



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)  
1st October 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 21:28-32

**Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.**

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.



The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

From Loyola Press

A warm welcome to Fr Roy Parayil,  
Provincial Superior of La Salette Missionaries in India.  
He has come to visit our La Salette Fathers  
here in Australia.  
He will be here for the next 3 weeks.

## PARISH OUTREACH

**Please pray for** Patrick Conroy and Steven Vanhaltren who died recently Pura Alcantara, Tom Bunders, Phil Fehon, Theresa Lim, Joyce Malone, Magda Nierras, Jose Osorio, Christina & Narsisa Paanod, Mercedes Ragaza, Robert & Trevor Ross, Zig Rutkowski, Gerald & Carmela Sultana, Raymond Stynes, Betty Tabone whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Frances & Peter Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, Norah & Bernard Wilding and all Souls.

**Please pray for those who are sick** Patricia Battrell, 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, Rose Kenny, Sue Herbert, Nathan King, Annie Langan, Marya, Rosemary Matthews, Jane McCann, Daniel McEntee, Lynn O'Hare, Fr George O'Mara, Baby Phoenix, Barbara Sawyer, Isabella Savage, 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

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 Paul Gale 238 Smith Street Penrith.



**Young at Heart** Morning tea will be held Wednesday 4 October at 10am.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour** will be celebrated 13 October directly after 12.10pm Mass. Also prayer meeting 4th Friday of the month 7pm in PMR1.

### 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.

### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Monday</b>	<b>2 October</b>	
	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	
6.30pm	Alpha Course	(PMR1)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3 October</b>	
10.15am	Alpha Course	(PMR1)
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(Piety store)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4 October</b>	
	<b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7 October</b>	
	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>	

### Next Week's Readings

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43



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## PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### The Office of Safeguarding and Professional Standards

**Acolytes / Senior Servers, Readers / Commentators, E.M.H.C.**

A meeting has been arranged for all liturgical ministries for the 23rd October, at 7pm in the Parish Hall. A member from the Diocese Office of Professional Standards will be in attendance.

It is important that there is a full attendance of acolytes/senior servers, readers/commentators & extraordinary ministers of Holy communion at the meeting. This will ensure a conscious reminder of the protocols / guidelines that are necessary to facilitate the collaborative nature of Liturgical Ministry during the celebration of Mass.

It is imperative that the meeting be attended by every minister as the member from the Office of Professional Standards will enlighten us as to our physical responsibilities as liturgical Ministers of the Catholic Church. *Fr Mathew*

### **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 .**

**Please confirm your seat by Wednesday 4 October. Some seats still available.**

Everyone is welcome to come.

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

### **Time for Us to Prepare our Hearts for Marriage: 6–8 October**

A weekend for Engaged Couples from Friday 6th October 7:30pm - Sunday 8th October 4pm. This retreat weekend is designed to complement pre-marriage courses to allow engaged couples to prepare their hearts so that they may give a total, free and faithful "YES" to their future spouses and contribute towards a fruitful marriage. The inputs and times of prayer and silent reflection will foster the preparation of your heart so that you may be a gift to your spouse and receive your spouse as a gift. For more information or to register contact Sr M Julie Brcar: [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) or 0408 738 334.

### **Diocesan Liturgy Conference 2017**

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference will be held on Saturday 4 November at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. The conference, 'Liturgy: The Living Presence of Christ' is an excellent opportunity to gather together as a Diocese and explore the Presence of Christ in Liturgy. Day includes Keynote Speaker and various workshops including: Music and copyright, Bringing Christ to the Sick, Scripture and the Season of Advent, Sacraments of Initiation – a Field Perspective, organising a Mass- Ordos, Missals and Lectionaries. For more information go to: [parracatholic.org/ofw](http://parracatholic.org/ofw) or Office for Worship [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au)

#### **Happy Anniversary**

Grace & Denis Wiggins (50th )

#### **Happy Birthday**

Polly Melder (90th)



#### **Popes Quote;**

"This is Christian hope: that the future is in God's hands"

**Pope Francis**





### The Alpha Course : next session

- Monday 2 October at 6.30pm in PMR1
- or
- Tuesday 3 October 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

### Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2018: Rise Up

A wonderful opportunity for a faith formation experience for parishioners, leaders, teachers, catechists ... all people in ministry and all people who would like to enrich their faith! Join this pilgrimage group to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 14th - 23rd March 2018. Cost of pilgrimage \$3080 for 7 days with some additional expenses. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 or lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au for an information pack.

### Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 October

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 5th October 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula, e-mail: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406

### Grace & Silence Retreat day for Young Women: 7 October

A Silent Retreat day at Mt Schoenstatt for vocation discernment to Marriage & Family, Single Life or Consecrated Life. Commences with an input on love followed by silent prayer and reflection and concludes with group prayer. For more information or to register contact Sr M Julie Brcar: juliebrcar@gmail.com or 0408 738 334.

7/8 October	Vigil	Parish		Roster	
		7am	8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	J Buttigieg P Margerison	D Wiggins	J Simeon R Wood	J Jacobs J Tabone	A Sebastian B Wrightson
Servers	D & J Lestal		A & J Joseph	D Dawson S Dias B Powell	M Tickner
Comm. Rep.	C Limjap	Y Baccan	E Isakks	O Kiss	N Moniz
Reader	J Doman	H Ryan	N Joseph	D Dawson	E Marshall
E.M.	I Bentham A Calub N Calub	J McSpadden S Sweeney G Wiggins	G Burns E Isaaks H O'Connor B Oxlade M Stynes P Wheller Replacement needed	L Kochappu M Nyss K Pemberton	K Smith K Wrightson A Yuzon



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