



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
3 September 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

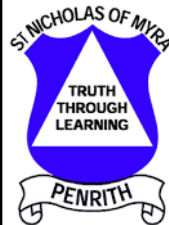
Healing Mass 9.00am 1st Saturday of month
Filipino: 11.00am 1st Saturday of month

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



We would like to sincerely thank the
students from our Parish schools
St Nicholas of Myra Primary
and
St Mary Mackillop Primary,
their teachers and parents for a
Wonderful celebration at the 10am mass last Sunday.



Gospel Reflection: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**

PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for Philip Abard, Albert Banks, Lynette Moss, Carmel Rodis, Paul Sammut and Chris Sultana **who died recently** Kath Engsmyr, May Gale, Cleofas Gatmaitau, Grant McLean, Greg Milzarek, Ron Mulock, George Nematalla, Feliciano Nitro, Marie Norris, James O'Brien, Orlinda Ornelas, Raymond Stynes, Betty Tabone, Tony Traynor and Flordely Valencia **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Frances & Peter Hendry, Paul Landrigan, John Lee, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, Norah & Bernard Wilding and all Souls in purgatory.

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

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
- ◆ **Mt View Village** 1st Friday of each month at 10am

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 Chris & Kathleen Pemberton 21 Henderson Drive Penrith.



Young at Heart Morning tea will be held Wednesday 6 September at 10am. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated 8 September directly after 12.10pm Mass. Also prayer meeting 4th Friday of the month 7pm in PMR1.

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

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday	4 September	Friday	8 September
1.30pm	SRE Meeting (PMR1)		<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tuesday	5 September		
11.30am	AA Meeting (Hall)		
12.30pm	Legion of Mary (Piety store)		
4pm or 7pm	Confirmation Practice (Church)		
Wednesday	6 September		
10am	Young @ Heart morning tea		
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting		

Next Week's Readings 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20



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PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR Father's day this weekend

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.

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 usually done in January each year.

Children Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Please remember practice will be on **Tuesday 5 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.

St Vincent de Paul Society of Penrith will be undertaking a

recruitment drive for Parishioners to join the Society in it's good works for the poor in our area. A member will talk at each mass on the 16 & 17 of September inviting all to attend the Information evening Monday 18 September at PMR1 from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. God bless- Brian Brainwood- President



Our Lady's Birthday 8 September

Come let us celebrate at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Terrigal from 9am with a welcome opening Blessing and prayers to Our Lady, 11am -11.45am Rosary Procession with Benediction then 12noon Mass, followed by cutting of the cake in Parish Hall. All are welcome more info phone 43674610 or Dawn 0404214459.

Our Lady of Penafrancia Visits Padre Pio Parish Glenmore Park

The Replica of Our Lady of Penafrancia will visit Padre Pio Parish, on **Saturday 9 Sept** as we hold the last of the triduum novena and masses prior to the Feast. Novena starts at 11:00 am followed by Mass at 11:30 am. Fellowship to follow. The Replica of Our Lady of Penafrancia will be at the Padre Pio church for a week until 16 Sept. The Australian Devotees are inviting parishioners to join us at Padre Pio church. The Feast Day Of Our Lady will be on 16 Sept at St Nicholas of Myra church. For further information, please contact Jun Relunia on 0419-233-643.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT
16 SEPTEMBER 2017

Games

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

LOTS OF FUN

Popes Quote;

Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness. **Pope Francis**



Happy Birthday

Patricia Isidro
Fr Pio



The Alpha Course ; first session starts

- Tuesday 12 September at 10.30am—12.30pm in PMR1.

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

TOFS is coming to Penrith

TOFS is a non-denominational, not for profit social group for retired or semi-retired men. They have been around for nearly 10 years and members come from all over the metropolitan area and the central coast. They hold regular day trips to a wide variety of destinations plus coastal and bush walks all followed by fellowship. Come along to our no obligation meeting on Friday 8 September at 10.30am at Penrith RSL— Castlereagh Room. Expressions of interest by email to tofstc@bigpond.com

Petition to STOP assisted suicide being legalised in NSW

As Christians we need to protect life from conception to natural death. Endorsing suicide as a solution to pain and suffering sends a confusing message to our society. Good palliative care respects the dignity of the person, and true compassion is shown by caring & supporting people in their greatest need. There are no 'safeguards' that will ever guarantee that deaths under the proposed laws will be completely voluntary, free of error, fraud or coercion. Countries like Belgium & Netherlands have evolved in their assisted suicide/euthanasia law to allow young children and the disabled to take their own life. If the law is passed, people might feel pressured or opt for it so as not to be a 'burden' or because they are 'expected to'. Once the fundamental principle to do no harm and never kill is removed from the medical practice, it will undermine trust in doctors & the medical profession. Please sign the petition in the church foyer.

Handyman: Any retired, gentleman, parishioner interested in a little part-time work for a Lady parishioner in Penrith, please phone Ken on : 0408 001 826

9/10 September	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	R Howard	J Sweeney	J Jordan J Tabone	J George J Relunia	D Cocksedge M Pletkan
Servers	B & V Neal		E & L Loughland Larsen	D Dawson S Dias B Powell	M Tickner
Comm. Rep.	I Bentham	Alison Johnson	N Joseph	D Dawson	E Marshall
Reader	K Smith	H Ryan	E Isaaks	S Falleiro	AM Pletkan
E.M.	A Calub N Calub C Coyte	M Sultana S Sweeney C Spiteri	B Brainwood C D'Mello M Nyss H O'Connor B Oxlade M Stynes P Wheller	M Knox N Perera P Samuelu	M Herrick K Pemberton K Smith



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