



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
10 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

Gospel Reflection: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

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Sacrament of Confirmation

On Tuesday 12th September,
113 children in our Parish
will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Please keep these children and their families
in your prayers.

Thank you to the parents of these children for your
commitment in helping them
prepare for this Sacrament.



PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for Phillip Abard, Lisa McDeed, Lynette Moss, and Paul Sammut **who died recently** Annie Beugdsdyk, Perpetua & Maria Cobo, Joseph D'Costa, Alejandro Racelis, May Gale, Rogelio Gutang, Greg & Victor Milzarek, Peter Mathew, Ron Mulock, Adolphus & Dorothy Montaut, George Nematalla, James O'Brien, Narcisa Pa-anod, Teodoro Racelis, Laurel Sippel, Raymond Styne, Betty Tabone and Rene Tamayo **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Frances & Peter Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, John Nettare, Lise & Jacques Sandion, Norah & Bernard Wilding and all Souls.

Please pray for those who are sick Brett Beath, Dianne Constable, Vera Costello, Allen Eyles, Marion Engsmayr, Enrique Esmayor, Romnick Estores, Anna Gal, Darren Gallagher, Pamela Gold, Patricia Hansan, Sue Herbert, Noel & Annie Langan, Rosemary Matthews, Jane McCann, 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
- ◆ **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 Chris & Kathleen Pemberton 21 Henderson Drive Penrith.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour prayer meeting Friday 22nd September 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.

The Penrith Chapter of BNP Australia invites everyone to join us on 15th September of the month's celebration of the Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. Starts at 8PM and concludes at 10PM.

Charismatic Healing Mass followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, to be concelebrated by Fr. John Walenciej **Sunday 17 September 2pm** at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday 6.30pm	11 September Alpha Course (PMR1)
Tuesday 10.15am 11.30am 12.30pm 5pm or 7.30pm	12 September Alpha Course (PMR1) AA Meeting (Hall) Legion of Mary (Piety store) Confirmation
Wednesday St John Chrysostom 6pm	13 September St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Next Week's Readings
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



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PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Child Protection Sunday The Australian Catholic Church lists Child Protection Sunday for 10 September. The Sunday concludes Child Protection Week celebrated across Australia. As has become the custom each year the Child Protection Sunday and preceding week, provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. The work of safeguarding and protecting minors and other vulnerable people is ongoing and of the highest priority for the Diocese of Parramatta. More information about this topic can be found here: <http://www.safeguarding.org.au/>

St Vincent de Paul Society of Penrith will be undertaking a recruitment drive for Parishioners to join the Society in its 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 in **PMR 2** from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. God bless Brian Brainwood- President



BUS TRIP: Young @ Heart together with Fr Mathew, **Tuesday 10 OCTOBER**

to St Josephs Spirituality and Education Centre, Kincumber South (near Gosford). Leaving the Parish 8.30am arrive back approx. 4.30pm. Morning tea on arrival, Museum tour and lunch provided. **COST \$65.** Please contact parish office 47212509 and a \$20 deposit is required to secure your seat.

About the Museum: The St Joseph's Boys' Home Museum holds a collection of artefacts which represent some of the many stories throughout the period 1887 – 1966. Some of these include:

- Mary MacKillop's Reflection Room which tells the stories of the Sisters connected with the Home.
- Large range of historical photos and books.
- Large range of photos and stories of boys who were in the Home.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY.

Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia on Sat 16 Sept

The Australian Devotees of Our Lady of Penafrancia is inviting all parishioners to join us in the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia at **St Nicholas of Myra Church**

9:00 am - Novena led by Mt Schoenstatt Sisters

9:30 am - Concelebrated Mass



Main Celebrant Papal Nuncio to Australia Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana

- 11:45 am to 12:40 pm Fluvial Procession on the Nepean River Tench Reserve Jetty, Jamison Rd, Jamisontown
- 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Factory Rd Reserve, Factory Rd, Jamisontown Lunch, and Entertainment. This is our celebration for Our Blessed Mother.

For further info, please contact Jun Relunia on 0419-233-643.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Postponed

Popes Quote;

We all have the duty to do good.

Pope Francis



Happy Birthday

Jayden Varlow



The Alpha Course : first session starts

- Monday 11 September at 6.30pm in PMR1
- or
- Tuesday 12 September at 10.15am in PMR1.

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

Join us for a Day of Peace.

St Nicholas of Myra is represented on a multi-faith committee supported by Penrith City Council to celebrate International Day of Peace 2017. If you are interested in being a volunteer on the day please contact :

Jenny Hogan 0419 496 072 or hoganjva01@optusnet.com.au

It's a celebration that promotes respect and recognizes that all people and all faiths share a common desire for peace, security and dignity.

A DAY OF PEACE IT STARTS WITH ME Saturday 23 September 1.30 – 4.30pm

The Mondo greenspace (between Westfield Penrith and the Joan) . **Everyone is encouraged to wear their St Nicholas T-Shirts on the day to be identified.**

Wedding Anniversary Mass: 24 September

All Married couples are invited to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary with other couples and family members at the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will celebrate the Mass and will host a light lunch following Mass. Please contact your Parish Secretary to register by 18th September, 2017; or call the Life Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au.

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

16/17 September	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	B Beath J Buttigieg	D Wiggins	P Margerison R Wood	J Jacobs J Simeon	V Graham M Pletkan
Servers	J Emerson G Nematic	G Grady	A & J Joseph	J Crispin K Ross	T Keane
Comm. Rep.	J Hogan	H Ryan	P Nematalla	P Samuelu	AM Pletkan
Reader	C Limjap	Y Baccan	S Von Bock	Alan Johnson	N Moniz
E.M.	I Bentham R DeBono V Emerson	L Davie G Wiggins M Sultana	R Bryan G Burns C D'Mello E Isaaks B Keavy L Kochappu H O'Connor	M Knox M Stynes J Vella	A Alimangoha D Lee D Streher



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