



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

*The Most Holy Trinity*



11 June 2017

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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 3:16-18**

**“God sent his Son into the world to save the world.”**

*Today’s Gospel is from the beginning of John’s Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus’ conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.*

*After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus’ words. This is what we read in today’s Gospel, John 3:16-18. In the context of today’s focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.*

*The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God’s love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God’s son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.*

*From Loyola Press*

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## **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

Children in our parish will be making their First Holy Communion during the following two weekends.

*Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.*



## PARISH OUTREACH

**Please pray for** *George Camilleri, Agnes Goh, June Lenehan, Fr Maurice McNamara, John Nettar, Alwyn O'Neill, Anthony Sarcia and Luciana Rante who died recently Mrs Annama, Dennis Bryant, Boscarioe's family, Bob Cassidy, Zackary Furtado, Giuseppe, Phyllis O'Connor, Concetta & Michael Romeo, Barbara Scott, Sandra Wade and Moya Therese Zarb whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, O'Sullivan & Hutchinson families and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

**Note; Funeral Mass for Father Maurice McNamara** *will take place at Bede Polding College Hall, Rifle Range Rd, South Windsor, on Wednesday 14 June at 11am, with the funeral to go to Richmond Cemetery after the Mass.*

**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
- ◆ 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.*

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour** prayer meeting 4th Friday of the month 7pm in PMR1.

**Prayer Meeting** We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on **TUESDAY 13 June at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

**Children's Liturgy will be cancelled for the next two weeks, due to First Holy Communions .**

*Thank you for the wool donations, it is greatly appreciated.  
Jackie*

### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13 June</b>	
<b>St Anthony of Padua</b>		
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(Piety store )
7pm	Prayer Meeting	(Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14 June</b>	
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	

### Next Week's Readings

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

*Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16  
1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
John 6:51-58*



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## PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### St Mary Mackillop Primary School Major Fundraiser 2017

"Back to the 80's- Trivia Night Friday 28 July at 6.30pm. Live Band, Lucky door prizes, silent Auctions, Games, Major Raffles drawn. Tickets available at the school office on 47363466 \$10 per person . 8 players maximum per table. All welcome 18 years and over. BYO food and drinks. Responsible consumption of alcohol permitted. Free Tea, coffee and water provided. Soft drinks available for purchase.



### Affordable Housing Citizen Action Group – Affordable Housing Forum

The group has been actively meeting and is called the Penrith Affordable Housing Citizen Action Group (CAG). The vision and its objectives aim to create change at three levels - Citizens, Government and Community and are hosting an Affordable Housing Forum on: **Monday 26 June 6:30 – 8pm in PMR 1, Topic: Affordable Housing**

**Speaker:** Lead Organiser David Barrow, Sydney Alliance [www.sydneyalliance.org.au](http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au)

**RSVP: By Wed 21 June to Carolyn D'Mello 0448 443 619 . See info on notice board.**

**Adult Confirmation 2017** The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 2nd September, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Institute for Mission Hall, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis.

### Weekend retreat June 16–18 Introduction to Praying with Icons

Spend the weekend learning about the rich and symbolic language of icons. More info on notice board. **DATE:** Friday June 16 to Sunday June 18 **VENUE:** Benedictine Abbey, 695 Jamberoo Mountain Rd, Jamberoo **PRESENTER:** Sr. Hannah Massy-Greene osb **COST:** \$60.00 **BOOKING:** Phone: 0242360533 Email: cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

### Penrith Hospital Auxiliary Fashion Parade By Illawarra Machine Knitters

St Stephen's Church Hall 252 High St Penrith **Thursday 22 June 10:30 am.** \$10 Entry includes Light Lunch after the parade (All proceeds go towards Nepean Hospital) Come and see a range of Designer Knitwear including Children's & Baby wear. Items for all the family will be on sale. **Cash or Cheque only No credit card sales**  
**Contact:** June 47212237, Helen 45725244 or Betty 47218990.

## Parish Ministry rosters are available for collection this weekend.

### Roster information

There are varying factors involved in preparation of this Roster. We do attempt to satisfy the wishes of all Ministers. Some are allocated more masses than others because of the various requests for certain times and days.

Should any-one in any ministry be unable to meet their rostered time slots **it is solely their responsibility to arrange replacement.**

Any problems must be addressed to Craig and Lesley Walsh ( who are helping to prepare roster for parish office ) either by email on [mamreintaid@gmail.com](mailto:mamreintaid@gmail.com) or 0428 284 568.

### 1st & 2nd Collection

- **1st** collection pays for the priests of the parish and any surplus money from this collection helps fund our retired and sick priests.
- **2nd** collection (**planned giving envelopes and cash**) pays for the running costs of our parish.

### Seminar - Dealing with the Legal System

Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how the Legal system works. Questions addressed on the night include: How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and Estates/Wills. **This seminar will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave). **Presenter:** Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor) **Time:** 6.45pm for a 7pm Start to 9pm. **Registration Essential:** Contact Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

### St Patrick's Institute of Education Information Session

Enrolments are now open for our 2018 Diplomas in Leadership, Marketing, Communication and Business Administration. New for 2018 is the Certificate III in Events followed by the Diploma of Business majoring in Event Management. These 40-week courses are ideal for Year 10, 11 or 12 school leavers and provide a real pathway to a career and university. We also assist well over 90% of our graduates to find well-paid and enjoyable jobs. Our next Information Session focusing on giving students and their parents an insight into the 'St Patrick's Pathway to Success' will be held on **Sunday, 18 June** at our Sydney CBD premises on Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney at 11 am.

**Professor Christian Brugger**, the newly appointed Dean of the School of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Notre Dame (Sydney Campus), will address the important topic of *Christian Witness in the age of Militant Atheism*. The talk will address the role of lay Catholics to be involved in the ethical debates of our society. It will be held on **Wednesday, 28 June** from 7.30pm at the MacKillop Hall, St Aidan's Parish, 9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill. For more details call 8838 3441. More info on notice board.

**The Guru and students of Abirami Natya Shestra** cordially invite you to their third year dance concert In the presence of honourable Deputy Mayor Tricia Hitchen. **Venue:** St Marys Memorial Hall on 1 July at 5.30pm. For bookings contact Meera Joy 0425210985.



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

17/18 June	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
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Servers	Logan&Ryan Smee Joel Emerson Grace Nemadic	Georgia Grady	Alison & Leah Joseph	W Ezekiel R Idris Aleena Joseph H&J Jacobs	Thomas Keane Michael Tickner
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