



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 February 2017



Grounded in Faith Live in Hope Grow in Love.

Gospel Reflection; Matthew 5:17-37.

'If your virtue goes no deeper than that of the Scribes and Pharisees ...'

When I entered religious life in the 1960s, the emphasis was on keeping the Rule. I remember wondering if we still had to keep the Commandments! Before the teachings of Vatican II started to take hold, it was a legalistic way of life.

Jesus kept telling people that it was the heart that mattered. Appearances were unimportant. Pious observances were only of value if they were genuine expressions of love. Relationships had to be real, with people aware of the motives behind their words and actions. Jesus asks for honesty and directness in our interactions. All aspects of life had to ring true: there was no point in claiming devotion to God if your human relationships were in tatters.



Jesus, help me to remain at peace and able to discern the truth of my words and actions.

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.

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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 and Sam Galea who died recently Tony Camilleri, Alex & Veronica Castellino, Ennio Celeste, Ricque Deshto, Mr & Mrs Joe Keane, Adelaida Patag Lupisan, June Mascarenhas, Marianne Mintoff, Mary & Joe Pace, Bill & Joseph Spiteri whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, 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

- ◆ 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 Prayer meeting 24th February at 7pm in PMR1.

Attention all Catechists; For those of you that have not yet collected the Parent letters, they are now available for you to pick up at parish office. New updated declarations forms have been forwarded to us by the diocese, all catechist are urgently required to resign these forms before starting scripture classes.

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.

The Penrith Chapter of BNP Australia invites everyone to join us at our 3rd Friday of the month's celebration of the Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. Starts at 8pm and concludes at 10PM.

18/19 February	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	J Buttigieg R Howard	D Wiggins	G Issaks	A Ostrowski J Jordan	V Graham M Pletkan
Servers	J Emerson D&J Lestal E&L Loughman	Georgia Grady	L&E Loughland Bensen Payyappilly P&M Lufe	Raphaila Idris David Dawson Kaitlyn Ross W Ezekiel	David Pletkan Thomas Keane
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E.M.	R De Bono A Lobo V Emerson	S Sweeney G Wiggins L Davie	B Oxlade H O'Connor G Burns B Keavy L Kochappu A Alaya-ay E Isaaks	K Pemberton M Stynes J Dumas	D Lee C Vagg Jose-Elmer Simeon

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Pilgrimage

• 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 joel@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Bereavement Support Program – SESSION ONE

CCSS Solo Parent Services is running a fortnightly Bereavement Support Program for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or partner. Topic for this session *"The Psychological Effects of Grief"*.

Date: Wednesday 15th February. **Time:** 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Cost: \$5.00. Registration Essential: Phone Rita: 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au (See Flyer on Notice Board)

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CATHOLIC CARE
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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. **Please note Change of 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)

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

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany? A.. German Shepherds.



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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!



Discernment Weekend with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars: 3-5 March 2017.

Come for a chance to learn more about the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This Live-in weekend is for young men (18-35).

Starts 7:30pm Friday at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt and **concludes with 6pm Mass on Sunday**. Cost is **FREE/optional donation**. There will be **Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get helpful advice**. So if you're discerning, come along! Contact Fr Thomas on vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. Retreatants **must register** as there are limited spaces available. More info at: <https://capuchinfriars.org.au>

As we enter into the Season of Lent, join us for a one day silent retreat guided by Verbum Dei Missionaries, and enter into **"THE 40 DAY JOURNEY"**, on the **4th of March, at the Centre, 4 Frances Street, Randwick**.

For bookings/info : verbumdeisydney@gmail.com or 9341 5848 or Louise [0402 374 751](tel:0402374751)

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Any questions can be directed to Ann-Maree during business hours on 02 4773 8338 or please send your resume to manager@schoenstatt.org.au before the 24th February.

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday	13 February	
7pm	Liturgy Meeting	(PMR1)
Tuesday	14 February	
	<i>Ss Cyril and Methodius</i>	
1pm	Legion of Mary	(Piety store)
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
7pm	Prayer Meeting	(Hall)
Wednesday	15 February	
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	
7pm	Acolytes Meeting	(PMR1)
Friday	17 February	
8pm	BNP Mass	

Next Week's Readings

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

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