



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
30 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.

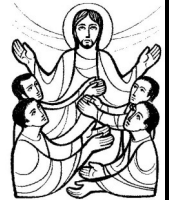
Schools

St Nicholas Primary 4721 2623
Principal - Ms Anita Knezevic

St Mary Mackillop Primary 4736 3466
Principal - Mr Scott Buchan

Gospel Reflection: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.



Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

From Loyola Press

Planned Giving Envelopes

There are still envelopes for collection in the church foyer.

Please be advised that some Numbers have been
changed and that envelopes are in alphabetical
order of surname.

Please collect your envelopes to save on postage.

PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for *Camella Fong and John Ryan who died recently Mary Aguis, Jean Culhane, Ken Foy, Errol Inskip, Jeff McRae, Anthony Keith McSpadden, Lourdes Mendiola, Joseph Perera, Sam Rees, Antonio Samuels, Helen Szymko and Anne Tucker 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.*

A Special (1st month) Memorial for Francis Spillane will be held on Wednesday 2 August during the 7pm Mass.

Please pray for those who are sick *Brett Beath, Baby Milla Conway, 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
- ◆ **Edenglassie Lodge (Lemongrove)** 1st Tuesday of each month at 11 am
- ◆ **Governor Phillip Manor** 1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm

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.



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.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated 11 August directly after 12.10pm Mass. Also prayer meeting 4th Friday of the month 7pm in PMR1.

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday 31 July
St Ignatius Loyola

Friday 4 August
St John Vianney

Tuesday 1 August
St Alphonsus Liguori
11.30am AA Meeting (Hall)
12.30pm Legion of Mary (Piety store)

Wednesday 2 August
St Peter Julian Eymard
6pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday 3 August
St Dominic

Next Week's Readings
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9



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PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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.

Sacramental News – Confirmation

This weekend the children of our parish community will enrol to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please remember them and their families as they begin to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by attending family group sessions during the coming weeks.

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.**

Penrith City Choir Celebrating 40 Years

"Gloria" Featuring Vivaldi Gloria. Penrith City Choir, Penrith City Youth and children's Choirs, Vocals soloists and instrumental ensemble here at St Nicholas Church on **Sunday 27 August at 2.30pm.** Tickets \$25, \$20, \$5, family \$50. Book at www.trybooking.com, for enquiries Phone: 0400 516 630.



Seminar – Understanding Family Law – Two Sessions

Solo Parent Services are running two sessions for our Annual Seminar on "Understanding Family Law". The sessions are presented by an Accredited Family Law Specialist and will cover the following topics on the dates below:

Tuesday 8th August - Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children's needs.

Tuesday 22nd August - Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Property Settlements. Venue for both Sessions: 38 Prince St, Blacktown Time: 7pm – 9pm Cost: \$7.00 per session.

Registration Essential: Contact Rita at Solo Parent Services - PH: 8822 2222 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au Please see flyer on Notice board for more details.

Caroline Chisholm College

Have you considered the benefits of an all-girl education for your daughter? Join us in 2018 for your HSC journey. Information evening Monday 7 August at 6.30pm, 90-98 The Lakes Drive Glenmore Park. For further info please contact the office on 47 375 506.

Happy Birthday



Mary Goh

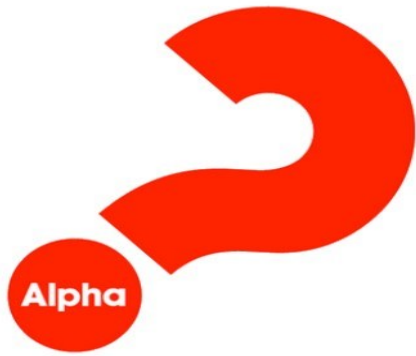
Lyn Olander

Maddie Tucker



God's Love
is unbounded:
It has
No Limits.

— Pope Francis



ALPHA IS LIFE CHANGING

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 now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August.

All enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428, 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>

5/6 August	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	B Beath R Howard	D Wiggins	R Kroon D Wellfare	J George J Simeon	D Cocksedge M Pletkan
Servers	B & V Neal	G Grady	B Payyappilly	J Crispin R Idris E Moniz	M Tickner
Comm. Rep.	J Hogan	Alison Johnson	L Gal	O Kiss	AM Pletkan
Reader	I Bentham	Y Bacchan	S Von Bock	D Dawson	N Moniz
E.M.	R DeBono F Keuneman A Linga	L Davie M Sultana G Wiggins	R Bryan G Burns C D'Mello L Kochappu B Oxlade P Wheller A Yuzon	M Gutierrez N Perera J Vella	M Herrick K Pemberton C Vagg

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