



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
24 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 20:1-16.

The Lord is near to all who call him — Psalm 144(145):2-3, 8-9, 17-18.

A canticle of praise

Today's psalm is a canticle of praise for the love and mercy of our Father and his wonderful care of us.

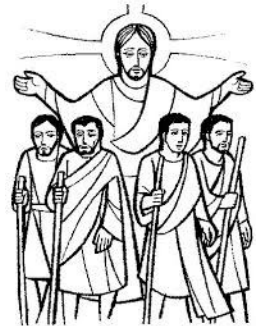
Pope Francis wants us to hear the Father and embrace and share that loving care as he explores for us the path of evangelisation as leaders and witnesses.

In the familiar vineyard story, Jesus reassures us that, no matter how late we arrive, there is work for us all to do and be justly rewarded.

Christians who give their lives joyfully will be sustained in their effort, however small it appears. Through our closeness to God we can share his mercy with others.

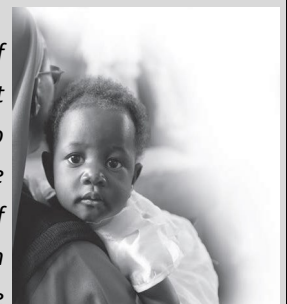
Dear Lord, stay with us and all we meet today.

from Madonna : Jesuit Publication



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

In Bujuni, a remote parish deep in the heart of Uganda, bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger. Many women take great risks to get to the nearest affordable maternity ward at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff, the health centre does not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers. Sadly, the potential consequences can be tragic. With your support through Catholic Mission, Sister Goretti is hoping to expand St Luke's and provide essential services for women and children.



Please give generously to support women and children's health through Jesus' life-giving mission today.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uganda

**We welcome Fr Erasmus to our Parish this weekend
who is speaking at all masses.**

PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for Thomas Cuddihy, Josephine Diaz, Margaret McDonald, Richard Pohlmann, Paul Sammut and George Slater **who died recently** George Attard, Pura Alcantara, Jack Bertles, Manuel & Antonia Borg, Tom Bunders, Peter Donnelly, George & Rane Emerson, May Gale, Godfrey Gomez, Charles Handy, Ivy Langhan, George Nematala, James O'Brien, Mercedes Ragaza, Raymond Stynes, Betty Tabone and Ken Wisemantel **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Alan Bogojewski, Dennis Bryant, Mary Brown, Anne Cafferty, Tania Felice, Frances & Peter Hendry, Sonnie & Noel Langan, Pearl & Paul Portelli, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Josephine Marty, John Nettare, Barbara O'Farrell, Albert Topogain, Norah & Bernard Wilding and all Souls.

Margaret McDonald passed away early evening on Sunday 17th September. She has been battling cancer for some time. Barry & Margaret McDonald was very close to Fr Grady and Fr Geoff and provided very significant financial support to the parish over the years. May She Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who are sick Patricia Battrell, Brett Beath, Dianne Constable, Vera Costello, Canute D'Souza, Allen Eyles, Marion Engsmayr, Enrique Esmayor, Romnick Estores, Anna Gal, Darren Gallagher, Pamela Gold, Patricia Hansan, Rose Kenny, Sue Herbert, Nathan King, Annie Langan, Marya, 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

Rosary Statue is in the home of Pauline Landrigan 4 Hand Avenue Penrith.

Prayer Meeting We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on **Tuesday 26 September at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to anyone who is new to the parish. So that we can get to know you better, it would be great if you would please fill out a Census Card available in the foyer.

Bishop Vincent's Pastoral Letter on the Same-Sex Marriage Postal Survey

A Copy of this letter is available on the church notice board. The letter can also be accessed on the Diocesan Website: www.parracatholic.org

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday	25 September	Saturday	30 September
6.30pm	Alpha Course (PMR1)	St Jerome	
Tuesday	26 September		
10.15am	Alpha Course (PMR1)		
11.30am	AA Meeting (Hall)		
12.30pm	Legion of Mary (Piety store)		
Wednesday	27 September		
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting		
Friday	29 September		
	Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels		

Next Week's Readings

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32



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PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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.*

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. **Full payment is required by Friday 29 September.**
Some seats still available. Everyone is welcome to come.

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:** St Thomas Aquinas Parish Pastoral Centre Springwood.
Tea and coffee provided, but bring your own lunch. For more info call Ingrid 0412 315 241

Time for Us Weekend for Families 30th September—2nd October

Time for Us Weekends at Mount Schoenstatt include inputs for adults, programmes for
children of all ages including baby-sitting, couple and family time, games, fellowship with
other families, prayer, reflection and Holy Mass. For more information or to register
contact Sr M Julie Brcar: juliebrcar@gmail.com or 0408 738 334.

Happy Birthday

Jeremiah Burgess
Anne Potts (95 yrs)



Popes Quote;

*Never abandon prayer,
even when it seems
pointless to pray!*



Pope Francis

The Alpha Course : next session

- Monday 25 September at 6.30pm in PMR1
- or
- Tuesday 26 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

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS CLASSES.

KIRINARI, Xavier College, Llandilo and WIYANGA, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas are accepting enrolments. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta provides an inclusive education for students, recognising that some students with a moderate intellectual disability may need additional support. High support needs classes provide students with an alternate platform that addresses their learning needs. Direct enquiries to Alma George, Manager on 0407233622 Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: January 2018

Fr John McSweeney from St John XXIII Catholic Parish Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens will be leading a 15-day Holy Land pilgrimage (with three day optional extension in Petra, Jordan). Cost, details and further information through Harvest Journeys under tour code: 8PV03. Phone 02 9390 5460, email info@harvestjourneys.com or visit harvestjourneys.com.

Q & A Programme "Let's Talk About What Matters": 1 October

Held at The Crypt, St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, 1.30pm – 3.00pm.
"Pornography: Who does it harm?" Rev Fr John Baron op; October 22 "Finding the Courage to make a Difference" Fr Frank Brennan sj AO and Alpha Cheng. No need to book. No charge. Further information: website: catalyst-for-renewal.com.au
Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au or 02 9990 7003

30 Nov/ 1 Oct September	Vigil	<u>Parish</u> 7am	<u>Roster</u> 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	D Cocksedge R Howard	J Sweeney	R Kroon J Relunia	J Tabone D Welfare	B Beath B Wrightson
Servers	B & V Neal	G Grady	E & L Loughland Larsen	J Crispin S Perera	X Whalen
Comm. Rep.	K Smith	Alison Johnson	S Von Bock	N Joseph	F Jackson
Reader	I Bentham	Y Baccan	E Marshall	M Varua	J Rulewski
E.M.	C Coyte A Linga M Xiberras	S Sweeney A Yuzon M Sultana	B Brianwood R Bryan G Burns B Keavy M Nyss H O'Connor (Replacement Needed)	K Pemberton P Samuelu J Vella	C D'Mello M Herrick K Wrightson



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