



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

Third Sunday of Easter

30 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

Gospel Reflection: Luke 24:13-35. [St Pius V].

Lord, you will show us the path of life—Psalms 15(16):1-2, 5, 7-11.

He took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them.

The two distressed friends are accompanied by a stranger. He listens to their experience. He offers solace to them in the way of Scripture, which they seem to know and love. He accepts their hospitality and at the table he blesses and breaks the bread, offering it to them. And in that moment they realise who has travelled with them.



Each Eucharist carries the same promise for us. May we take time to savour the readings that are offered to us and approach communion with an open and loving heart. Similarly, in our home, let us make our family meal gracious, simple and a time of peace for our family.

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 at 7.00pm.

Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

A **BIG** thank you to the hospitality group for all they do towards all our special celebrations.

Please pray for *Rene Caceres, Madeline Chia and Mark O'Donnel who died recently Preeti Alvares, Patrick Bourke, Maria soh Ley Geok, Michael Hagarty, Hilda Henrison, Gillian Hill, Brendan Jacobs, Mary Lane, Kelvin Ogilvie-Mitchell, Anastasio Ramos, Raymond Roberts and Frederick & Julia Smith whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

Please pray for those who are sick *Carol Baldwin, Dianne Constable, Enrique Esmayor, Anna Gal, Darren Gallagher, Rosemary Matthews, Jane McCann, Lisa McDeed, Daniel McEntee, Jenny Ng, Lynn O'Hare, Baby Phoenix, Chris Tabone, Christopher Tucker, James Vella 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
- ◆ Mt View Village 1st Friday of each month at 10am

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 Rodger & Louise Kroon 46 Bujan St Glenmore Park.

Young at Heart Morning tea will be held Wednesday 3rd May at 10am.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

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.

Please support the businesses that advertise in our Parish Bulletin

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday 1 May
St Joseph the Worker

Tuesday 2 May
St Athanasius
11.30am AA Meeting (Hall)
12.30pm Legion of Mary (Piety store)
7pm First Holy Communion Parent information (Church)

Wednesday 3 May
Sts Philip & James
10am Young @ Heart morning tea (PMR1)
6pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday 4 May
7pm Ministry Course resumes (PMR1)

Friday 5 May
Bl. Edmund Rice

Happy Anniversary

*Mike & Helen Ryan (50th)
Joe & Lori Tabone (40th)
Peter & Gloria Moore (48th)*



Happy Birthday

*Ingrid Bentham
Maria Nyss*

and to all those in our Parish community who are celebrating their birthday this week.



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WHERE ; ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH

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CHILDREN CAN WEAR WHITE ATTIRE BUT NOT REQUIRED

Fellowship after the Mass at Parish Hall CONTACT ; JUN RELUNIA 0419-233-643

Attention; Parish Movie Night will resume on the last Friday in May in the hall. Watch this space.



Good Shepherd Sunday May 7

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis asks each of us to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. If each person who reads this offers one small prayer, it will make a difference.

Diary NOTE from Parramatta Diocese : The Australian Catholic Youth Festival organisers announced preparations are well underway for the event that will draw 15,000 young people to Sydney from **7-9 December** this year, and revealed some of the event details that will appeal to participants Australia wide. The Festival will be held in the Sydney Olympic Park precinct using the Sydney Showground and Qudos Bank Arena venues and will culminate with a closing Mass on Saturday, 9 December at the Domain, not far from St Mary's Cathedral and adjacent to the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney.

"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

Our Lady Mercy College Parramatta Open Morning Tour on Monday May 8.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2018. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place. Contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

McCarthy Catholic College 75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains Trade Training Centre

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11, 2018: **Date:** Wednesday 24 May 2017

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm *Start your trade and complete your HSC with no external examinations.*

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Enrolment Enquiries: Mrs Katrina Gill: 02 4728 8129

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Fresh Perspectives: Starting soon: Conversation on book "Emergence for Life Not Fall From Grace: Making sense of the Jesus Story in the light of Evolution" by Kevin Treston.

Meets 4th Thursday of each month, 7:30pm, Emu Plains. Inquiries: Jim Potts 47352076.

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14. 36-41

1 Peter 2:20-25

John 10:1-10

Pope Quote

Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of Love; it is like giving life.
Pope Francis



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.
Please bring a plate to share.

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre 247 St Andrews Road Varroville (day retreat)

I can't pray Presenter: Fr Greg Chee, OCD When: May 13, 9:30 am – 4:00pm
Cost: \$25 (please remember to bring lunch) For booking and more info Phone: 8795 3400
retreats@carmelite.com

EXPLORING THE NATURAL ALTERNATIVES TO THE PILL: Sunday 20 May

Have you experienced any side effects of The Pill and is there a natural alternative that's just as effective? 2:00pm-3:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Hosted by the Life, Marriage & Family Office.

For more info, go to <https://parralmf.org.au/nfs/> and register at 88383460 or nfs@parra.catholic.org.au

Positions Vacant

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking applications for several positions.
For further details, go to <https://parracatholic.org/employment/>

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| 6/7 May | Vigil | Parish | Roster | | |
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| | | 7am | 8.30am | 10am | 6pm |
| Acolytes | J Buttigieg R Howard | J Sweeney | R Kroon J Tabone | T Jacobs P Margerison | D Cocksedge M Pletkan |
| Servers | Dylan & Jakob Lestal Grace Nemadic Ellie&Alicia Loughman | Georgia Grady | Alison & Leah Joseph | D Dawson H&J Jacobs Aleena Joseph Kaitlyn Ross | Xavier Whalen David Pletkan |
| Comm. Rep. | S Falleiro | Alison Johnson | S Von Bock | O Kiss | AM Pletkan |
| Reader | J Hogan | H Ryan | L Gal | M Varua | Jose-Elmer S |
| E.M. | M Gutierrez A Linga R DeBono | S Sweeney M Sultana L Davie | E Isaaks B Oxlade P Wheller H O'Connor Aly Alaya-ay B Keavy M Nyss | J Vella M Stynes L Kochappu | K Smith K Wrightson C D'Mello |

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