



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 July 2017

Grounded in Faith Growing in Love Living in Hope



Parish Staff

Fr Mathew Antony MS - Parish Priest
e-mail: mathew@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Fr Pio Jang - Assist. Priest
E-mail: papio.penrith@gmail.com

Fr Porathur Joy (PJ)
Catholic Chaplain - Nepean Hospital

Lyn Olander - Secretary / Office Manager
e-mail: enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Marthese Sultana - Admin. Assistant
e-mail: bulletin@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Mary Goh - Admin. Assistant
e-mail: reception@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Colleen Nicholas - Sacramental Co-ordinator
Monday & Thursday only
e-mail: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Fred Keuneman - Catechist Co-ordinator
e-mail: catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

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 11:25-30

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

From Loyola Press

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal on this weekend

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.



PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for *Joe Aquilina, Gino Vassallo and John Henry Violet* who died recently *Anthony Chia, John Grieve, Hugh Keavy, Noreen Latham, Sandra Levinge, Anthony Keith McSpadden, Giuseppi, Concetta & Michael Romeo, Mary Spiteri, Magda Tatrai, Paul Tucker and Sandra Wade* whose anniversaries occur at this time and for *Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Greg Cunningham, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Reg Levinge, Lesley & Gloria Nelson, John Nettar, and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

Anne Tucker's 1st death Anniversary Mass will be held on Wednesday 19 July at the 7pm Mass.

Please pray for those who are sick *John Peter Astbury, Dianne Constable, Jackie Cullen, 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 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 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 Dorcas Nettar 12 York Road Penrith.

Prayer Meeting We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on Tuesday 11 July **at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated 14 July directly after 12.10pm Mass.

Also prayer meeting 4th Friday of the month 7pm in PMR1.

Charismatic Healing Mass followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Hugh Thomas SCCR, Sunday 16 July, 2:00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. **All welcome!**

This Week at St Nicholas

Tuesday St Benedict	11 July	
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(Piety store)
7pm	Prayer meeting	(Hall)
Wednesday St Henry II	12 July	
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	
Thursday St Henry II	13 July	
Friday St Camillus De Lellis	14 July	
Saturday St Bonaventure	15 July	

Happy Birthday

Sheridan Gaudry



Next Week's Readings

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

Pope Quote

The **only war** that we must all **fight** is the one **against evil.**

Pope Francis



VIDEO FOR ALL OCCASIONS
WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS,
CHRISTENINGS etc

Capture those special moments – as they happen.

JVP prides itself in delivering a highly professional, discreet & personalised service.

P: 4733 7890 • M: 0412 234 651

E: jodana@bigpond.net.au

Jodana Video Productions

AWARD WINNING

PLUMBING SERVICES

Licensed Plumbers, Drainers &

Gasfitters

(Licence No.206515C)

Michael 0439 383 918

Kieran 0412 295 578

Bateman Battersby

L A W Y E R S

We invite members of the parish to take advantage of our legal services specialising in:

- Property Law
- Family Law
- Business Law
- Negligence Law
- Wills & Estates
- Court Appearances

Ph: 02 47315899

www.batemanbattersby.com.au

enquiries@batemanbattersby.com.au

NEPEAN VALLEY FUNERALS

Traditional Care with Dignity & Respect

Tel: 4722 8222

Local family owned

and operated.

24hrs / 7 days



Shop 4

2-6 Castlereagh St

Penrith



GUARDIAN FUNERALS

Very dedicated Funeral arrangers

caring for your needs.

Located at Pinegrove

24 hours everyday

Prepaid Funeral PLAN

Private Chapel

Australian Owned

Minchinbury Location

96258500

Monaghan & Gleeson

"CARING IS OUR DUTY"

Funeral Directors

Phone 4736 3883

Australian
& Family Owned

York
JEWELLERS Est. 1974

- Engagement & Wedding rings
- Professional Designs & Remodels
- Fine Hand-made jewellery manufacture
- Watch & Jewellery Repairs
- Insurance claims and Valuations

- Passion & Diamonds Exclusive to York Jewellers
In Penrith

PASSION8
DIAMONDS PERFECT FOREVER

Shop 51A Penrith Plaza (02) 47 210 780
www.yorkjewellers.com.au

RE/MAX
Lifestyle Marketing



**BUYING,
SELLING or
INVESTING?**

We also assist with FREE

- Market Appraisals
- Home Loan Checks
- Financial Guidance

Gizzelle Powell 0428934618
gizzellepowell@remax.com.au

"I am your honest and caring Agent that understands you."

When cost is as important as care



GRACE FUNERALS

PENRITH VALLEY | HAWKESBURY | BLUE MOUNTAINS
4735 6900 | gracefunerals.com.au

PENRITH CITY AWNINGS
67 Ladbury Ave Penrith
Ph (02) 47326595 MBL: 0403 011 058
Lic No: 121977 C ABN: 45 694 859 807



- Carports
- Patio Awnings
- Gable or Flat
- Screen and Glass
- Enclosures

dave@penrithcityawnings.com
PENRITHCITYAWNINGS.COM

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.

