



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

2 July 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

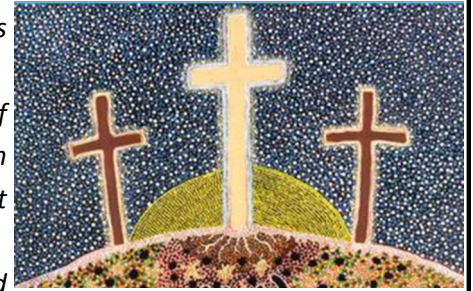
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Principal - Ms Anita Knezevic

**St Mary Mackillop Primary** 4736 3466  
Principal - Mr Scott Buchan

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

Today is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

It is also the beginning of a week of celebrations throughout the nation where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people celebrate their spirituality, identity, culture and survival.



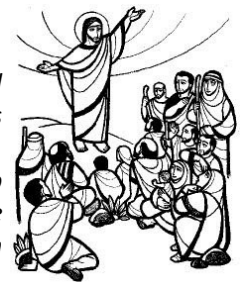
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics bring beautiful gifts to the church in Australia, and it is on this day that we celebrate those gifts.

The Theme NATSICC has chosen is, 'Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me' resonates strongly with our people. It is a reminder to keep an open mind and heart to not only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but to all who are marginalized including refugees, the disabled and impoverished.

## Gospel Reflection: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.



The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

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## PARISH OUTREACH

**Please pray for** *Joe Aquilina, Angelo Mifsud, Anthony Sarcia and John Henry Violet who died recently we pray for all in the tanker explosion in Pakistan, John Carey, Julie Hodgins, John Lee, Hugh Keavy, Anthony Keith McSpadden, Joe & Ralph Melder, Arkadi Milanovich, Olga Moniz, Jacques & Lise Sandion and Sandra Wade whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Reg Levinge, John Nettare, and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

**Please pray for those who are sick** *John Peter Astbury, Dianne Constable, Allen Eyles, Marion Engsmyr, 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 Middyay
- ◆ **Edenglassie Lodge (Lemongrove)** 1st Tuesday of each month at 11 am
- ◆ **Governor Phillip Manor** 1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm
- ◆ **Mt View Village** 1st Friday of each month at 10am

*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.

**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!!!

*Attention Junior Altar servers, please pick up your roster from the church foyer. Thank you*

### FIREWOOD FOR SALE

\$120 a cubic metre. Money from sales goes to St Vincent de Paul Society. Kindly place your order with Frank on 9673 4610 or 0400 366 042.



### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Monday</b>	<b>3 July</b>	
<b>St Thomas</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4 July</b>	
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(Piety store)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5 July</b>	
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	

*St Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy in 1581. He was ordained in 1600 and canonized by Pope Clement X11 in 1737.*

### Next Week's Readings

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Zechariah 9:9-10*  
*Romans 8:9. 11-13*  
*Matthew 11:25-30*

### Pope Quote

*I come as a pilgrim of peace and an apostle of hope.* **Pope Francis**



### Happy Birthday

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



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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.*

### 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. *Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.*

*Please give generously.*

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

Are you interested in Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Communion or Communion to the Sick and Dying or all three, there will be a Compulsory Introductory Session on **Monday 7 August at 7pm** at Diocesan Assembly Centre 1-5 Marion street Blacktown. If you are interested in the Acolyte course, you must attend all sessions and you will be contacted in 2018 to complete the Acolyte Training session. Applications must be in by Monday 31 July. For more info contact Ingrid 8838 3456 or email: [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au)

### 75th Jubilee of the Schoenstatt family Movement - Sunday 16th July

On the 16th of July 1942 Father Kentenich together with Family man, Dr. Fritz Kühr founded the Schoenstatt Family Movement in the Dachau Concentration Camp. Come and join us to find out about the history, give thanks for the past and look forward to the future. The 16th of July is Covenant Sunday. All are welcome. 11am Holy Mass followed by Family Fiesta 2pm Presentation 3pm Adoration and Renewal of the Covenant 3:30 Afternoon Tea <https://www.facebook.com/events/1430850330307339/> (registration is essential for catering purposes)

### St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship: APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

### Sisters of Charity Outreach program are recruiting volunteers.

We are seeking mature people who have some time to spare to support the vulnerable in our community with our accommodation program at Chisholm Cottage.

Chisholm Cottage provides subsidised accommodation for those people and their families form country NSW who need to come to the city for medical attention. The Cottage relies on volunteers to maintain the facility which has recently undergone a complete refurbishment. If you have any questions or for further information please phone Lynne Dalton Volunteer Coordinator on 8382 6437 or with the Cottage manager Mrs Sonia Fingleton on 9633 4228.





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**Light Up St Pat’s 30 June - 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/>

**Santa Sabina College**

The Arnold and Dorothy Wilcox Scholarship is a two year scholarship offering 100% remission of tuition fees for Year 11 2018 and Year 12 2019. The scholarship recipient will have an interest in Mathematics or Science and intend to study higher level Mathematics or a Science subject for the Higher School Certificate or International Baccalaureate Programme . Applications are open to new students for Year11 2018 continuing to Year 12 2019 who are in need of financial support. Application can be found at [www.ssc.nsw.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.ssc.nsw.edu.au/scholarships). and close on Friday 18 August 2017. Contact Marion Malouf, College Registrar at 9745 7030 or [m.malouf@ssc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:m.malouf@ssc.nsw.edu.au) for further info

8/9 July	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
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