



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

Second Sunday of Lent

12 March 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

## Farewell

### Fr Joe

*Thank Fr Joe for your contribution to the Parish of St Nicholas of Myra during the past four years of ministry and wish you well in your new position as Administrator of Toongabbie Parish. You will be dearly missed.*



## Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Please note that Family Sessions have commenced this week. Session 2 will be on Wednesday 15th March at 4.00 pm in the Parish Hall and on Sunday 19th March at 11.15am in the Hall. 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.



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*In Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. The Protection Program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering the chance to afford education for her eight children and a safe life in a supportive community.*

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**Please pray for** *John McKenzie and Emma Robertson who died recently Paul Chia, Vince Cuttell, Anne Drayton, Evelyn Fernandez, Anthony Friaaf, Matthew Jacka, Francis Masny, Thelma McSpadden, Marianne Mintoff, Kenneth Minney, Denis Monteiro, Mary & Joe Pace, Gertrudes Pangilinan, Balbino Portetia, Robert Ross and Gerald & Karista Sultana whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Leonida Robillos and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

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

### Hospital Masses Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ **Nepean Hospital** every Friday at Middyay
- ◆ **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 Chris & Kathleen Pemberton 21 Henderson Drive Penrith.

**Lenten Reflection** next gathering will be **Monday 13 March 7pm PMR1 with Rodrick Pirotta** . You are invited to join for Prayer & Reflection during the weeks of Lent. Lenten books are available on the night and in Piety store.

### Prayer Meeting

We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on the **Tuesday 14 March at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

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

#### This Week at St Nicholas

<p><b>Monday 13 March</b>          6.30pm Affordable Housing Meeting (Hall)          7pm Lenten Reflection (PMR1)          7pm Liturgy Meeting (Parish office)</p> <p><b>Tuesday 14 March</b>          11.30am AA Meeting (Hall)          12.30pm Legion of Mary (Piety store)</p> <p><b>Wednesday 15 March</b>          4pm Reconciliation Family Session 2 (Hall)          6pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting          7pm Acolyte &amp; Senior servers Meeting (PMR1)</p> <p><b>Thursday 16 March</b>          7pm Ministry Course (PMR1)</p>	<p><b>Friday 17 March</b>          7pm Stations of the Cross</p> <p><b>Sunday 19 March</b>          11.15am Reconciliation          Family session 2 (Hall)</p>
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#### Next Week's Readings

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
*Exodus 17:3-7*  
*Romans 5:1-2. 5-8*  
*John 4:5-42*



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**Gospel Reflection Matthew 17:119**— Most Rev Peter Ingham, Bishop of Wollongong

**What did you hear in this week's Gospel and what does it mean to you?**

*I like to take the First and Second Sundays of Lent together. On the First Sunday, the temptation of Jesus by Satan emphasises the humanity of Jesus who is like us in all things except sin. On the Second Sunday, the Transfiguration, Jesus is revealed in his glory emphasising, of course, the divinity of Jesus. He is the eternal Son in whom the Father is well pleased.*

*As I look at this Gospel, I then hear Peter wanting to freeze the frame of this vision and build three tents. He wants to hang onto it and immortalise it. How often do you and I want to live happily ever after, but life moves on, and dark clouds at times can block out the sun. Jesus, too, faced his suffering and his death.*

*The heavenly Father in this Gospel identifies Jesus as his divine Son, and he tells us to listen to him. We may always want to talk, but are not always good to listen. To really listen takes courage. It may cause us to re-evaluate how we live our lives in union with our Saviour and in the light of Jesus' teaching.*

**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.

**St. Patrick's Family Festival**

Organised by the Life, Marriage & Family Office **When:** Saturday, March 18, 2-5pm  
**Where:** St. Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Irish live entertainment, Irish food, rides for all ages and a historical display about the contribution the Irish have made to our Diocese. Fun for all the family, all are welcome! Organised to promote the 'World Meeting of Families' taking place in Dublin, Ireland in 2018 and to fundraise for families to be able to attend.  
For more information check out: [www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day](http://www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day)

**On the 18<sup>th</sup> March Ben Tucker** will honour his Mum, Anne, by raising awareness and donations for the Leukaemia Foundation in the World's Greatest Shave. Throughout Anne's illness and after losing her battle last year the Leukaemia Foundation has been a great support to Maddie, Ben and Leo, so it is time to give back in some small way! If it is possible to chip in a donation for this cause it would be great and simply follow the web link below. If you are unable to then your thoughts and prayers for Anne and the work of the foundation would be greatly appreciated. Also possibly a small prayer for Ben for a quick and healthy regrowth!!  
<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/bentucker>

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

**Legion of Mary To: All Active & Auxiliary Members**

Please reserve this date, **Saturday 25 March** for the ACIES CEREMONY to be held at St Andrew's Parish Church Marayong where all legionaries will renew their loyalty to Mary, Queens of the Legion, commencing with the Holy Mass at 1pm followed by The Acies Ceremony. Please bring a plate.



**Pope Quote**

*Lent is a good time for sacrificing. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help other.* **Pope Francis**



**Happy Birthday**

Margaret Condon,  
Melanie Cocksedge (40th)  
Sue Gauci, Ken Olander & Gwen Nunn



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**Bereavement Support Program** The next Session of CCSS Solo Parent Services Bereavement Support Program for those whose spouse or partner has died is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm. Cost: \$5.00. Topic for this session: *"Dealing with Intense Emotions"*. Registration: Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**Healing Weekend** Dr Peter Gammons International Healing Ministry

- Friday 17 March healing Rally at 7pm Open to all who need healing. (Love offering)
- Saturday 18 March Special Impartation Seminar at 1pm.

Venue: Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Rd Seven Hills. Admission free

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**Charismatic Healing Mass** followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, to be concelebrated by Fr. Adam Crouch MGL Sunday 19 March 2017 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

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18/19 March	Vigil	<u>Parish</u> 7am	<u>Roster</u> 8.30am	10am	6pm
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Servers	J Emerson D&J Lestal E&L Loughman	Georgia Grady	B Payyappilly P&M Lufe	Raphaila Idris David Dawson Kaitlyn Ross W Ezekiel	David Pletkan Thomas Keane
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