

# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mothers Day

14 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 14:1-12

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life." The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

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## Mothers Day Prayer



May God reward you  
for the many ways you love-  
for accepting openly,  
for giving freely,  
and for teaching, encouraging,  
and reprimanding patiently.  
May Mary make your  
memories joyful as you  
Keep them in your heart,  
And may she gain for you every blessing from  
Jesus, her Son. AMEN



**Please pray for** Francis Burke, Agnes Goh, Sunil Monteiro and James Vella **who died recently** Josefina Aytona, Jerry Axisa, Jemma Bellman, Dorrie Bertles, Rina Borg, Cirilo Cahatol, Jean Culhane, Mary Chetcuti, Cirilo Cahatol, Christopher Donnelly, John Donnolley, John Engsmyr, Claude & Evelyn Fernandez, Kate King, Kate O'Farrell, May Olander, Nimfa Relunia, Betty Winwill and Felisa Zurbano **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Norah & Bernard Wilding.

**Please pray for those who are sick** Dianne Constable, Enrique Esmayor, Anna Gal, Darren Gallagher, Rosemary Matthews, Jane McCann, Lisa McDeed, Daniel McEntee, Jenny and James Ng, John Nettare, 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
- ◆ 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 Charlie & Josie Spiteri 5 Carinda Drive Penrith.

**Request for spare Wool:** Donations of spare wool greatly appreciated and can be left at the parish house. Many thanks.



**Charismatic Healing Mass** followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, to be concelebrated by Fr. John Walenciej Sunday 21 May 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

#### Next Week's Readings

##### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
 1Peter 3:15-18  
 John 14:15-21



#### Happy Birthday

Adele Lobo  
 Betty Murdoch (90)  
 Gerry O'Farrell (91)

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

#### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16 May</b>	
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(Piety store)
7pm	Parish Council meeting	(PMR1)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17 May</b>	
4pm	Holy Communion	Family Session 1 (Hall)
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18 May</b>	
7pm	Ministry Course	(PMR1)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21 May</b>	
11.15am	Holy Communion	Family Session 1 (Hall)

#### Pope Quote

*"Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards him: he awaits you with open arms."*

**Pope Francis**



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## Sacramental: Sacrament of First Holy Communion

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

You MUST ATTEND ONE OF THESE SESSIONS. For more information please contact Colleen at the Parish Office on Monday or Thursday between 9.30-5pm.

## Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal on 27/28 May

Our quota for this appeal is \$16,512.00 . All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible. Please give generously to this Appeal. Fr Mathew

## St Nicholas Parish Family Fun Day

Come and join in the fun on Pentecost Sunday 4 June , after 10 Mass until 1.30pm.

At St Nicholas School grounds for a fun filled morning with lots of games.

There will be a sausage sizzle available with compliments of Outback Steakhouse . **\$2 donation . It is suggested everyone wears something RED.**

Look forward to seeing you there. Frs Mathew, Pio & PJ

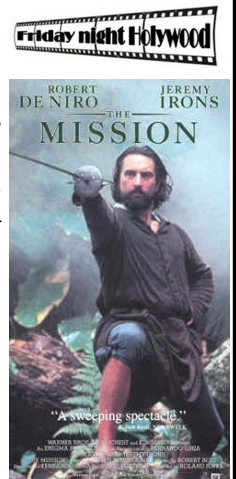
## St Nicks Movie night presents ; *The Mission*

*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.



## Mothers Day Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace 10.30am on Thursday 18 May.

215 Western road, Kemps Creek followed by refreshments at the Pavillion Kemps Creek Cemetery. **All welcome** RSVP Mary 96 201 242.

## McCarthy Catholic College 5 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



## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

How about walking and praying in the land where Jesus was. A 14 day pilgrimage is being organised from 12<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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 details contact Fr. Clifford at the Parish of Richmond on 4578 1410 or Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246 or [info@magiholidays.com.au](http://info@magiholidays.com.au)

**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](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**The Shrine of Mt Schoenstatt – ‘Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love’: 21 May**

Come and experience a special day at The Shrine of Mt Schoenstatt – ‘Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love’ - 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa for the Annual Marian Pilgrimage to be held on Sunday 21st May. The celebrations begin at 10am with Holy Mass at 10:30 am and Eucharistic Procession and Benediction from the valley to the Shrine at 2pm. There will be an alternative programme for the sick and elderly at the Shrine. This is an Outdoor event. Please bring your own chairs and picnic rugs. Food stalls available or bring your own lunch. For more details ring 02 4773 8338 or visit [www.schoenstatt.org.au](http://www.schoenstatt.org.au)

**Saint Finbars Church: 46 Levy St Glenbrook Sunday 28 May at 3pm.**

"The Nightingale and the Organ" An afternoon of Music and Song with Rachael Johnson– Soprano & Michael Taylor-Organ. Admission Adults \$15 Conc\$10

**Volunteers needed for Mamre Creche** – This is a program supporting Sudanese Refugee Families. We are looking for motivated, caring people who enjoy interacting with young children and can volunteer their time in supporting the staff at the Crèche. If you are interested please contact Iolanda Martino Crèche Co-ordinator CatholicCare Social Services (02) 9002 3196 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9.00am & 2.00pm), email [iolanda.martino@ccss.org.au](mailto:iolanda.martino@ccss.org.au)

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20/21 May	Vigil	Parish	Roster		
		7am	8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	D Cocksedge C Pemberton	A Ruzgas	J Tabone G Isaaks	T Jacobs J George	V Graham M Pletkan
Servers	Logan & Ryan Smee Joel Emerson Grace Nemadic	Georgia Grady	Alison & Leah Joseph Bensen Payyappilly	Hannah & Jordana Jacob Kate Flynn J Crispin K Ross	Ethan Moniz Thomas Keane
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E.M.	F Keuneman R DeBono A Lobo	A Yuzon L Davie M Sultana	B Oxlade M Stynes P Morson L Kochappu R Bryan H O'Connor P Wheller	J Vella D Streher P Samuelu	M Herrick K Smith K Wrightson

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