



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 June 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 10:26-33.

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom.

Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth. This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children. We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

From Loyola Press

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal on 8/9 July.

We feel a great sense of satisfaction when our kindness or generosity has an immediate and visible outcome. The focus of this appeal, however, is more long term. It takes time for compassion, commitment and resources to result in change, especially to the social structures that lead to poverty.

This winter, your commitment to helping those affected by poverty by giving generously to the St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal is needed more than ever. And as you extend your care to them, may your families and all those dear to you enjoy true peace. Envelopes available.

Please give generously. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for *Graziano Bordignon, Emma Gavin, Patricia Hardman, Antonina Hud, Bohuse Jarosova, Primo Mari, Noreen O'Malley, Angelo Mifsud, Estela Reyes, Lise Sandion, Anthony Sarcia* **who died recently** we pray also for the victims of the fires in London and Portugal and for their families and for *Bert Abad, Jack Beukus, James Cobden, Violy Carino, Graham Dinning, Connie & Darryl Enright, Guillermo Goico, Antonio Leone, Mary Newman, Narcisa, Magda, Dorothy, Egmedio, Zacarias and John Nierras, Giuseppi, Concetta & Michael Romeo, Jacques Sandion, Sandra Wade, Fr John Walsh and Miso Zabož* **whose anniversaries occur at this time** and for *Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, John Nettare, and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

Please pray for those who are sick *John Peter Astbury, Dianne Constable, Allen Eyles, Marion Engsmayr, Enrique Esmayor, Romnick Estores, Olga Fam, Anna Gal, Darren Gallagher, Noel Langan, Rosemary Matthews, Jane McCann, Lisa McDeed, Daniel McEntee, Jenny and James Ng, Lynn O'Hare, Baby Phoenix, Barbara Sawyer, 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 Chaplain 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 Margaret Donnelley 165 Evan Street Penrith.

Prayer Meeting We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on Tuesday 27th June **at 7pm in the Hall**, to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

St Vincent DePaul — one of their local persons has had his electric scooter stolen and SVDP are appealing for a replacement. If you can help please phone Brian Brainwood 0433 256 518.

Your Heavenly Mother needs You.

She is waiting for you. Please come to the Legion of Mary on Tuesdays 12pm in the piety store, see you there!!!

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday	26 June	
6.30pm	Affordable Housing Forum	(PMR1)
Tuesday	27 June	
	St Cyril of Alexandria	
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(Piety store)
7pm	Prayer Meeting	(Hall)
Wednesday	28 June	
	St Irenaeus	
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	
Thursday	29 June	
	Sts Peter & Paul	
Friday	30 June	
	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome	
7pm	Movie Night	(Hall)

Next Week's Readings

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts.

Pope Francis

Happy Birthday

To all those in our Parish community who are celebrating their birthday



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PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Sacramental Program Confirmation

Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program **must attend an information session**, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on **Tuesday 25 July 2017 at 7.00pm.**

Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

To be eligible for Confirmation, **children must be in year 5 or above.**

They must be baptised and made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Congratulations to all the children that made their first Holy Communion the last two weekends.

St Nicks Movie Night The Lady in the Van PG-13

In 1973 London, playwright Alan Bennett (Alex Jennings) develops an unlikely friendship with Miss Shepherd (Maggie Smith), a homeless woman who lives in a van in his driveway for the next 15 years.

When: Friday 30 June 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.



Affordable Housing Citizen Action Group – Affordable Housing Forum

A Forum has been organised to feedback to parishioners the current issues & debate on affordable housing. on: **Monday 26 June 6:30 – 8pm in PMR 1, Topic: Affordable Housing**

Speaker: Lead Organiser David Barrow, Sydney Alliance www.sydneyalliance.org.au

RSVP: By completing attendance list in the foyer or Carolyn D'Mello 0448 443 619 .

Light snacks provided.

All are warmly invited to the combined Caroline Chisholm College and St Dominic's College Music Showcase on Tuesday 27 June at 7pm. **Venue;** Warner hall St Dominic's College 54-94 Gascoigne Street Kingswood. Come and hear performances from College choirs, bands and ensemble groups as well as individual instrumental and vocal performances by students from Years 7 -12. **There will be a gold coin donation at the door. All welcome.**

Christian Witness in the age of Militant Atheism

In today's society, it is becoming even harder to live out our Christian calling and expressing traditional views about the sacredness of life, marriage, gender and the family.

This event will address:

- How do we live out our Christian calling in a politically correct world?
- Become informed and get involved in the current debates on different moral issues.

Guest Speaker: **Professor Christian Brugger** (Dean of the School of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Notre Dame) **When: Wednesday, 28th June, 7.30pm**

Where: Mackillop Hall, St Aidan's Parish, 9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill

For further details, (02) 8838 3441 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au or www.parralmf.org.au

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. Followed by dinner. **More details on parish notice board.** For bookings contact Meera Joy 0425210985.



Parish Council Members of the Council were led by Fr Mick O'Callaghan, Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Way, to look at their many gifts they have to offer as a member of the Parish Council and why they are part of the Council. Through this process the members were able to discern how the team should be made up and we are pleased to announce that the Council is as follows:

Chairperson: Dominic Dawson **Vice Chairperson:** Leo Tucker
Secretary: Sharon Clarke
Members: Arts Calub Pui Lufe Phil Margerison
 Kathleen Smith Mairead Stynes
 Fran Jackson – we welcome as a new member to the Council.

We also welcome **Gabby Isaaks** who will represent the Parish Youth Group on the Council.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008! Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

Volunteers for ACYF: ACYF is looking to engage around 600 volunteers will be needed for this festival, providing leadership to the young people through service and hospitality. Way Finders, Program & Stage Management Support, Ushers, Marshals, Welcomers & more. All volunteers must be 26 years of age or older (as at 1st December 2017) and must hold a valid Working With Children Check. For more information and volunteer registration please visit: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers>

Light Up St Pat's June 30 – July 9

Presented by Payce. St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will shine a brilliant array of colour and creativity in conjunction with the City of Parramatta's Winter light Festival. Similar to the Christmas lights at St Mary's Cathedral, this event will also provide entertainment and stalls in the Cathedral precinct including: Shroud of Turin (*replica*) Exhibition, Organ Recital and Concert in the Cathedral, Live Entertainment, Food & Drinks and more. 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. 6pm – 10pm Weekdays, 6pm – 10pm Weekends.

More information visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>

1/2 July	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	B Beath R Howard	A Ruzgas	G Isaaks R Kroon	J George J Jacobs	D Cocksedge M Pletkan
Servers	B & V Neal	G Grady	A & J Joseph	R Idris L&J Wheelahan	K Flynn
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