



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



The Transfiguration of the Lord. (Year A)

6 August 2017

Grounded in Faith Live in Hope Grow in Love

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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 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration.

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

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PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for *Camella Fong, Susan Lim Siew Keng, Bert Mahony, John Pace, Paul Vassalo and Bibiana Zahra* **who died recently** *Alexander Donaldson, Ken Foy, Kerrie Gaudry, Clarence Gomesz, John Jackson, Derrick Macrae, Len & Brian O'Farrell, Arthur Potts, Dulcine Sequeira and Frederico Racelis* **whose anniversaries occur at this time** **and for** *Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Bill & Greg Hanley, Andrew Harnett, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, William Savage and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

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, Kerry Hagarty, Sue Herbert, 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
- ◆ **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 Peter & Rita Mackenzie 773 Castlereagh Rd Agnes Banks.



Prayer Meeting We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on **TUESDAY 8 August 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.

Important: Please help to keep our children safe !

In the afternoon, we work safely and as quickly as possible to move about 180 children from our school into their cars. A friendly reminder that our Parish and School Car Park gates are locked from Monday to Friday at 8:30 am to 9am and again from 3pm-3.30pm. I hope you understand that we will not be opening these gates for anyone during these times. If you are inside the gates during this time, we kindly ask you stay in your parking spot with your engine off to ensure all children and staff are safe.



This Week at St Nicholas

Tuesday 8 August
St Mary of the Cross
 11.30am AA Meeting (Hall)
 12.30pm Legion of Mary (Piety store)

Wednesday 9 August
 4pm 1st Family Session for Confirmation
 6pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday 10 August
St Lawrence

Friday 11 August
St Claire

Sunday 13 August
 11am 1st Family Session for Confirmation

Next Week's Readings 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1Kings 19:9 11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



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Sacramental News – Confirmation

This week the children of our parish community will start their preparation 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.



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?

Please phone parish office 47212509 for more information.



Combined School Mass on Sunday 27 August at 10am.

St Nicholas of Myra Parish and St Mary Mackillop Primary School, the students of both schools are invited to take part in the Parish Mass. The students from both schools will have the opportunity to be involved in various elements of the Mass

including; a children's choir, Gospel procession, altar serving and reading. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to celebrate their faith and participate in the parish. All welcome



Serving at the Altar

Formation Day for Adult Servers and Acolytes

When: Saturday 9 September. Day begins 9.30am with registration, and concludes at 2.30pm. **Where:** The Institute for Mission at 1-5 Marion St Blacktown. **Speaker;** Very Rev Peter Williams. RSVP by 5 September to ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au or call 8838 3456 Morning tea & Lunch provided.

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**. Book at www.trybooking.com, for enquiries Phone: 0400 516 630. More info on notice board.



Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2018: Rise Up

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. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 or lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au for an information pack.



Happy Birthday

Dominic Dawson
Ursula Komorowski (88th)
Fr Mathew
Joan Renshaw (95th)
Lesley Walsh

Bon Voyage

Wishing Fr PJ
and safe a happy travels.





ALPHA IS FAITH BUILDING

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 this sessions.

- **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>
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For sale; A double burial or cremation site (Catholic Section) at Pinegrove Memorial Park is available for private sale below current costs. Phone Jim Potts on 042 112 5722

12/13 August	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	J Buttigieg H McCann	A Ruzgas	G Isaaks P Margerison	J Jacobs C Pemberton	B Wrightson
Servers	D & J Lestal		A & J Joseph	S Dias H & J Jacobs	K Flynn
Comm. Rep.	L Alimangoha	S Paterson	E Marshall	E Sicam	C D'Mello
Reader	C Limjap	H Ryan	F Jackson	P Samuelu	J Rulewski
E.M.	I Bentham C Coyte M Svehla	L Davie L Lufe J McSpadden	B Brianwood E Isaaks B Keavy M Nyss H O'Connor B Oxlade M Stynes	M Knox D Streher A Yuzon	A Alimangoha D Lee K Wrightson

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