



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Third Sunday of Lent

19 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

Welcome

Fr Pio

Jang



### Gospel Reflection; John 4:5-42.

*'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water. 'John 4:10*

*At this time in Lent the readings start to shift from the Gospel of Matthew, with it's emphasis on the cruelly treated Messiah, to the Gospel of John. Here the emphasis moves to another level. The focus is on Jesus as a bearer of divine love. The Gospel of John is addressed to believing Christians in the early Church and it challenges them to go much deeper into their faith. All the characters we meet go through a crisis of doubt and are then emboldened to do more, and indeed they do extravagantly more. Think, for example, of Mary of Bethany's extravagant anointing, or Peter jumping out of the boat. They are overwhelmed by love for Jesus, and this is the same love that exists between Jesus and the one who sent him, the one he calls his Father.*

*from Madonna : Jesuit Publication*

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Please note that Family Sessions are continuing . Session 3 will be on Wednesday 22 March at 4.00 pm in the Parish Hall and on Sunday 26 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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**Please pray for** *Nellie Lincoln, Ron Wright and Stella Mintoff* who died recently *Mary Armstrong, George Attard, Mary Chetcuti, Mary Cuttell, Anne Drayton, Anthony Fria, Reg Levinge, Francis Masny, Marianne Mintoff, Kenneth Minney, Thelma McSpadden, Mary and Joe Pace, Beatrice & Walter Ranawake, Francisco Sarmiento, Gerald & Karista Sultana and Mary Agnes Vella* whose anniversaries occur at this time and for *Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Jim McGreevey, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Gloria Nelson, Mary Ryan 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 Margaret Wright.* Fr Joe's father has suffered a stroke and is very critical.

### 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 Paul Gale 238 Smith Street Penrith.

**Lenten Reflection** next gathering will be Monday 20 March 7pm PMR1 with Rodrick Pirotta. You are invited to join for Prayer & Reflection during the weeks of Lent. Lenten books are available now in Piety store and will be on the evening.

**Parish Council** meeting will be held Tuesday 21 March 7pm in PMR1.

**Divine Mercy** prayer meeting will be held Friday 24 March 7pm in PMR1.

#### Happy Birthday

Brian Doughan,  
Helen & Peter O'Connor



#### Pope Quote

*Lent is a time of Grace, a time to convert and live out our Baptism fully.*

**Pope Francis**



### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Monday</b>	<b>20 March</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25 March</b>
7pm	Lenten Reflection (PMR1)	9am	Divine Mercy Lenten Reflection (Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21 March</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26 March</b>
11.30am	AA Meeting (Hall)	11.15am	Reconciliation Family session 3 (Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary (Piety store)		
7pm	Parish Council meeting (PMR1)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22 March</b>		
4pm	Reconciliation Family Session 3 (Hall)		
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23 March</b>		
7pm	Ministry Course (PMR1)		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24 March</b>		
7pm	Stations of the Cross		
7pm	Divine Mercy prayer meeting (PMR1)		

#### Next Week's Readings

**Forth Sunday of Lent**  
1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41



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## Stations of The Cross



Each Friday during Lent - 7pm in the Church  
Walk with Jesus as He shows 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.

This Saturday Ben Tucker honoured 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 care to leave a cash donation at the office, it will be forwarded to Leo. 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>



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## Penrith City Council Multi Faith Harmony Day

Join us for a 'Walk for Harmony' around the Civic Centre and Westfield Plaza block to celebrate HARMONY DAY 2017. Keynote speaker Cllr John Thain, Mayor of Penrith. Wednesday 22 March 11.30am for 12-2pm. Walk at The Mondo between The Joan Sutherland Theatre and Westfield, High St Penrith. **The theme for the day is orange, so any one who is interested in attending is encouraged to wear orange.**

## 24 Hours for the Lord - Living Water @ Schoenstatt Shrine: 24-25 March

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and His Mother in the Schoenstatt Shrine during this very special 24 hours. This annual gathering will begin with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday and finish with Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday. Reflection and Music every hour for 30 minutes followed by silent pray time. Accommodation at the retreat house is available for anyone who might wish to immerse themselves in this 24 hours. Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa.

Inquiries & bookings tel (02) 4773 8338 or email [manager@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:manager@schoenstatt.org.au)

## 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, Queen of the Legion, commencing with the Holy Mass at 1pm followed by The Acies Ceremony. Please bring a plate.



## A Mass & Blessing for People WITH AUTISM:

In celebration of Autism Awareness Month and to honour and pray for all those in our community with Autism, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to the annual Mass and Blessing for People with Autism, to be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. St Benedict's Church, Broadway on **Sunday 2nd April 2017**, at 2:00pm. For inquiries or to RSVP by Tuesday 28th March, contact [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org) or phone (02) 9307 8404.



# DIVINE MERCY LENTEN REFLECTION 2017

25 MARCH 2017 SATURDAY 9AM-4PM

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA HALL 326 HIGH ST PENRITH

Talk: **Calvary & Mercy**  
**REV JOHN RIZZO**

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- What is Divine Mercy
- Divine Mercy Sunday
- Divine Mercy Promises
- Important Revelations



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## Men's Lenten Retreat Day – Notre Dame Sydney

On Saturday, 8 April from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch, afternoon tea, and inspiring talks. This year we have three fantastic speakers who will present the sessions: Bishop Richard Umbers, Fr. Brendan Purcell and Fr. James Baxter OP. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential: <http://www.trybooking.com/PERK> or (02) 8204 4189.

## Final print edition of *Catholic Outlook* – March 2017

After 19 years, the print edition of *Catholic Outlook* (the official publication for the Diocese of Parramatta) will cease publication with March 2017 being the final issue. *Catholic Outlook* will continue publishing news and events online at [www.catholicoutlook.org](http://www.catholicoutlook.org) and through the Diocese of Parramatta's social media channels.

A sincere thank you to readers and all those who have worked on publishing *Catholic Outlook* over the years. Thanks also to the generous advertisers, school and parish communities which have helped keep Catholics in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains informed of what is happening in the Church.

25/26 March	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	R Howard H McCann	J Sweeney	G Isaaks R Kroon	R Wood A Ostrowski	D Cocksedge J Relunia
Servers	Grace Nematic Joel Emerson		Daniel Cilia B Payyappilly L&E Loughland Larsen	Shanelka Perera William Ezekiel Aleena Joseph R Idris	Michael Tickner Xavier Whalen
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