



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
23 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 13:24-43

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.



In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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.

PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for *Tessie Canja and Matthew Taylor who died recently George Attard, Luke Paul de Saipath, Egmedio, Dorothy, Narcisa, Nierras & Teo Beugelsdyk , Victoria Cauchi, Chanel Costa, Jean Culhane, Richard, Justin & Chris Costello, Mr & Mrs Constantine, Christopher Kohlenberg, Ivy Langham, Jeffrey McRae, Anthony Keith McSpadden, Katie O'Farrell & deceased members of the Cooke family, Jacqueline Rosario, Mary Try, Anne Tucker and Bob Vinci whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, Reg Levinge, Grant McLean, John Nettar, Norah & Bernard Wilding and All souls in Purgatory.*

Please pray for those who are sick *Brett Beath, 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 and Sr Teresa Woe .*

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 Alan Thomas 20 Willoring Avenue Penrith.

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

Prayer Meeting

We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on the **SECOND AND LAST TUESDAYS of every month at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

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, Wednesday and Thursday mornings during school terms. **Get involved in serving God through the MINISTRY of Catechist.**

This Week at St Nicholas

Tuesday 25 July
St James
 11.30am AA Meeting (Hall)
 12.30pm Legion of Mary (Piety store)
 7pm Family Meeting for confirmation
 7pm Prayer Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday 26 July
Sts Joachim & Anne
 6pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Next Week's Readings

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52



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Shannen Lobo

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you an adult considering becoming a Catholic, or baptised Christian wanting to be received into the Catholic Church? An Information Evening will be held in **Parish Hall Tuesday 1st August at 7pm. Please phone parish office 47212509.**



St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

My heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for their generous donations to the winter appeal this year. A total of **\$5856.70** was collected and this will be used towards many needy people in our community. Also a special thanks to Stewart for his help with the envelope distribution.



Brian Brainwood President - Penrith Conference

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.

friday night Hollywood



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"BACK TO THE 80's" - TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, 28 JULY 2017 at 6.30pm 150 FRAGAR ROAD, SOUTH PENRITH

Live Band, Lucky door prizes, Silent Auctions, Games, Major Raffle drawn Prizes for Best Dressed & Best Decorated tables. Tickets available via the school office on (02) 4736 3466 \$10 per person. 8 players maximum per table. Groups and Individuals welcome. The event is strictly for ages **18 years and over**. BYO food and drinks. *Responsible consumption* of alcohol permitted. Free Tea, coffee and water provided. Soft drinks available for purchase. **Please be seated by 6.45pm.** The first round commences at 7.00pm.

Inviting Young Women (aged 17-30) to a Grace & Silence retreat day.

Aimed to help prepare your heart for your vocation to Marriage and Family, Single Life or Consecrated Life. **Theme:** Love is Faithful, My "Faithful" Yes **When:** Saturday 5th August and 7th October **Where:** Joseph Kantenich House, Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa **Cost:** \$30 includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and materials.

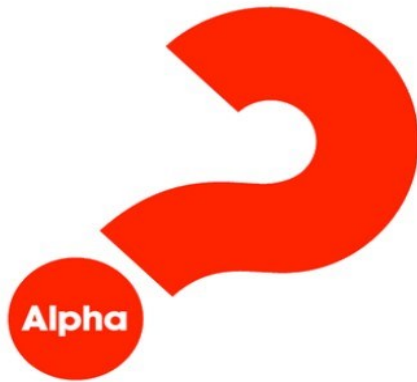
Registration Essential a week prior to each date via email to juliebrcar@gmail.com

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Holy Hour for Vocations: 28 July

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 6:30pm Friday (*please note new day*) for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. For information about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta and Holy Spirit Seminary, please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Screening of *The Sultan and the Saint*: 29 July The Australian premiere of a new film about the historic meeting between St Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt, Malik Al-Kamil, in the midst of the conflict of the Fifth Crusade, will take place on 29 July at Western Sydney University's Parramatta South Campus. More information and a trailer for the film can be found at: www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com Tickets are \$10. Book at <https://sultansaintsydney.eventbrite.com.au> The screening is being co-hosted by Diocese of Parramatta.

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Holy Hour for Vocations

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday, 3rd August 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

29/30 July	Vigil	Parish		Roster	
		7am	8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	H McCann A Sebastian	J Sweeney	G Issaks P Margerison	C Pemberton D Welfare	B Wrightson P Margerison
Servers	L & R Smee		M & P Lufe	H & J Jacobs S Perera	X Whalen
Comm. Rep.	I Bentham	H Ryan	P Nematalla	M Varua	E Marshall
Reader	S Falleiro	S Paterson	R Walsh	Alan Johnson	K Smith
E.M.	A Calub N Calub C Coyte	S Sweeney G Wiggins M Sultana	B Brainwood R Bryan E Isaaks B Keavy L Kochappu H O'Connor M Stynes	M Gutierrez M Knox P Samuelu	D Lee D Streher K Wrightson

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