



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Fifth Sunday of Lent

2 April 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
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Parish Office.

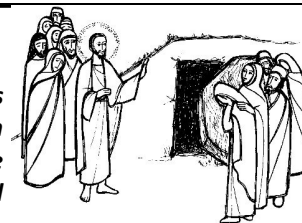
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St Nicholas Primary 4721 2623
Principal - Ms Anita Knezevic

St Mary Mackillop Primary 4736 3466
Principal - Mr Scott Buchan

Gospel Reflection; John 11:1-45.

'At the sight of Mary's tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, "Where have you put him?" They said, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept.' John 11:33-35.



Two pieces of trivia: 'Jesus wept' is not only the shortest verse in the whole Bible, it also comes exactly halfway through the Gospel of John. More importantly, for much of this Gospel Jesus is serenely in control of every situation he encounters, but at the sight of Mary's tears he becomes so distressed that he weeps. In this pivotal moment Jesus' humanity and vulnerability and empathy could not be more plainly evident. And yet, just a moment later, Jesus' divinity and power over death could not be more plainly evident: he draws Lazarus back from the tomb and back into life.

The Gospel does not deny the reality of suffering and pain. These cannot be avoided, no matter how secure I try to make myself. To live is to be vulnerable, and to love is to give one's life over to another. This is the human condition. What the Gospel is trying to tell us is that this human condition is also a place where we can find divine love, even beyond death. As I think of my dying loved one, who possibly has only one or two weeks to live, I pray 'Lord, I am in the thrall of death, come and see'. I feel Jesus' tears join my tears. I join my small hope in divine love to Jesus great hope in divine love.

In these final two weeks of Lent the tension between the ways of the world and the Word of Jesus is raised to breaking point. I will walk with Jesus, terrified, but as close as I can.

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Pastoral Council Nominations

The Parish Pastoral Council invites nominations for vacant positions. The goal for the Council this year is to make our parish a welcoming community with a greater sense of belonging for all.

If you or someone you know would like to contribute to the well being of this parish community, you are encouraged to place your nomination this weekend at all Masses.

Nomination forms are in church foyer please fill out, place in the envelope provided and either place in box in foyer or black letter box on front verandah at parish office.

Please pray for Nathaniel, Benjamin & Arielle Abante, Cyril Burborough, Madeline Chia, Theresa Colbert, Nida Bugahan Dacalos, Finn Hartnett, Varghese Manjaly, Albert Menezes, Escolastica Paz, Anthony Prendeville and John Reid **who died recently** Patrick Bourke, Vidy Carino, Alex & Josephine Cilia, Anne Drayton, Grace DeBono, Andrew Harnett, Gillian Hill, Egmedio, Narcisa & Magdalena Nierras, Jacqueline Nasr, Cristita Paanad, Raymond Roberts, Ivan Rezo, Peter Ryan, Francisco Sarmiento, Camilleri & Vella families **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Matthew Jacka, John Lee, Reg Levinge, and Norah & Bernard Wilding.

Memorial Mass for Fr Joe's father Varghese Manjaly, who died in India on 18th March will be celebrated for the eternal repose of his soul on the 41st day of his passing **Thursday 27 April at 7pm here at our church.**

Please pray for those who are sick Carol Baldwin, Dianne Constable, Enrique Esmayor, Anna Gal, Darren Gallagher, Jane McCann, Lisa McDeed, Daniel McEntee, Baby Phoenix, Chris Tabone, Christopher Tucker and Margaret Wright .

Hospital Masses Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ **Nepean Hospital** every Friday at Midday
- ◆ **Edenglassie Lodge (Lemongrove)** 1st Tuesday of each month at 11 am
- ◆ **Governor Phillip Manor** 1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm

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 Pauline Landrigan 4 Hand Avenue Penrith.

Young at Heart Morning tea will be held Wednesday 5th April at 10am. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Lenten Reflection on Monday 3 April 7pm PMR1. You are invited to join for Prayer & Reflection during the remaining of Lent.

Stations of The Cross is celebrated on Fridays during Lent at 7pm in the Church.

