



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
17 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 18:21-35.

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion — Psalm 102(103):1-4, 9-12.

'Bless the Lord, O my soul. And all that is within me bless his holy name.'

'All that is within me', as used by the psalmist, suggests that the totality of our being is activated when we praise God. To be half-hearted when praying would be unworthy of our relationship with God, so great is God's steadfast love for us.

And it would not do justice to our own being. 'All that is within us' includes our God-given capacity to be loving, thinking, achieving, loyal, trusting and trustworthy people. Our faith lives, as individuals and as community, are fully activated when we bring these qualities to bear on our relationship with God.

The psalmist gives voice to all this: 'Bless the Lord, O my soul. And all that is within me bless his holy name.'

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Congratulations

to the 113 children from our Parish community
who were Confirmed on Tuesday 12th September.

Thank you to Fr Peter Williams
for celebrating this Sacrament with us.

We pray that the Holy Spirit
continues to be a strong presence
in the lives of each of the newly confirmed,
and that through His power, they will be guided in bringing
the Fruits of the Spirit to all they meet.

Thank you to everyone who helped
during the preparation sessions and
assisted at the celebration.



PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Please pray for Noel Langan, Eliseo Lupisan and Paul Sammut who died recently Sr Betty Bourke, Angelina Castelino (Infant), Theresa & Cornlius D'Souza, May Gale, George Nematalla, James O'Brien, James Scott, Raymond Stynes, 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 Nettar, Barbara O'Farrell, Albert Topogain, Norah & Bernard Wilding and all Souls.

Please pray for those who are sick Brett Beath, Dianne Constable, Vera Costello, Canute D'Souza, Allen Eyles, Marion Engsmyr, Enrique Esmayor, Romnick Estores, Anna Gal, Darren Gallagher, Pamela Gold, Patricia Hansan, Sue Herbert, Nathan King, 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 Pauline Landrigan 4 Hand Avenue Penrith.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour prayer meeting Friday 22nd September 7pm in PMR1.

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!

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage

"Holy Land & Holy Places in Italy(17Days)" for \$5,555 from 3-19 Sept, 2018 and 7 Days "Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan". Spiritual Directors: Fr Emmanuel-tv & Fr Jude CSSp. Contact for itinerary/info: fremmanueltv@hotmail.com, 0417999553, (08) 93413079, or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au, 0400759391, (03) 97899672.

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday 6.30pm	18 September Alpha Course (PMR1)
Tuesday 10.15am 11.30am 12.30pm	19 September Alpha Course (PMR1) AA Meeting (Hall) Legion of Mary (Piety store)
Wednesday 6pm	20 September St Vincent de Paul Meeting
Thursday St Matthew	21 September

Next Week's Readings
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24.27
Matthew 20:1-16



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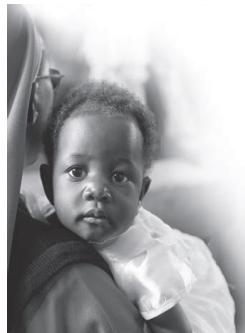
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PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal.

This year we are invited to participate in Jesus' life-giving mission, supporting women and children's health in Uganda. In Uganda bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger, with many women taking great risks to reach health facilities. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre, they do not



have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers who come through the doors.
Please come prepared next weekend and give generously. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uganda Fr Erasmus will be speaking at all masses next weekend.

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 all masses 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. **Limited seats available**

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.

'Made For Each Other', (The Humanum Series)

Come and see six thought provoking short DVDs on the Complementarity of Man and Woman, named 'Made For Each Other', (the Humanum Series). These DVDs were part of The Complementarity of Man and Woman: An International Colloquium, which was held in Rome in late 2014. Annabelle Bhandoo from the Diocese of Parramatta Life, Marriage and Family Office will facilitate the sessions. **WHEN:** 8 October 2017 **TIME:** 11.30am (after 9.45am Mass) till 3.30pm **WHERE:** At the Parish Centre. Tea and coffee provided, but bring your own lunch. For further enquiries contact Ingrid 0412 315 241

Popes Quote;

"The family is essential to sustain human and social development."

Pope Francis



The Alpha Course : second session

- Monday 18 September at 6.30pm in PMR1
- or
- Tuesday 19 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

23/24 September	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	H McCann A Sebastiam	A Ruzgas	J Jordan R Kroon	C Pemberton R Wood	M Pletkan B Wrightson
Servers	L & R Smee		B Payyappilly	W Ezekiel R Idris	K Flynn
Comm. Rep.	L Alimangoha	S Paterson	L Gal	E Marshall	C D'Mello
Reader	E Sicam	H Ryan	R Walsh	O Kiss	A Pletkan
E.M.	R DeBono F Keuneman M Svehla	L Davie M Sultana G Wiggins	B Brainwood E Isaaks L Kochappu M Nyss B Oxlade M Stynes P Wheller	M Gutierrez N Perera D Streher	K Smith C Vagg K Wrightson



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