



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



*Palm Sunday*

9 April 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**  
Marriage Prep courses can be booked at  
Parish Office.

## Schools

**St Nicholas Primary** 4721 2623  
Principal - Ms Anita Knezevic

**St Mary Mackillop Primary** 4736 3466  
Principal - Mr Scott Buchan



## EASTER TIMETABLE

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**10th, 11th, 12th April**

**10.00am - 11.00am Individual Reconciliation**

**Wednesday 12th April**

**No 7pm Mass**

**Holy Thursday 13th April**

**No Morning Mass**

**7.00pm (only) Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by  
Adoration (until 10.30 pm PMR1)**

*As we celebrate the feast of the Institution of the priesthood  
and Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, we will have one offertory collection  
to support the studies of one seminarian to priesthood  
in the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette  
to which our priests Frs Mathew, Jose, Jolly and PJ belong.  
Thank you for your generosity.*

**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**

**EASTER SUNDAY 16th April**

**7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 6.00 pm**

**Please pray for** *Madeline Chia, Br Francis Field F.M.S, Finn Harnett, Varghese Manjaly, Angelo Nadarajah and John Reid who died recently Patrick Bourke, Angeline Castelino, Vincenzo Dimarti, Anne Drayton, Gillian Hill, Mr & Mrs Kumar, Francis Masny, Perfecto Mendiola JR, Raymond Roberts and Alex Sarkany whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, Pat Keane, 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 in 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
- ◆ **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 Polly Melder 1/143 Evan Street Penrith.

### 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.

If you would like Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries or similar notices placed in the weekly bulletin, can you please contact the office by Wednesday of that week. Thank you

### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11 April</b>
11.30am	AA Meeting (Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary (Piety store)
7pm	Prayer Meeting (Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12 April</b>
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>13 April</b>
7pm	Mass followed by Adoration until 10.30pm
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>14 April</b>
10am	Stations of the Cross
3pm	Lord's Passion
7pm	Waiting at the Tomb
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>15 April</b>
7pm	Easter Vigil
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>16 April</b>
Mass times	7am, 8.30am, 10am & 6pm

### Happy Birthday

*Anna Calero (80yrs)*



### Next Week's Readings

#### Easter Sunday

*Acts 10:34. 37-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9*



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## Sacramental Program First Holy Communion

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at our parish will be commencing in May. To be eligible for First Holy Communion, **children must be in year 4 or above. They must also be baptised and have made their First Reconciliation.**

Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information meeting, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at 7.00pm.** Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

2:30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> April

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA PENRITH 326 HIGH STREET

- ◆ Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- ◆ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ◆ Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Homily and Benediction
- ◆ Reconciliation till 4pm
- ◆ Afternoon tea 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- ◆ DIVINE MERCY MASS 6PM

*Jesus I Trust in you*



## Catechist Ministry

What wonderful people are involved in this ministry in our Parish where the love of God and the love of the Catholic faith is shared with the catholic children in the State Schools within our Parish.

If you are in a position to offer yourself for half an hour each week, please contact the catechist coordinator Fred Keuneman 47212509.

Training will be provided together with relevant teaching resources. Lessons in schools are held on Tuesday and Thursdays morning during school terms.

**Get involved in serving God through the MINISTRY of Catechist.**

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**PROJECT  
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Participation in the Integrated Community Development Program has offered Aloma a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment.

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## “My Soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord”

Reflection Day for Women Saturday 6 May 9.30 am – 3.00 pm Sr Mary Louise Walsh Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa Cost \$25 BYO lunch, tea & coffee provided

To register: [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au)

### Pope Quote

*We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us fight against our faults.*

**Pope Francis**



## The Office of Tenebrae: 10 April

Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. A Holy Week reflection liturgy with Scripture, psalm chanting and motets. St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta, at 7.30pm.

## Good Friday – quiet meditation at the end of the day: 14 April

The traditional candlelight presentation of music of JS Bach, complemented by Sacred Readings from the Passion of Christ, will be held at St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook, at 7.30pm on Good Friday evening. The Blue Mountains Chorale conducted by Robert Ampt will sing poignant excerpts from *St John's Passion* and all will be encouraged to participate in singing congregational hymns, accompanied by the magnificent pipe organ. The service will conclude with quiet meditation. There will be a retiring collection. Suggested donation: \$15 and \$10 conc. Inquiries tel (02) 4754 1780.

## Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 23 April

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering. Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

## 'Come and See' Weekend Retreats for Women

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer weekend retreats for women aged 18-35 who want to discern their vocation to religious life. These retreats offer a one-to-one encounter and include prayer time, talks and accompaniment. Bring only a holy Bible and a smile! Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. For more information contact Sr Paula tel 0451 965 638, [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com)

## The Annual Reunion of Bethlehem College

Ex-Students will be held on Sunday, 4th June at the school. The day will begin with Mass at St Vincent's Ashfield at 10.00am. All past students and teachers are warmly invited.

Easter Sunday 16 April	Parish Roster			
	7am	8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	J Sweeney	C Walsh C Pemberton	A Ostrowski R Wood	V Graham D Welfare
Servers	Georgia Grady	Alison & Leah Joseph	W Ezekiel R Idris K Flynn D Dawson	Ethan Moniz Thomas Keane
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