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**. More info Ingrid 8838 3456 or email: ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au

Affordable Housing Citizen Action

Thank you to all those who attended the Affordable Housing Forum on Monday 26th June. We had a great turn out of 30 people from diverse backgrounds and circumstances. Our next activity is to attend the Affordable Housing Assembly on Wed 12 July from 6:00pm to 8:15pm at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall in Sydney. You need to register for this free event on sydneyalliance.org.au This is an opportunity to show the NSW Planning Minister Anthony Roberts and the Greater Sydney Commission the urgent ongoing need for affordable housing in the Nepean area. When registering, under the organisation name please write Penrith Affordable Housing Citizen Action. We have a group of 10 people attending and need more to show that Penrith is present. If you would like to attend please contact Carolyn on 0448 443 619.

Mid Year Reflection Day for Everyone Theme: "For your heart will always be where your riches are." (Mt 6.21) **Speaker:** Sr. M. Isabelle Naumann **When:** Saturday 15th July - 9am to 3.30pm **Where:** Family Hall, Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa **Cost:** Just \$25 which includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO Lunch) **Bookings:** Sr Luisa Maria email: info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone: 4773 8338.

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

On the 16th of July 1942 Father Kantenich 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/14308503307339/> (registration is essential for catering purposes).

Life to the Full: Health, Faith & Fitness, the IFM's new lifestyle program aims to show how our faith can be expressed through care for our bodies. The great Saint Augustine once said: "take care of your body like you will live forever but take care of your soul like you would die tomorrow". And it is in this spirit that we have put together this unique and informative program. Take advantage of this opportunity and come to one of these two sessions.

- **BLACKTOWN Date: 26 July** Time: 6:30pm Food and Refreshments; 7pm—9pm
Venue: Institute for Mission Address: 1-5 Marion St Blacktown, (Just off Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown) OR
- **ST MARYS Date: 14 August** Time: 6:30pm Food and Refreshments; 7pm—9pm
Venue: Don Bosco Centre Address: 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys,
Click this link and fill in the form to register: <https://tinyurl.com/y9qb4xwd>
OR, contact Charbel on charbel.dib@ifm.org.au or 02 9831 4911

Abraham Conference 2017: 16 July

The ABRAHAM CONFERENCE brings together Jews, Christians and Muslims to create connections, build relationships and discuss critical issues of importance to us all in a multicultural, multi-faith society. We each bring our own perspectives, together we are enriched and empowered to act on our shared values and beliefs. Sunday 16 July, 2.00pm – 6.00pm at Parramatta Mission Fellowship Hall, Uniting Church in Australia, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta NSW 2150. Cost: \$20.00 [Concession: \$10.00 student/pensioner]. Register at EventBrite: AbrahamConference2017.Eventbrite.com.au

Cast into the Deep: 19 – 20 July National Conference on Pastoral Care in a Multicultural Church and Society. The Conference will be held at the Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus. The National Conference is centered around the theme 'cast into the deep' (Luke 5:4), reflecting on the call by His Holiness Pope Francis to go out to the peripheries of the world and cast the net.

The keynote addresses for the conference will be given by Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, and Cardinal Orlando Beltran Quevedo Archbishop of Cotabato, Philippines. For more information and to register, please visit www.acmro.catholic.org.au

Catholic Youth Parramatta LIFTED Retreat: July 21-23 'Made for Greatness'

In its third year, the annual LIFTED Retreat is an opportunity for young adults 18+ to gather for a weekend at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. This year's theme "Made For Greatness" will encourage us to live our lives to the full with courage and joy in preparation for ACYF in December. Info www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparramatta or contact rdrum@parra.catholic.org.au

Australia Needs Fatima – Special Fatima 100th anniversary Rosary beads and rosary booklet - \$5 (incl postage & handling). Call 9715 2324 or email us at info@fatima.org.au

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.



Reflections Funerals
John and Sue Hibbert
For Family By Family
Locally Owned
02 4732 4440
www.reflectionsfunerals.com.au
Caring Industry Professionals

R RUDY BLINDS PTY LTD
ABN.35614288112
Vertical Blinds *Venetian Blinds *
* Holland Blinds
Timber Venetians *
* PVC Blinds * Shutters *
FREE Quote FREE Fitting
2 year warranty on all products
RUDY GUEVARRA
161 Fragar Road South Penrith
Ph: 4736 8119 Mobile: 0416 045 579

FIRST AID COURSES



Nationally Accredited & Workcover approved training.
Senior First Aid – CPR -Defibrillation
Asthma –Anaphylaxis
Contact **Kevin Silvy** on 47393236

15/16 July	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	D Cocksedge R Howard	D Wiggins	J Jordan C Walsh	J George D Wellfare	V Graham C Pemberton
Servers	R & L Smee	G Grady	B Payyappilly M Tickner	J Crispin D Dawson B Powell	T Keane
Comm. Rep.	C Limjap	Y Bacchan	N Joseph	D Dawson	N Moniz
Reader	E Sicam	S Paterson	M Prendeville	L Gal	F Jackson
E.M.	R DeBono F Keuneman M Xiberras	J McSpadden M Sultana G Wiggins	B Brainwood R Bryan G Burns E Isaaks B Keavy L Kochappu M Stynes	Peter Wheller M Knox P Samuelu	K Pemberton J Rulewski C Vagg

Tax receipt.

If you require a tax receipt for your DWF contribution please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you

.....