonbury, Dublin, Knock, Fort William, Iona, Holy Island (Lindisfarne), Durham, York, Cambridge, Walsingham, London and Canterbury.

Information afternoon starts 2.30pm in the Downey Room, St Michael's Parish Offices, 1-3 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. Brochures available via e-mail to Fr Wim at [wimh@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:wimh@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au) or PO Box 1501, Baulkham Hills, NSW, 1755.

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