



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

23 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

Divine Mercy Reflection

St. Faustina's diary contains Our Lord's quotes requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established in the Church.

"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy" (diary 299) "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.



The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened" (diary 699) "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy" (diary 965)

The conditions required to receive such a great grace are: to place complete trust in God, to carry out acts of mercy, to be in a state of grace (having received the sacrament of Confession), and to receive Holy Communion.

The preparation for the Feast is to be a novena consisting of the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet for 9 days, beginning on Good Friday. Jesus said "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls". (diary 796)

ALL INVITED TO DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

2:30pm on 23rd April

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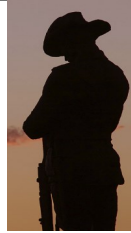
Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Stations of the Cross
Homily and Benediction
Reconciliation till 4pm

A BIG thank you to all those people who have assisted in any way to make our Holy Week celebrations more meaningful and gracefilled one.

Frs Mathew, Pio & PJ



ANZAC DAY MASS
Tuesday 25 April
9.30am



Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". Observed on 25 April each year, Anzac Day was originally to honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) who fought at Gallipoli against the Ottoman Empire during World War I.

Please pray for *David Burne, Madeline Chia and Kaybee Ragaza who died recently George Attard, Patrick Bourke, Alexander Tom Bunders, Maria Soh Ley Geok, Gillian Hill, Mary Lane, Edward Norris, Kelvin Ogilvie-Mitchell, Raymond Roberts, Theresa & Rodillon Saguin, Jaime Tuite and Frank Viterale whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Grace & Michael Buttigieg, Tania Felice, Jocky Gaetches, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Frank Scerri, Norah & Bernard Wilding and all Souls in Purgatory.*

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, 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

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 John & Joan McSpadden 3 Timgalen Ave Penrith.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour prayer meeting 4th Friday of the month 7pm in PMR1.
Next meeting Friday 28 April.

This Week at St Nicholas

Tuesday 9.30am	25 April Anzac Day Mass	Friday 28 April 7pm	Divine Mercy meeting (PMR1)
Wednesday <i>St Mark</i> 6pm	26 April St Vincent de Paul Meeting	 Happy Birthday <i>Mary Knox (70th)</i>	
Thursday 7pm	27 April Memorial Mass for Fr Joe's father		




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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 2nd May 2017 at 7.00pm.** Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

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 Thursday mornings during school terms.

Get involved in serving God through the MINISTRY of Catechist.

An Evening for Married Couples to Dance, Dine and Pray Saturday 29th April OR Saturday 3rd June

An opportunity for couples to foster their relationship. The evening will unfold with a short input on male leadership followed by a lesson in ballroom dancing, fine dining and prayer. The evening commences at 5pm and concludes 10pm, Investment: \$150 per couple. To register or more info contact Sr M Julie - juliebrcar@gmail.com or phone: 0408 738 334

“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

LIFTED Live! Featuring Steve Angrisano: 13 May

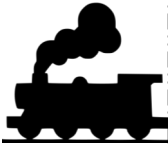
Join Catholic Youth Parramatta for our first LIFTED Live! at our new central venue in the Rooty Hill RSL. Last year, more than 400 young people were inspired by Catholic musician, singer, songwriter and storyteller Steve Angrisano. You can expect music, prayer, worship, adoration, drama, laughs and a great night as the LIFTED Band and Steve join forces in faith, formation and fun! \$5 entry fee to be inspired and upLIFTED for your ongoing ministry! From 7.00pm-10.00pm at Rooty Hill RSL, 55 Sherbrooke Rd, Rooty Hill. RSVP thru the **Catholic Youth Parramatta** Facebook event. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, phone (02) 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

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

Bon voyage Stuart

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable short trip to Broken Hill.

God bless from Frs Mathew, Pio, PJ, Parish staff and parishioners.




Next Week’s Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14.22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

WE ARE ALL SINNERS. BUT GOD HEALS US WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF GRACE, MERCY AND TENDERNESS.
POPE FRANCIS



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- **Spirituality at work** 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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- **I can't pray (day retreat)** Presenter: Fr Greg Chee, OCD
When: May 13, 9:30 am – 4:00pm Cost: \$25 (please remember to bring lunch)
Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9.45am and 10.00am
Phone: 8795 3400 retreats@carmelite.com or carmeliteretreats.com.au

Parishes Making Connections NSW Conference: Shane Dwyer, director of the National Centre for Evangelisation, keynotes this year's NSW Catholic Pastoral Conference. For parishioners, school staff and clergy. Lidcombe, Tuesday 2nd May from 10.00am-4.00pm, optional dinner. \$60 registration: www.trybooking.com/PBCM Endorsed by our Pastoral Planning Office.

For inquiries : Greg Byrne 0427 918 568, gregbyrne3@bigpond.com

WALKING THE CAMINO in SPAIN. Saturday 6th May, 11.00am in the Holy Family Church Hall, Luddenham - Lot 32a Willowdene Ave. An 80 minute audio-visual presentation by Peter Kearney, who has walked over 700 km along this ancient pilgrimage route to Santiago, burial place of St. James the Apostle. Live commentary by Peter. Photographs and music from a large screen television. Admission \$10 at door. **Advance registration essential.** Email Peter: camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au Please specify Luddenham & number of seats needed. Peter will confirm registration

Mass for the Feast of St George Preca Sunday 7th May, 5.00pm

Holy Family Church 32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham Followed by supper.

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Servers	Logan & Ryan Smee Dylan & Jakob Lestal		Alison & Leah Joseph Bensen Payyappilly	Kaitlyn Ross Shanelka Perera Brenden Powell J Crispin	David Pletkan Xavier Whalen
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Reader	I Bentham	S Paterson	F Jackson	O Kiss	K Smith
E.M.	A Calub N Calub C Coyte	S Sweeney G Wiggins M Sultana	G Burns Y Baccan B Keavy L Kochappu B Oxlade R Bryan A Fletcher	N Perera M Knox M Stynes	M Herrick D Lee Jose-Elmer Simeon