



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
16 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

**St Nicholas Primary** 4721 2623  
Principal - Ms Anita Knezevic

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

## Gospel Reflection: Matthew 13:1-23

**Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.**

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.



Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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## Planned Giving Envelopes

available for collection this weekend in the church foyer.

Please be advised that some Numbers

have been changed

and that envelopes are in

alphabetical order of surname.

## PARISH OUTREACH

*It is with sadness that we inform you that Francis Spillane died on 3<sup>rd</sup> July after a short illness. It was his and his family request that they be granted privacy until after his internment. May he rest in Peace*

**A suitable date for a memorial mass will be arranged .**

**Please pray for** Frank Kupecz, Francis Spillane and Anthony Visanich **who died recently** Dara Baria, Matthew Byfield, Chanel Costa, Margaret Fehon, Shane Jordan, Luis Limjap, Anthony Keith McSpadden, Peter Mulock, Mavis Murphy, Henry Nyss, Charles Olander and Anne Tucker (1st) **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Jack & Dorrie Bertles, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, Reg Levinge, Diego, Lorraine, Reggie & Joanne Moles, John Nettar, Olive, Eustance & Mary Nicholson, Flo, Lawerance, Tom, Robert, Eddy & Lyn Rodrigues 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** 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 Middy
- ◆ **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.

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour** prayer meeting Friday 28 July at 7pm in PMR1.

### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18 July</b>	
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(Piety store)
7pm	Parish Council meeting	(PMR1)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19 July</b>	
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20 July</b>	
<b>St Apollinaris</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21 July</b>	
<b>St Lawrence of Brindisi</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22 July</b>	
<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>		

### Next Week's Readings

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

### Pope Quote

*"A Christian's mission in the world is splendid, it is a mission intended for everyone, it is a mission of service, excluding no one!"*



Pope Francis



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### 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 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.

### Catechist Ministry

If you are in a position to offer half an hour each week, to teach Catholic children in the State Schools within our Parish please contact the catechist coordinator Fred Keuneman 47212509.

Training will be provided together with relevant teaching resources. Lessons in schools are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during school terms.

**Get involved in serving God through the MINISTRY of Catechist.**

### St Nicks Movie Night presents .... Hachi

A college professor (Richard Gere) forms a lasting bond with a dog that he finds on a train platform.

**When: Friday 28 July 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.**



**Support for Younger Widowed** - Solo Parent Services runs a monthly support group for men and women widowed at a younger age, regardless of whether they have children or not. Next gathering: **Tuesday 18th July from 7pm - 9pm** at 38 Prince St, Blacktown.

If you or anyone you know may benefit from the support of this group, please contact Rita on 8822 2222 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**Support for Adults who are Separated or Divorced** - Solo Parent Services' Stepping Beyond group assists and supports anyone experiencing a separation or divorce. Next gathering: **Tuesday 25th July from 7pm - 9pm** at 38 Prince St, Blacktown.

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### Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 23 July

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering.

Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

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**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](http://www.facebook.com.catholicyouthparramatta) or contact [rdrum@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:rdrum@parra.catholic.org.au)

**Los Angeles Religious Education Congress: Rise Up 2018 Information Night**

A wonderful opportunity for a faith formation experience for parishioners, leaders, teachers, catechists ... all people in ministry and all people who would like to enrich their faith! Join this pilgrimage group to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 14th - 23rd March 2018. Cost of pilgrimage \$3080 for 7 days with some additional expenses. Information night **Wednesday 19th July at 7.30pm** at 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 or [lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au) for an info pack or more info. RSVP for catering purposes phone 1300 550 830

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Servers	J Emerson G Nemadic		A & J Joseph	R Idris A Joseph K Rodd	K Flynn
Comm. Rep.	K Smith	Alison Johnson	F Jackson	S Paterson	AM Pletkan
Reader	L Alimangoha	Y Bacchan	E Isaaks	Alan Johnson	C D'Mello
E.M.	I Bentham V Emerson M Svehla	L Davie J McSpadden M Sultana	G Burns E Isaaks M Nyss H O'Connor B Oxlade P Wheller A Yuzon	N Perera P Samuelu J Vella	A Alimangoha M Herrick D Lee

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