

St Nicholas of Myra

Catholic Parish

The Ascension of the Lord.

28 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: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.



ASCENSION

From Loyola Press

Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal on this weekend

Our quota for this appeal is \$16, 512.00

All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.

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

Please give generously, as you always do.

Please pray for *Sr Philomena Hockings, John Nettar, Anthony Sarcia and James Vella who died recently Josefina Aytona, Mariama Agastini, Bob Cassidy, John Clifton, John Donnelly, Tania, Frank, Julian & Carmen Felice, Louise Henry, Sandra McSpadden, John Mulock, Peter Mifsud, Anthony Refalo, Patricia Ryan, Anna & Wally Samoluk and Joe Xiberras whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

Please pray for those who are sick *Dianne Constable, Allen Eyles, Marion Engsmyr, Enrique Esmayor, Romnick Estores, 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
- ◆ **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 Michael & Vicky Taylor 81 Elizabeth Cres Kingswood.

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.

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



Pope Quote

"Let us protect with Love all that God has given us ! Pope Francis



This Week at St Nicholas

Tuesday 29 May
 11.30am AA Meeting (Hall)
 12.30pm Legion of Mary (Piety store)
 7pm Prayer meeting (Hall)

Wednesday 30 May
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 4pm Holy Communion Family Session 3 (Hall)
 6pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday 1 June
St Justin

Saturday 3 June
Charles Lwanga & companions

Sunday 4 June
Pentecost
 11.15am Holy Communion Family Session 3 (Hall)
 Parish Family fun Day (School grounds) after 10am Mass

Next Week's Readings

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13
John 20:19-23

Happy Birthday

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



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St Nicholas Parish Family Fun Day



Come and join in the fun on
Pentecost Sunday 4 June,
after 10am Mass until 1.30pm.
at St Nicholas School grounds
for a fun filled time.



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

Sacramental: Sacrament of First Holy Communion

If you have enrolled your child in the First Holy Communion Program, please note the Third Family Session is on **Wednesday 31st May or Sunday 4th June** .

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.

Date for your diary, Friday 28 July St Mary Mackillop Trivia night

More information to follow.

Caritas Australia: Change the World! It's Up to Us! 31 May

Are you 18-25 yrs? Committed to social justice, changing the world, & having fun? Come & co-create with Caritas, the world's second-largest aid & development organisation. Join us for an initial *Call to Action* in the Sydney CBD (Venue TBC), Wednesday 31 May at 6pm.

RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1848653452074863> or act@caritas.org.au

Vigil of Pentecost: 3 June

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Celebration of the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday, 3rd June 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton.

RSVP: Sr Paula by 1st June, e-mail: vocationscsfn@gmail.com mob: 0449 656 406

LIFTED Leadership Seminar 2017: 3-4 June

Catholic Youth Parramatta is hosting a weekend of formation, training and sharing for aspiring and active leaders from parishes and schools between the ages of Year 11 and 30 years of age – "Develop, Grow, Inspire for Mission" at the funky Atura Hotel, 32 Cricketers Arms Rd, Prospect. The program begins at 10am on Saturday and includes a conference dinner with Bishop Vincent. It continues on Sunday and concludes with a Parish Mass in the evening. There is a heavily discounted registration cost of \$50 for all meals but we are limited to 70 participants. Register through James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, jcamden@parra.catholic.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



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

Cerdon College Merrylands

40th Year Reunion Saturday 14th October 2017 Pymont Bridge Hotel
See Facebook Page: Cerdon College Class of 72-77 Facebook Event: Event 40th Reunion Class of 75/77 Email: cerdonclass72.77@gmail.com Or Call Carmen on 0411 706 226

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For further details, go to <https://parracatholic.org/employment/>

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Servers	Joshua & Jordan Lay Samara Dias	Georgia Grady	Lily & Ella Loughland Alison & Leah Joseph	Kaitlyn Ross Jennifer Crispin Kate Flynn Raphaila Idris	Xavier Whalen Michael Tickner
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