



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 February 2017

Grounded in Faith Live in Hope Grow in Love.



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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

Gospel Reflection; Matthew 5:38-48.

You must therefore be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Scripture scholars sometimes refer to the 'hard sayings' of Jesus—aspects of his teaching which may, at first glance, seem unduly demanding, even unreasonable. Matthew records a few of them in today's gospel.

Do we respond to them, as many of Jesus' disciples did on another occasion, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' (Jn 6:60). 'Does this offend you?' Jesus asked them.

Whilst we acknowledge that our Christian faith is a gift of inestimable value, we must also acknowledge that there is no such thing as 'cheap grace' (to borrow Dietrich Bonhoeffer's phrase). The cost of discipleship is no less than everything. 'From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required' (Lk 12:48).

from Madonna : Jesuit Publication

Sacramental Program First Reconciliation.

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held at St Nicholas of Myra Church on

Tuesday 28 February at 7.00pm.

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 the information meeting.

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.

DWF

will take place at all masses on
25/26 February.

Our quota for this appeal is
\$16,512.00

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Ash Wednesday:

1 March

Day of Abstinence

Mass times:

6.45am,
9.30am,
12.10pm
7.00pm.

Please pray for Lucia Bonilla, Gewendeline Gay, Rudy Lesseps-Fonseca, Patricia & Alan Weyman and Lee Woodburn **who died recently** George Attard, Ennio Celeste, Deanne Marie Clarke, Margaret Doughan, Miguel Franciso Dias, Yuzefa Milanovich, Marianne Mintoff, Mary & Joe Pace, Carmel & Carmen Vella **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Mariano & Magdalena Avila, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Filadelfo De Leon, Reg Levinge, and Norah & Bernard Wilding.

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

Hospital Masses Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ **Nepean Hospital** every Friday at MIDDAY
- ◆ **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 & Deanna Soertsz 15 Nerang Circuit Penrith.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour Prayer meeting 24th February at 7pm in PMR1.

Prayer Meeting

We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on the **TUESDAY 28 February at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

25/26 February	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	H McCann R Howard	A Ruzgas	C Walsh P Margerison	T Jacobs R Wood	A Sebastian Jose-Elmer Simeon
Servers	Joel Emerson Dylan & Jakob Lestal		Alison & Leah Joseph Daniel Cilia	S Perera H & J Jacobs J Crispin K Ross	Xavier Whalen Michael Tickner
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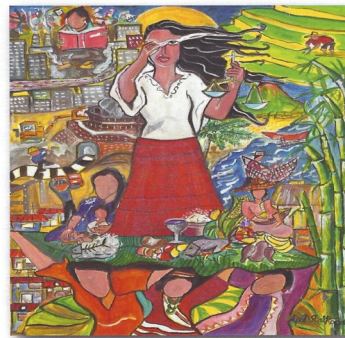
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Everyone Welcome



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
PHILIPPINES**

Am I being unfair to you?



World Day of Prayer

Friday 3 March 9.30am St Nicholas of Myra Everyone Welcome

Right to Home Campaign – Affordable Housing



St Vincent de Paul Society has launched the Right to Home Campaign. The campaign calls on the Legislative Assembly to immediately introduce legislation to amend the Planning and Environmental Act to require that a percentage of all new residential developments – at least 15% – be set aside for affordable housing.

If the society gets 10,000 signatures, the Parliament will have to discuss the St Vincent de Paul Society proposal. The first phase of the campaign is focussed on the Petition calling on the NSW Government to deliver affordable housing. Parishioner's aged 18 years and over can sign the petition with your name, address and signature.

For more information on the Right to Home Campaign, check out

<http://mavs.vinnies.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/RIGHT-to-HOME-Campaign-Toolkit.pdf>

If you would like to be involved in this discussion on affordable housing and brainstorm solutions to address this issue, please contact Vinnies member Carolyn on 0448 443 619.

Lenten Retreat Day Retreat, February 25

Lent reminds us that God is about our healing and redemption. God stands at the crossroads of our lives hoping that we will choose the road of life which he has already taken for us. Come and join us for a day of reflection and encounter with that God.

Venue: Benedictine Abbey 695 Jamberoo Mountain Rd Jamberoo **Cost:** \$30 Morning and afternoon tea provided, bring your own lunch. More info on notice board. Bookings: Petrina 0242360533.

Open Days

- St Dominic's College open day will be held Sunday 5 March from 10am to 2.30pm. More info on notice board.
- Caroline Chisholm College 2018 Enrolments for Girls Years 7-12. Open night Monday 6 March 6pm-8.30pm. More info on notice board.
- Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, Open Day on March 12 from 10am-2pm. More info on notice board.

Happy Birthday

Claire Brcar

Agnes Pace

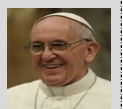


Pope Quote

We Cannot be part-time Christians!

We should seek to live our faith at

Every moment of every day. Pope Francis



Be apart of **Stations of the Cross** this Easter at St Nicholas of Myra parish!

All **YOUTH**, ages 13-25, are invited to step away from their every day life and be filled with the grace of God in prayer, reflection and preparation for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

When is the meeting?

26th Feb, 2017, 7pm at St Nicholas Church

Looking forward to meeting you all!



St Patrick's Day Family Festival, organised by the Life, Marriage & Family Office will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2-5pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. The Irish themed event will include live entertainment, food, rides for all ages and a historical display about the contribution the Irish have made to our Diocese. The event will also raise awareness about the World Meeting of Families taking place in Dublin next year and to raise funds for families to be able to attend. All are welcome! For more information check out: www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day Anyone interested in volunteering to help in terms of running stalls, preparing food, crowd management and other duties please email lmf@parra.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8838 3441.

Schoenstatt Shrine Open Times:

The Shrine is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, 7am to 8pm, for quiet personal prayer and reflection. Come and enjoy the peace and grace of the Shrine and our beautiful rural surroundings. You are always welcome to bring your family and friends and share lunch in the grounds. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Please contact the centre if you have any questions on 4773 8338.

Younger Widowed Support Group

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether you are a parent or not. **First gathering for the year:** Tuesday 21st February. **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, (cnr First Ave) Blacktown. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au (see flyer on Notice Board)



This Week at St Nicholas

Tuesday	21 February	
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(Piety store)
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
7pm	Parish Council Meeting	(PMR1)
Wednesday	22 February	
St Peter		
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	
Thursday	23 February	
St Polycarp		
7pm	Ministry Coarse	(PMR1)
Friday	24 February	
7pm	Divine Mercy prayer meeting	(PMR1)

Next Week's Readings

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:14-15
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34

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