

St Nicholas of Myra

Catholic Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter

21 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 14:15-21

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term Advocate to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, a legal term meaning "one who offers defence for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

From Loyola Press

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.

The Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) supports the ministries and agency services of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta. However large or small, any donation you can make to the DWF is gratefully received and helps our ministries to continue their important work.

Funding the good works of The Church

By making a donation to the DWF, you will be supporting the ministries and agency services of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta as they carry out their mission and works which benefit thousands of members of our local community.

The agencies and ministries you will be assisting include

- * Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- * Catholic Social Services
- * Solo Parents
- * Emmaus Disabled Persons
- * HIV/AIDS Ministry
- * Sudanese Program
- * Penrith Family Support Service

This service provides specialized counselling and intensive family support to residents of

The Penrith local government area.

Relationship and Family Counselling Program

Please pray for Francis Burke, Vincenzo Bongiorno, Monica Doran, John Nettar, Christopher Tucker and James Vella **who died recently** George Attard, Josefina Aytona, John Donnelly, Sandra McSpadden, Maurie McInerney, John Mulock, Edward Traynor, Stephen Vella and Wilfred Whitten **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Deshto Families, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Vicky O'Connor, Melville Spiteri, Norah & Bernard Wilding and all Holy souls in Purgatory.

Please pray for those who are sick Dianne Constable, Marion Engsmyr, Enrique Esmayor, Olga Fam, Anna Gal, Darren Gallagher, Rosemary Matthews, Jane McCann, Lisa McDeed, Daniel McEntee, Jenny and James Ng, Lynn O'Hare, Baby Phoenix, Chris Tabone, 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.

Divine Mercy Prayer meeting on Friday 26 May 7pm in PMR1.

Wool Wanted : If you have any spare wool, it would be appreciated, if you could drop this into the Parish Office. Many thanks.



Prayer Meeting We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on **TUESDAY 30 May at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

Next Week's Readings

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Happy Birthday

Margaret Cobden
Fr PJ & Ina Heffernan



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

This Week at St Nicholas

Tuesday 23 May
11.30am AA Meeting (Hall)
12.30pm Legion of Mary (Piety store)

Wednesday 24 May
Our Lady Help of Christians
4pm Holy Communion Family Session 2 (Hall)
6pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday 25 May
7pm Ministry Course (PMR1)

Sunday 26 May
11.15am Holy Communion Family Session 2 (Hall)

Pope Quote

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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 Second Family Session is on **Wednesday 24th May or Sunday 28th 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.

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. Lots of games.

There will be a sausage sizzle available with compliments of Outback Steakhouse. **\$2 donation. It is suggested to wear something RED.** Look forward to seeing you there. Frs Mathew, Pio & PJ

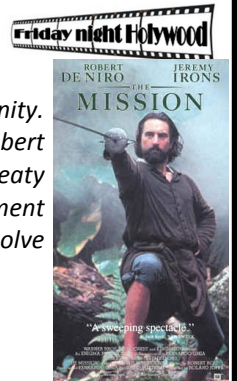
St Nicks Movie Night presents ; *The Mission*

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.



Thank you from the Mary MacKillop International Missions Fund

Thank you very much for the used postage stamps St Nicholas parish sent me during 2017, because of your stamps, we can help many poor people in Peru.

The stamps are sold in auctions in Sydney, as well as directly to collectors. The money is then sent to the Mary MacKillop International Missions in Sydney.

In 2016 we raised approximately \$62,000, and till now our total is almost \$186,000.

from John Altham

Annulment Information Seminar - Solo Parent Services will be holding our annual seminar on Annulments in the Catholic Church for anyone interested in the process of Marriage Annulment. **Date:** Tuesday 23rd May **Time:** 6.45pm for 7pm start to 9pm. **Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave) **Cost:** \$7.00. **Registration Essential:** Contact Rita Chater Ph: 8822 2222 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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

The Maltese Community Council Welcomes you to the Commemoration of the 98th anniversary of The Maltese Uprising of 7th June 1919 known as "The **Sette Giugno**" At the Maltese Bi-Centennial Monument Civic Park, Pendle Hill Sunday, 4th June at 11.00am All welcome, for more information contact Emanuel Camilleri 9822 0228



THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FROM ROME WILL BE VISITING OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH, ST MARYS. ALL WELCOME.

Tuesday 23 May Gather at Parish Hall (corner of Collins St and Swanston St)

6:30pm: Candlelight procession and Rosary **7:30pm:** Mass in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians **8:20pm:** Talk on message of Fatima **9:00pm:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **9:00pm – 6:00am: All night Adoration**

Wednesday 24 May 6:00am: Benediction and reposing of Blessed Sacrament.

6:30am: Mass in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians. **7:15am:** Pilgrim statue processes to Plumpton Parish.

Concert at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook: 28 May

"THE NIGHTINGALE AND THE ORGAN" - You are invited to an afternoon of music and song at St Finbar's Church in Glenbrook. Rachael Johnson, Soprano, and Michael Taylor, Organist will present a program of arias by Mozart, Handel, Bach as well as a selection of organ solos. Afternoon tea will be served after the concert.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2017 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017. COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,050.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$610.00 For more info or for a brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or at MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosi.org.au.

An Evening for Married Couples to Dance, Dine and Pray 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 contact Sr M Julie - juliebrcar@gmail.com or : 0408 738 334

27/28 May	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	H McCann J Buttigieg	J Sweeney	J Tabone R Kroon	J Jordan R Wood	A Sebastian C Walsh
Servers	E & A Loughman J Emerson P&M Lufe		Daniel Cilia B Pappayappilly	S Perera B Powell Aleena Joseph W Ezekiel	David Pletkan Michael Tickner
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Reader	N Joseph	S Paterson	S Von Bock	O Kiss	C D'Mello
E.M.	M Xiberras M Svehla V Emerson	S Sweeney G Wiggins L Davie	P Morson G Burns B Oxlade B Keavy P Wheller B Brianwood E Isaaks	M Stynes J Vella J George	A Yuzon C Vagg D Streher

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