



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 February 2017



Grounded in Faith Live in Hope Grow in Love.

Gospel Reflection; Matthew 5:13-16.

The best we can be.

This is always a challenging Gospel because we are often told not to 'blow your own trumpet'. Tall poppies are cut down by others and we all too often say we don't want someone to get 'above themselves'. But who are we to deny anyone their inherent specialness? We are created in the image of God and our God is loving, creative, amazing, a fighter for justice and so, so much more.

Therefore, we are called upon to be the best we can be. The people I most respect in life are often those who have been able to live their faith in all they do, even when it is hard, or others try to knock them down. They daily give a shape and form to God's love. This is what it means to be a Christian.

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Can you help in 'Spreading the Good News?'

We are in urgent need of two or three people to take up the challenge of teaching Scripture in our State schools. If you are retired or a university student with lecture free periods, this would be both a rewarding and challenging opportunity to share your Faith with young Catholics.

Please phone the parish Office for further details.

SRE Meeting (Catechist)

will be held on Monday 6 February
with Mass at 9.30am followed by meeting.
Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Its imperative that all SRE's attend.



Welcome back Fr Joe.

Wishing Fr Mathew a safe and peaceful holiday.

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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

Monday 9.30 am
Tuesday 6.45 am & 9.30 am
Wednesday 9.30 am & 7.00 pm
Thursday 9.30 am
Friday 6.45 am & 12.10 pm

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 Rudy Lesseps- Fonseca, Margaret Hawkins and Mary Ryan who died recently Gerald Barnes, Dorrie Bertles, Ennio Celeste, Paul Chia, Ken Masters, Marianne Mintoff, Mary Pace, Joe Pace, Arthur & Kellie Potts, Sarah Ross, Carmel Sultana and Carmen Vella whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Aurora Pascual, and Norah & Bernard Wilding.

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

Hospital Masses Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ Edenglassie Lodge (Lemongrove) 1st Tuesday of each month at 11 am
- ◆ Nepean Hospital every Friday at Midday
- ◆ Summit Care (Jamison Gardens) 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.30am
- ◆ Newmarch Nursing Home 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.30am

If in need of a Catholic Chaplain whilst a patient is in hospital phone **47343150** or requiring a Priest urgently for an anointing phone **47342000** and request switch board or the nurse on duty to contact the Catholic Priest.

Rosary Statue is in the home of John & Dorcas Nettar 12 York Rd Penrith.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated Friday 10 February directly after 12.10pm Mass. Also prayer meeting 4th Friday of the month 7pm in PMR1.

It doesn't hurt to have a little Biblical humour to start the weekend...

Q.. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? A. Ruthless



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11/12 February	Vigil	Parish		Roster		
		7am	8.30am	10am	6pm	
Acolytes	P Margerison D Welfare	J Sweeney	G Isaaks C Walsh	J George T Jacobs	C Pemberton B Wrightson	
Servers	Ellie & Alicia Loughman Grace Nemadic Logan & Ryan Smee		Daniel Cilia Lily & Ella Loughland Larsen	W Ezekiel S Dias K Flynn A Joseph H & J Jacobs	David Pletkan Michael Tickner	
Comm. Rep.	K Smith	H Ryan	P Nematalla	O Kiss	N Joseph	
Reader	J Hogan	Y Baccan	E Isaaks	L Gal	C D'Mello	
E.M.	I Bentham R DeBono C Coyte	L Davie S Sweeney M Sultana	M Nyss A Alaya-ay P Wheller B Keavy Jose-Elmer Simeon B Brainwood P Morson	N Perera M Stynes J Vella	D Streher M Herrick K Wrightson	

World Day of Prayer

Friday 3 March

9.30am

St Nicholas of Myra
Everyone Welcome

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
PHILIPPINES

Am I being unfair to you?



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.

Attention; All Parishioners

If you have recently moved to a new address, have changed phone number (home /mobile), e-mail address, could you please phone Parish Office as soon as possible.

To maintain effective communication, it is vital that this information is up to date.

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/>

Retreats

- Lenten Retreat for Young Adults - "Jesus invites you to journey with him this Lent and allow your heart to be transformed".**

From Friday 24th February 8pm to Sunday 26th February 4pm

Cost: Students: \$180 Employed: \$210. At: Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa Registration essential. Contact Sr M Julie juliebrcar@gmail.com

Pope's Quote

I see the church as a field hospital after a battle.

"Pope Francis



Happy Birthday

Graham Fletcher
&
Norm Heffernan



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Catholic Charismatic Renewal 50th Anniversary: 17-19 February

Everyone is invited to join CCR's Holy Spirit Mission for a weekend of Renewal, Restoration and Revival. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will preside at the opening Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday at 7.30pm. On Saturday & Sunday, the program at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills, includes children's ministry, Reconciliation from 1.00pm-2.00pm, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, closing Mass at 4pm on Sunday. Presenters include: Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Fr Ken Barker MGL. Entry is free. For more information, visit www.ccrparramatta.org

Pilgrimages

- Fr. Joe 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 or joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au
- Walking the Camino in France & Spain. Saturday 18th February, Greystanes** OLQP Parish in the St. George Preca Centre, 198 Old Prospect Rd. Attend one or both presentations by Peter Kearney, who has walked both pilgrimage routes to Santiago. Live commentary by Peter. Photographs and music from a large screen television. **1.** Camino in France: 11.00am &/or **2.** Camino in Spain: 2.00pm. Admission per session - \$10 at door. **Advance registration essential.** Email Peter: camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au. Please specify 'France' or 'Spain' or 'Both'. Also, state 'Greystanes' & number of seats needed. Peter will confirm registration.
- 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 or PO Box 1501, Baulkham Hills, NSW, 1755.
- Fatima & Portugal from 7 - 17 May 2017.**
 Cost of about \$5640. This includes all travel, transport, accommodation, meals, etc... Cost does not include Travel Insurance, passport costs, beverages, phone calls, laundry etc... The pilgrimage will visit Lisbon and Batalha where we will visit the amazing Monastery. Most time spent at Fatima. A Deposit and a copy of your passport to be given to Fr Guy Riolo to confirm the booking. The final payment of \$5,040 is payable by 15 March 2017. **If you are interested, please contact Our Lady of the Rosary Parish office on 9623 1962 ASAP.**

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday 6 February
Ss Paul Miki & Cc
 9.30am SRE Mass followed by meeting (PMR1)

Tuesday 7 February
 1pm Legion of Mary (Piety store)
 11.30am AA Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday 8 February
Sts Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita

Next Week's Readings 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37



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