



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
27 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



Today at the 10am Mass
we welcome the students from our
Parish schools
St Nicholas of Myra Primary
and
St Mary Mackillop Primary,
their teachers and parents.



Gospel Reflection: Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader. In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

From Loyola Press

Missing 6 Eucharistic Minister Crosses
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PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for *Luz Mopera Angeles, Joan Bailey, Madge Clarke, Paul Sammut, Aproniano Sarmiento, Chris Sultana, Rita Wade and Bibiana Zahra who died recently Suzzane Attard, Joan Baskett, Jim Dempsey, June Gale, John Jackson, Dagma Joplin, Patrick & Ases Lewis, George Nemattalla, Olinda Ornelas, Don Tallent, Russel Titherton, Tony Traynor and Tony White whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Bob Cassidy, Scott & Angela Daniel, Zella Dawson, Tania Felice, Frances & Peter Hendry, Desmond Joplin, John Lee, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, George Nyss and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

Please pray for those who are sick *Brett Beath, Dianne Constable, Allen Eyles, Marion Engsmyr, Enrique Esmayor, Romnick Estores, Anna Gal, Darren Gallagher, Pamela Gold, Kerry Hagarty, Patricia Hansan, Sue Herbert, Noel Langan, Rosemary Matthews, Jane McCann, Lisa McDeed, Daniel McEntee, Fr Mick O'Callaghan, Lynn O'Hare, Baby Phoenix, Barbara Sawyer, Chris Tabone and Rachael Wilson.*

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 John & Joan McSpadden 3 Timgalen Avenue Penrith.

Prayer Meeting We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on **TUESDAY 29 August at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

Attention: SRE (Catechist) meeting will be held on Monday 4th September at 1.30pm in PMR1.

Thank you; *I wish to thank sincerely Fathers Mathew and Pio, family and friends for their support and prayers during Keirans' knee surgery. He would like you to know he is recovering well. Keiran and Maria Junge*

Happy Birthday

Leo Tucker



Altar Society roster is available for collection from the sacristy.

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday 28 August
St Augustine
6.30pm Introduction to ALPHA (PMR1)

Tuesday 29 August
The Passion of St John the Baptist
11.30am AA Meeting (Hall)
12.30pm Legion of Mary (Piety store)
7pm Prayer Meeting (Hall)
7pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday 30 August
6pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Next Week's Readings

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



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BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY 2nd/3rd Sept

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Appeal envelopes are available this week in the foyer for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parra.catholic.org.au with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January.

Children Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Please remember practice will be on Tuesday 5th September at 4pm and 7pm. You may attend either of these times. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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. All are 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. **This is for all existing Senior Servers/ Acolytes ONLY.**

Our Lady of Penafraancia visits Our Lady of the Rosary Parish this Week

The Replica of Our Lady of Penafraancia and that of Divino Rostro will visit Our Lady of the Rosary Parish located at 26 Swanston St, St Marys 2nd Sept to 9th Sept. The novena will start at 11:00 am on Sat 2nd Sept followed by mass. The celebrant will be Fr Brendan Murphy. Fellowship will follow after mass. Contact Jun Relunia 0419-233-643.

Popes Quote;

To be SAINTS is not a privilege for the few. But a vocation for everyone.

Pope Francis



PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Games

16 SEPTEMBER 2017

Come and enjoy a night of fun to help raise funds for the youth of the Parish to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in December

Time: 7.15p.m for a 7.30pm start **Venue:** Parish Hall
Entry Fee: \$10.00 per person - 8 per table (Payable on the night)
Child under the age of 18 are not permitted to attend.

BYO: Drinks & Nibbles **Provided:** Tea and coffee

Bookings: Sharon - 0418 207 131 or
Parish Office - 4721 2509

RSVP for Bookings: Tuesday 12 September



The Alpha Course Invitation

We would like to warmly invite you all to come and see what the ALPHA Course is all about by attending the ALPHA introduction evening on **Monday 28th August at 6.30pm** in PMR1. We only need about an hour of your time and a light supper will be served.

The ALPHA course first evening session starts

- Monday 4th September at 6.30pm in PMR1.

If you wish to attend this session please let us know by 31st August for catering purposes. Contact Craig and Lesley Walsh by SMS or phone 0428 284 568 or mamreintaid@gmail.com

The ALPHA course first day session starts

- Wednesday 13th September at 10.15am in PMR1.

If you wish to attend this session please let us know by 8th September for catering purposes. Contact Craig and Lesley Walsh by SMS or phone 0428 284 568 or mamreintaid@gmail.com

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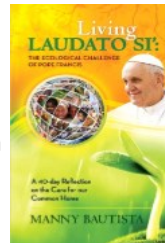
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2/3 September	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	H McCann A Sebastian	A Ruzgas	R Kroon P Margerison	J Jacobs R Wood	J Simeon B Wrightson
Servers	D & J Lestal	G Grady	A & J Joseph	J Crispin W Ezekiel S Perera	K Flynn
Comm. Rep.	C Limjap	Alison Johnson	R Walsh	M Varua	J Rulewski
Reader	L Alimangoha	S Paterson	L Gal	O Kiss	C D'Mello
E.M.	I Bentham R DeBono A Linga	L Davie M Sultana G Wiggins	G Burns E Isaaks B Keavy L Kochappu H O'Connor B Oxlade A Yuzon	M Gutierrez M Stynes J Vella	K Wrightson C Vagg D Lee

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