

St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

7 May 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: John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

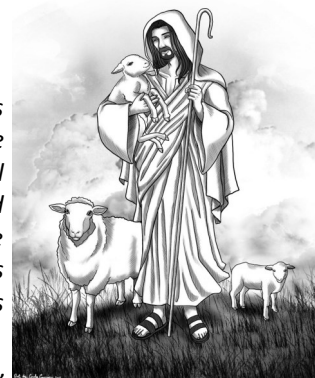
Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

From Loyola Press

Good Shepherd Sunday

*We kindly encourage our parishioners to pray for vocations,
and to encourage any young men
to discern for the possibility
of being called to the priesthood or consecrated life.*

*May the Good Shepherd continue to send us
good and faithful servants
willing to preach the Good News
to all the nations through their words and action!*



Please pray for *K.K Lukuose , Maggie Pinto and James Vella who died recently Josefina Aytona, John Donnelly, Rita Patricia Fernando, Theresa Lim, Sandra McSpadden, Kate Rees, Nimfa Relunia, Rosamma, KV Joseph & Sebastian, Cathy Shipway, Ioane, Faaiu & Vilo Tuliatu and Laurie, Lorraine & Vicky Vella whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Ida Benz, Dennis Bryant, Lisalote Cocksedge, Duque & Mundie families, Tania Felice, Kevin Fisher, Mavis Hart, Peter & Frances Hendry, Joyce Henricus, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Kerry Lowe, Neville & Betty Locke, Jim Pearson, Augustino Quan, Eyvone, Vanjour & Robert Rodrigues, Nicholas, Rodrigues & Vanjour families, Rose Woollard, Norah & Bernard Wilding and all Holy souls in Purgatory.*

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 and James Ng, Lynn O'Hare, Baby Phoenix, Chris Tabone, Christopher Tucker, Sr Teresa Woe 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 Rodger & Louise Kroon 46 Bujan St Glenmore Park.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated 12th May directly after 12.10pm Mass.

Also prayer meeting 4th Friday of the month 7pm in PMR1.

Attention; *There will be a meeting for ALL SRE teachers Monday 8 May 1.30pm in PMR1. Please all try to attend.*

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.

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday	8 May	
1.30pm	SRE Meeting	(PMR1)
Tuesday	9 May	
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(Piety store)
Wednesday	10 May	
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	
Thursday	11 May	
7pm	Ministry Course	(PMR1)

Next Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Acts 6:1-7
1Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12*

Happy Birthday

*Margaret Goodridge
Colleen Nicholas*

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



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Sacramental: Sacrament First Holy Communion

If you have enrolled your child in the First Holy Communion Program, please note the first Family Session is on **Wednesday 17th May or Sunday 21st May**.

You MUST ATTEND ONE OF THESE SESSIONS. If you did not attend the parent information evening last Tuesday evening, please contact Colleen at the Parish Office on Monday or Thursday between 9.30-5pm.

The Banal Na Pag-aaral (BNP) Penrith Chapter

Is cordially inviting everyone in celebrating the 30th Year Anniversary of the Fatima Devotion in the Penrith and Windsor area.

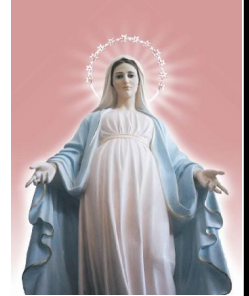
Venue: St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church

326 High Street, Penrith (Note - car park entry is via Higgins Street)

Date and Time Saturday, 13th of May 2017

starting with the Rosary at 11:00 am

There will be a procession after the Holy Mass with lunch to follow at St. Nicholas Parish Hall.



