



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



First Sunday of Lent

5 March 2017

Grounded in Faith Growing in Love Living in Hope

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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

My dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Life is always changing and everything, whether good or bad, will eventually come to an end. As we age, our body changes, we have health problems, emotional problems and Spiritual problems. Nothing in this life remains the same; only God is unchanging and constant in His love, at all times.



I am amazed at how time flies, four and half years have passed since I came to St. Nics and may be you have already heard that I am appointed as administrator to St. Antony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie from the 13th of March 2017.

I praise and thank God for the privilege of Journeying in faith with you. I thank you for your support in my priestly ministry.

To all the parish staff, to all the volunteers in the various ministries, your service is truly appreciated and valued. Together we have enjoyed magnificent pilgrimages, trips with young at heart, movies, barbeques etc.... together we have journeyed, laughed and celebrated sacraments.

Please know that I am grateful beyond words for your love, care, and support that you have shown me, and of course your tolerance and forgiveness of my many imperfections. I confidently entrust each and every one of you to the Maternal care of our Blessed mother and the assured protection of our Holy Patron.

It is hard to leave you, but as I said in the beginning of this farewell note, change is inevitable and all of us have to adjust to it. As you know that Toongabbie is not that far and you are welcome to visit me at St. Anthony's parish.

I love you all, May God Bless us all always!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe Manjaly MS

*Fr Joe's Farewell Mass will be held on Sunday
12 March at 10am followed by refreshments in the Hall. .*

*Anyone wishing to make a farewell donation may do so at all masses
this weekend & 11/12 March.*

In collection boxes at the entrances to the church.

Please pray for *Larry Gillman, Emma Robertson and Lee Woodburn who died recently Patrick Brown, Vince Cuttell, Gary Cleary, Valerian D'Souza, Karl Engsmyr, Marie Gatt, Thelma McSpadden, Elena Martinez, Yuzefa Milanovich, Marianne Mintoff, Paula Muscat, Angelo Muscat, Kenneth Minney, Mary & Joe Pace, Arthur Spowart, Nell Stephens and Gerald & Karista Sultana whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Florentine Asterio, Dennis Bryant, Carlito Duque, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Anthony Mundie and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

Please pray for those who are sick *Cyril Burborough, Dianne Constable, Darren Gallagher, Jane McCann, Lisa McDeed, Daniel McEntee and Chris Tabone.*

Hospital Masses Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ **Nepean Hospital** every Friday at Midday
- ◆ **Edenglassie Lodge (Lemongrove)** 1st Tuesday of each month at 11 am

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 Peter & Rita Mackenzie 773 Castlereagh Rd Agnes Banks.

Lenten Reflection will begin **Monday 6 March 7pm PMR1**. You are invited to join for prayer & reflection during the weeks of Lent. Lenten books are available on the night and in Piety store.

Acolytes and Senior servers are reminded to attend the **Acolyte meeting on Wednesday 15 March 7pm, in PMR1.** John Sweeney.

Prayer Meeting

We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on the **SECOND AND LAST TUESDAYS of every month at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday	6 March
7pm	Lenten Reflection (PMR1)
Tuesday	7 March
11.30am	AA Meeting (Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary (Piety store)
Wednesday	8 March
4pm	Reconciliation family session 1 (Hall)
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting
Thursday	9 March
7pm	Ministry Coarse (PMR1)
Friday	10 March
7pm	Stations of the Cross
Sunday	12 March
11.15am	Reconciliation family session 1 (PMR1)

Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

*Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9*

Pope Quote

"Let us protect with love all that God has given us!"

Pope Francis



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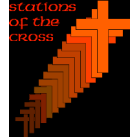
Please note that Family Sessions will commence this week. Session 1 will be on Wednesday 8th March at 4.00 pm in the Parish Hall and on Sunday 12th March at 11.15am in PMR 1. You can attend either the Wednesday or the Sunday Session. At least one parent must attend with your child. If you have any enquiries, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Colleen Nicholas.

Stations of The Cross

Each Friday during Lent - 7pm in the Church

Walk with Jesus as He shows us how much He loves us.

Follow Jesus through fourteen stations -- *fourteen moments* -- on His journey with the cross. This beautiful, ancient devotion guides us to ask for God's strength and forgiveness; to praise and thank Jesus for giving His life for us, and, ultimately, to find great hope in Jesus, who was crucified and died, overcame death and is here with us now.



Like many of her neighbors in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children, and the struggle worsened after her husband's untimely death. But, with the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, she now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbors in her vulnerable community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines develop their strengths and build better futures for their families and their neighbors.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Affordable Housing discussion group meeting to be held on Monday 13 March 6.30pm-8pm in Hall. For further details please contact Caroline 0448443619.

Saint Nicholas Festa Committee presents their annual Classic cars, Motorbikes and Truck Exhibition. **When** : Sunday 12 March at the Good Shepherd Community Centre 130-136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton from 9am to 1pm followed by The Big Fete-Fiera tal-Fniek at 1.30pm with music and entertainment. Free entry and plenty of parking. More details on Parish notice board.

Open Days

- **Caroline Chisholm College** 2018 Enrolments for Girls Years 7-12. Open night Monday 6 March 6pm-8.30pm. More info on notice board.
- **McCarthy College** Enrolling NOW for 2018. Open evening Wednesday 8 March from 4pm-7pm. For more enquiries phone 47353211.
- **Our Lady of Mercy College** Parramatta, Open Day on March 12 from 10am-2pm. More info on notice board.
- **Xavier College** open evening will be held Tuesday 14 March 4.30pm-5.30pm Ninth Avenue Llandilo.

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Gems of Asian Pilgrimage to Sri Lanka and India will take place from **20 November to 10 December** with Fr. Joe Manjaly. A great opportunity and life touching experiences... life may become very different when you walk through these countries... only few more seats available so if you are interested please contact Fr. Joe in person or through his email for itinerary: jmv112003@yahoo.com.

Afternoon for Couples Hoping to Conceive: Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promotes in regard to fertility awareness and assistance are invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. It is also an important opportunity for fellowship with other couples facing similar difficulties. WHERE: Dooleys Waterview Club, Silverwater Rd, Silverwater. WHEN: **Saturday 18 March 2017**, 2:00pm-4:30pm. Please RSVPs and inquiries to lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 9307 8403. Further details on Parish notice board.

Parish ROSTER for July to Dec is being compiled, if any changes are required please contact Craig Walsh 04 2828 4568 or in writing within the next 2 weeks via email- mamreintaid@gmail.com Note: UPDATED EMAIL

11/12		Parish	Roster		
March	Vigil	7am	8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	C Pemberton J Relunia	D Wiggins	R Kroon J Tabone	R Wood A Ostrowski	B Wrightson P Margerison
Servers	Ellie & Alicia Loughman Dylan & Jakob Lestal		Lily & Ella Loughland Larsen Daniel Cilia	J Crispin, S Dias V Sebi, D Dawson R Idris	Ethan Moniz Xavier Whalen
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