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday	3 April
7pm	Lenten Reflection (PMR1)
Tuesday	4 April
11.30am	AA Meeting (Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary (Piety store)
Wednesday	5 April
10am	Young @ Heart morning tea (PMR1)
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting
Thursday	6 April
7 pm	2nd Rite Reconciliation (Communal)
7pm	Ministry Course (PMR1)
Friday	7 April
7pm	Stations of the Cross

Happy Anniversary

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Next Week's Readings

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66



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Sacramental

Congratulations to the 115 children in our parish who received their First Reconciliation this week. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

The People's Community Network is increasing the resilience and dignity of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing. Please donate to Project Compassion and help vulnerable communities work towards lasting change in their neighbourhoods.

Holy Hour for Vocations: 6 April

Young adults aged 18-35 are invited to join the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for a Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations from 7.00pm -8.00pm followed by a pizza supper.

Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP to Sr Paula tel 0451 965 638, vocationscsfn@gmail.com

Girls Camp at Mount Schoenstatt: 17-20 April

Girls aged 13-15 are invited to a three-day camp at Mount Schoenstatt. Our theme is: Reflected in Our Lady's image: What is real beauty? Program also includes a movie night where family and friends are invited, prayer, craft and fun activities. Venue: Home of Light at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: \$100 (includes food and accomm.). RSVP: Friday 7 April 2017 (registration form and deposit required). Sr M Luka: 0439 537 843, fax 4773 8530, sr.m.luka@bigpond.com

"Psalm Sunday (9 April) Rally and Walk from Hyde Park to the Quay.

Purpose: to call "for an end to the politics of division and for our political leaders to welcome refugees, close the detention camps on Mannus Island and Nauru and bring the refugees to Australia". Meet at Penrith for the 12:36pm Blue Mtns train - 2nd carriage from front."

Job or Ministry

Some people have a JOB in the church Others involve themselves in a Ministry.

What's the difference?

If you are doing it because no one else will, it's a JOB

If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a MINISTRY

If you quit because someone criticized you, it was a JOB.

If you keep on serving, it's a MINISTRY.

If you'll do it only if it does not interfere with your other activities, it's a JOB.

If you are committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a MINISTRY

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a JOB

If you stay with it even though nobody recognises your efforts it's a MINISTRY.

It's hard to get excited about a JOB.

It's almost impossible not to be excited about a MINISTRY.

If our concern is success, it's a JOB

If our concern is faithfulness, it is a MINISTRY.

An average church is filled with people doing JOBS.

A great and growing church is filled with people involved in MINISTRY.

If God calls you to a MINISTRY, don't treat it like a JOB.

Pope Quote

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."



Pope Francis

**Q.. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
A.. Pharaoh's daughter.**

She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.



EASTER TIMETABLE

Thursday 6th April

2nd Rite Reconciliation (Communal) 7.00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

10th, 11th, 12th April

10.00am – 11.00am Individual Reconciliation

Wednesday 12th April

No evening 7pm Mass

Holy Thursday 13th April

No Morning Mass

7.00pm (only) Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration (until 10.30 pm PMR1)

GOOD FRIDAY 14th April

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7.00pm Waiting at the Tomb

(Reflection of Jesus' life through prayer')

HOLY SATURDAY 15th April

NO reconciliation and NO 9am Mass

7.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass only

EASTER SUNDAY 16th April

7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 6.00 pm

Grace & Silence Retreat Day

For Young Women (17 to 30 years),
8th April, 2017 OR 10th June

Open your soul and allow God to
speak to your heart.

9.00 am - 4.30 pm General Retreat Day

9.30 am - 4.30 pm for Vocation
Discernment to Marriage & Family,
Single Life or Consecrated Life.

Cost: \$30 includes morning tea,
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Materials To register or for more info
Sr M Julie - juliebrcar@gmail.com
or phone: 0408 738 334

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8/9 April Palm Sunday	Vigil	<u>Parish</u> 7am	<u>Roster</u> 8.30am	10am	6pm
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Servers	Ellie & Alicia Loughman Grace Nematic		Daniel Cilia Puluno & Malachi Lufe	L&J Wheelanhan J Crispin V Sebi S Dias	David Pletkan Xavier Whalen
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