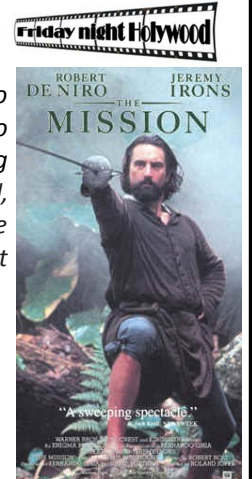
St Nicks Movie night presents ; *The Mission*

Jesuit priest Father Gabriel (Jeremy Irons) enters the Guarani lands in South America with the purpose of converting the natives to Christianity. He soon builds a mission, where he is joined by Rodrigo Mendoza (Robert De Niro), a reformed slave trader seeking redemption. When a treaty transfers the land from Spain to Portugal, the Portuguese government wants to capture the natives for slave labor. Mendoza and Gabriel resolve to defend the mission, but disagree on how to accomplish the task.

When: Friday 26 May at 7pm

Where: Parish Hall on the BIG SCREEN

Soft drinks and popcorn will be available or feel free to bring something to eat / and or drink before or during the movie and a comfy chair if you wish.



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 **Enrolment Enquiries:** Mrs Katrina Gill: 02 4728 8129
mccarthycttc@parra.catholic.edu.au or www.mccarthycttc.catholic.edu.au

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.

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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Pope Quote

'We forget to remain focused on the things that really matter.'

Pope Francis



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.

Younger Widowed Support Group - This monthly support group is for men and women aged approx. 55 years or younger, who are facing life after the death of a spouse or partner to come together for support and sharing. **Date:** Third Tuesday of each month - next gathering 16th May. **Time:** 7pm -9pm **Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave) **Cost:** \$5.00 For details and registrations please contact Rita Chater Ph: 8822 2222 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Break Free Seminar 'Exploring the natural alternatives to the pill': 20 May

Have you experienced any side effects of The Pill and is there a natural alternative that's just as effective? Empower yourselves with knowledge about your fertility. Saturday 20th May 2017, 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

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

How about walking and praying in the land where Jesus was. A 14 day pilgrimage is being organised from 12th – 25th Nov 2017. Visit Jordan and Israel- River Jordan, Petra, Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Carmel and many more places of interest. Return Economy Class Airfares, Visas, Air Conditioned coach, accommodation in Premium hotels, breakfast, lunch, dinner and many other services. Priced at \$5,250 per person. Early bird price \$ 4990 (before 31 May).

For more details contact Fr. Clifford at the Parish of Richmond on 4578 1410 or Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246 or info@magiholidays.com.au

"Into the Deep", One Day Silent retreat.

A day of prayer on the Christian Following, given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Sunday, May 21 (9am to 4pm). Cost \$50 inclusive of meals. Held at the Centre, Randwick. For more information contact Kylie 0403453620 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

13/14 May	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	H McCann J Buttigieg	D Wiggins	R Kroon J Relunia	J Jordan D Welfare	B Wrightson M Pletkan
Servers	Bethany & Violet Neal		Daniel Cilia Bensen Payyappilly	L&J Wheelahan B Powell V Sebi S Dias	Michael Tickner Xavier Whalen
Comm. Rep.	L Alimangoha	E Marshall	E Isaaks	M Varua	K Smith
Reader	J Hogan	M Wilson	N Joseph	M Prendeville	C D'Mello
E.M.	A Yuzon C Coyte M Xiberras	M Sultana S Sweeney G Wiggins	A Fletcher L Kochappu H O'Connor M Nyss M Stynes R Bryan P Morson	N Perera K Pemberton P Samuolu	C Vagg D Lee A Sebastian

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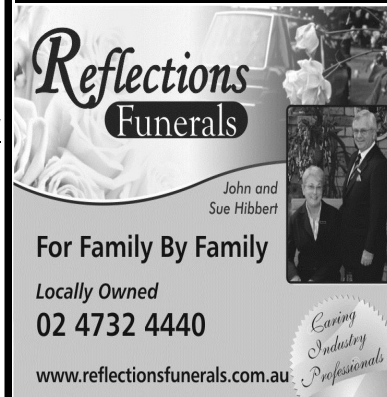
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