



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



*Easter Sunday*

16 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**  
**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**

**My dear people,**

*We are living in a time of crisis and transition in the Church. We are like the disciples who went looking for Jesus on the first Easter Sunday and instead found an empty tomb. There seems to be a dead end for those searching for Jesus in the Church. In the midst of scandal and confusion, many turn to despair, grief and even anger.*



*When we look at salvation history, we see the pattern of dying and rising in the Church discernible at every turn. God brought unexpected outcomes out of the most crushing defeats: Out of the ashes of the exile, he brought about the new Israel; out of the ashes of the crucifixion, the resurrection; out of the ashes of the Roman persecution, the universal Church.*

*Today, there is a strong sense that the Church is once again at the crossroads. In the post-Royal Commission, the safe and secure moorings of the past recede far from our view. As we face the deep and treacherous waters of the future, we grow in the awareness of paschal rhythm. We realise what needs to die and what needs to rise. The Church needs to die to that which is not of Christ in order to rise again to all that Christ and his Gospel stand for.*

- *We need to die to a worldly culture of power, dominance and privilege and rise to the Gospel-inspired culture of simplicity, vulnerability and powerlessness;*
- *We need to die to being an enclosure for the virtuous and the privileged and rise to become an oasis for the poor and the “anawim” of God;*
- *We need to die to being an experience of exclusion and condemnation and to rise to being an encounter of radical love, inclusiveness and solidarity;*
- *We need to die to worldly trappings, triumphalism, clericalism and rising again to the power of vulnerable trust, servant-leadership, discipleship of humble service.*

*We see something of the paschal rhythm in the papacy of Pope Francis and the way he challenges us to follow the direction of the kingdom. The Church, he insists, must be the Church of the poor and for the poor. We must abandon our culture of comfort and go to the periphery. He has eschewed the trappings and privileges of his office. He has championed a leadership that fosters relationships rather than clerical status and power.*

*Dear friends, of the Diocese of Parramatta, the Easter story does not end with Mary in grief. It tells us of her encounter with the Risen Lord who calls out her name and sends her out on a mission of proclaiming to others the Good News of the Resurrection. Perhaps we too need to hear our names called and our personal relationship with the Lord reaffirmed. In the midst of our despair and uncertainty, we need to hear the affirmation of Our Lord with crystal clarity: “Be not afraid”*

*God’s ways often involve the pain of letting go, of beginning again, of going forward with hope and trust. Let us endeavour to live the rhythm of Christ dying and rising in the Church and in all facets of our lives. Then we can be certain that the loving God will bring about renewal and transformation as He brought Jesus Christ to life from the dead.*

*Happy Easter to all!*

**Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV**

Celebrate the  
resurrection of  
our Lord!

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EASTER



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and the Parish Team  
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**Please pray for** *Madeline Chia and Cyril Burborough, who died recently Oscar Bordignon, Patrick Bourke, Mary Cafferty, Bob Cassidy, Anthony Chia, Theresa Chua, Ben Cox, Petronella Crocker, Jean & Joe Culhane, Theresa D 'Souza, Joan Finn, Maria Soh Ley Geok, Joseph & Elbert Goh, Gillian Hill, Pat Keane, Anna Lee, Perfecto Mendiola Jr, Grant McLean, Kelvin Ogilvie-Mitchell and Raymond Roberts whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dorrie & Jack Bertles, Dennis Bryant, James Coffey, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, Paul Landrigan, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Jaime Tuite and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

**Please pray for those who are sick** *Carol Baldwin, Dianne Constable, Enrique Esmayor, Anna Gal, Darren Gallagher, Jane McCann, Lisa McDeed, Daniel McEntee, Jenny Ng, Lynn O'Hare, 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 Priest 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 Betty Keavy 181/37 Mulgoa Rd Penrith.

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour** prayer meeting 4th Friday of the month 7pm in PMR1.

**Prayer Meeting**

We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on **Tuesday 18 April at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

**This Week at St Nicholas**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18 April</b>
11.30am	AA Meeting (Hall)
7pm	Prayer Meeting (Hall)
7pm	Pastoral Council meeting (PMR 1)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19 April</b>
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting

**Happy Birthday**

*Fred Keuneman, Margaret Neill*

*Myrna Ogilvie-Mitchell*

**Happy Anniversary**

*Sally & Ted Brock*

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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*



## Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

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## Catechist Ministry

If you are in a position to offer half an hour each week, to teach Catholic children in the State Schools within our Parish 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.**

## "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)

**For sale DOUBLE BURIEL PLOT-** Catholic Section—St Mary's General Cemetery \$2600. Contact Rhonda 0408 429 492.

## Congratulations

*Ali and Allan Alaya-ay on the birth of their son Samuel Rey.*



## Next Week's Readings

### Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

## Pope Quote

*We ask the risen Jesus', who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace'.* **Pope Francis**





## Discover Retreat for Young Women: 21-24 April

A self-knowledge weekend on identity and personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. From 7.00pm on Friday 21 April till 4.00pm on Sunday 23 April. Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Bracar ISSM, phone 0408 728 334, [juliebracar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebracar@gmail.com)  
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/1094246107354311/>

## 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.

## Time for Us to go on a Date: 29 April

An evening for couples to dance, dine and prayer together at Mount Schoenstatt on Saturday 29 April from 5.00pm-10.00pm. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Bracar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, [juliebracar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebracar@gmail.com)  
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/1494512160560110/>

## Spirituality at work

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre 247 St Andrews Road Varroville April 28 – 30  
Presenters: Anne Donald & Fr Gerard Moran, OCD Cost: \$230.00 per person (10% discount for shared accommodation and for pensioners/students/unemployed)  
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**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 week via email- [mamreintaid@gmail.com](mailto:mamreintaid@gmail.com)

22/23 April Divine Mercy Sunday	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	J Buttigieg J Relunia	D Wiggins	Jose-Elmer Simeon D Wellfare	J George T Jacobs	B Wrightson C Pemberton
Servers	Joel Emerson Ellie & Alicia Loughman		Daniel Cilia Lily & Ella Loughland Larsen	Raphaila Idris David Dawson H & J Jacobs	Xavier Whalen Michael Tickner
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