



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 February 2017

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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



**Fr Jose Manjaly
has been appointed
Administrator of Toongabbie Parish
as of Monday 13 March.**

*Fr Joe's Farewell Mass will be held on Sunday
12 March at 10am followed by refreshments in PMR1.*

*Anyone wishing to make a farewell donation may do so at all masses
over the next two weekends 4/5 & 11/12 March.
In collection boxes at the entrances to the church.*

DWF

will take place at all masses
this weekend

Our quota for this appeal is
\$16,512.00

Please give generously,
To help us reach our target.

Ash Wednesday:

1 March

Day of Abstinence

Mass times:

6.45am

9.30am

12.10pm

7.00pm

Please pray for *Larry Gillman, Connie Tesoriero and Lee Woodburn* who died recently *George Attard, Frank Baskett, Ennio Celeste, Deanne Marie Clarke, Benita Cruz, Vince Cuttell, Miguel Franciso Dias, Angelo Muscat, Yuzefa Milanovich, Marianne Mintoff, Mary & Joe Pace, Suzanne Portelli, Jaime Tuite, Carmel & Carmen Vella* whose anniversaries occur at this time and for *Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Terry O'Hare, and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

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

Hospital Masses Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ **Nepean Hospital** every Friday at Midday
- ◆ **Governor Phillip Manor** 1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm
- ◆ **Mt View Village** 1st Friday of each month at 10am

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 Alan Thomas 20 Willoring Ave Penrith.

Young at Heart Morning tea will be held Wednesday 1 March at 10am.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

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.

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 in Piety store.

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

World Day of Prayer Friday 3 March 9.30am at St Nicholas of Myra
Everyone Welcome

This Week at St Nicholas

Tuesday 28 February

Shrove Tuesday

- 12.30pm Legion of Mary (Piety store)
- 11.30am AA Meeting (Hall)
- 7pm Prayer Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday 1 March

Ash Wednesday Mass times on front page

6pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday 2 March

7pm Ministry Coarse (PMR1)

Friday 3 March

- 9.30am World day of Prayer Mass and morning tea
- 7pm Stations of the Cross

Next Week's Readings

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Happy Birthday

Maureen Calder

Linda D'Lima

Hannah-Rae Jacobs



Happy Anniversary

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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. No Booking required.

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.

Stations of The Cross

Each Friday during Lent - 7pm in the Church

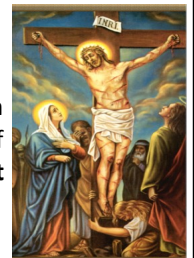
Walk with Jesus as He shows us how much He loves us.

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.



Calling All Youth, ages 13-25

You are all invited to step away from your 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. **A Meeting will be held Sunday 26 February at 7pm at St Nicholas of Myra church to discuss this event.**



Right to Home Campaign – Affordable Housing

Thank you to all our parishioners who signed the Right to Home Campaign Petition on Affordable Housing which was very successful. We received 585 signatures, bringing the grand total of signatures received by St Vincent de Paul to over 12,000 (the required number being 10,000 for Parliament to discuss the St Vincent de Paul Society proposal). Thank you to Stuart, Chris, and all the Vinnies members for all your help with this campaign. Thank you to those who have expressed interest to be a part of an Action Group, to discuss the issue and explore innovative localised ideas and solutions. We are in the process of finalising a meeting date, so please watch this space. If you would like to be involved in this discussion on affordable housing, please contact Vinnies member Carolyn on 0448 443 619.

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.
- **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-6.30pm Ninth Avenue Llandilo.

Pope Quote

*With God, nothing is lost;
but without him everything is lost.*

Pope Francis



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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.

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@bigpond.com

4/5 March	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	J Buttigieg M Pletkan	J Sweeney	D Welfare G Isaaks	J Relunia J Jordan	C Pemberton B Wrightson
Servers	J & J Lay G Nematic L & R Smee	G Grady	B Payyappilly A & L Joseph	L & J Wheelahan K Flynn, A Joseph W Ezekiel	M Tickner E Moniz
Comm. Rep.	I Bentham	Alison Johnson	S Von Bock	F Jackson	N Moniz
Reader	E Sicam	Y Bacchan	P Nematalla	D Dawson	C D'Mello
E.M.	M Gutierrez A Linga M Edmunds	G Wiggins A Yuzon S Sweeney	H O'Connor J Dumas E Isaaks A Alaya-ya L Kochappu B Oxlade B Brainwood	J Dumas J Vella M Stynes	D Lee A Sebastian K Pemberton

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