



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



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

18 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; John 6:51-58

**Jesus says, "I am the living bread."**



Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

From Loyola Press

## Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Children in our parish will be making their  
First Holy Communion this weekend.

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



## PARISH OUTREACH

**Please pray for** *Nadia Kuryj, Anthony Sarcia and Matthew Taylor* who died recently *George Attard, Bert & Eileen Burborough, Connie & Darryl Enright, Anton Soertsz, Crispina Villaruel and Sandra Wade* whose anniversaries occur at this time and for *Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, Saji Sebastian 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, 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.

**Children's Liturgy will be cancelled for this weekend, due to First Holy Communions.**

**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 contact Brian Brainwood 0433 256 518.



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

### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Monday</b>	<b>19 June</b>	
<i>St Romuald</i>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20 June</b>	
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(Piety store)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>21 June</b>	
<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>		
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23 June</b>	
<i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>24 June</b>	
<i>Birthday of John the Baptist (Immaculate Heart of Mary)</i>		

### Next Week's Readings

*12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Romans 5:12-15  
Matthew 10:26-33*

### Pope Quote

*"Mercy is not easy it requires courage."*

*"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

### Thank you- Pentecost Sunday

We would like to thank Mike from Outback Steakhouse for his generosity in donating his time, sausages, onions and bread for our Mini Fun Day we held on Pentecost Sunday. It takes much personal time to set up, arrange and cook a B-B-Q and for this we are most grateful.

It was a wonderful day made even more special by the volunteers, Rodrick Pirootta and the Youth group who so magnificently entertained the children with lots of games and as well as Joe Tabone for his time and expertise in taking photos on the day.

### Queens honour list 2017;

#### Congratulations Vincent John GRAHAM (AM)

For significant service to public administration in New South Wales, particularly through reform of the rail and electricity sectors.

**Congratulations to Noel Loughman** who was installed as an Acolyte on Tuesday night at the Cathedral. God bless you in your ministry.

### St Nicks Movie Night .... To be announced next week

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.



### St Mary Mackillop Primary School Major Fundraiser

"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.



### Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 25 June

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.

**The Saint Nicholas Festa Committee:** Feast of Sts Peter & Paul at The Good Shepard Parish Hall 130-136 Hyatts Rd Plumpton on **Sunday 2nd July.**

Classic Cars and bikes from 10am onwards. Entertainment, Arts & Craft and Agriculture displays will start at 1.30pm till 6pm. Maltese foods and drink etc. **Entrance is free, all under cover. Everyone welcome.** For more info call Charlie 0412 278 949 or Joe 0416 090 420. See flyer on Parish notice board.

## 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.

**Here's how to register:** Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC  
Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta  
Over 18 years of age – register as an individual Visit [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au) now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August. For all enquiries James Camden, 02 8838 3428, [jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au)

**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>

### Parish Ministry rosters are available for collection.

#### 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 either by email [mamreintaid@gmail.com](mailto:mamreintaid@gmail.com) or 0428 284 568.**

24/25 June	Vigil	7am	8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	R Howard P Margerison	D Wiggins	R Kroon R Wood	C Pemberton C Walsh	D Cocksedge
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