



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)  
8th 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

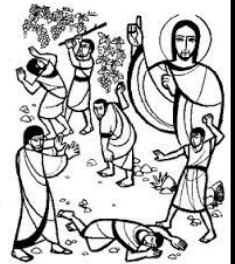
**St Nicholas Primary** 4721 2623  
Principal - Ms Anita Knezevic

**St Mary Mackillop Primary** 4736 3466  
Principal - Mr Scott Buchan

## Gospel Reflection: Matthew 21:33 43.

*'Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.'*

*This beautiful song in Isaiah is sung again by Jesus. He looks for the sweet wine of faith and love in his community. However, the leaders have lost their way. This plaintive song is heart-breaking in the loss in understanding of the loving ways of God. The prophets sent to them were badly treated and the Son is to be crucified.*



*We look at the signs of the times and ask Jesus that we might not miss the significance of the events in our lives—where God is always to be found, offering his love and asking for ours. We each have only one lifetime in God's vineyard. Jesus, thank you.*

*from Madonna : Jesuit publications*

## A warm welcome to Fr Roy Parayil.

As part of his visit he will be preaching at all masses next weekend, about the La Salette father's Formation and mission in India.

We, the St Nicholas community are very much blessed with the La Salette missionary priests.

For the last ten years, we have had Fr Jolly, Fr Sunny, Fr Jose and still with us Fr PJ, and Fr Mathew ministering in our parish.

We all know that formation of priests in different stages entails a lot of expenses. As of now there are around 70 seminarians in different stages of formation, such as College level/ Philosophy/ Postulator and Novitiate/ and Theology studies.

So as we support them spiritually let us also be generous in supporting them financially. In connection with this we will have a leaving collection after all masses the weekend of **October 14/15**.

**Envelopes and pencils are provided in the church.**

**If you are interested, you can sponsor a seminarian for his studies.**

**For more details please contact Fr Mathew 47212509.**

**Thank you for your generous support.**

## PARISH OUTREACH

**Please pray for** *Patricia Battrell and Noel Langan who died recently Rosina & Franz Breitenberger, Salvatore & Mary-Ann Calleija, Patrick Gale, Ricardo Guballa, Mavis Gopalan, Edward Harrison, Sonnie Langan, Frank & Joe Mintoff, Terence O'Connor, Saji Sebastian, Jill & Francis Spillane, John Sultana and Andrew Young whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Sheila Attygalie, Mary Browne, Dennis Bryant, Annie Cafferty, Tania Felice, Frances & Peter Hendry, Joyce Henricus, John Lee, Reg Levinge, Kim Nelson, John Nettare, Margie Pieris and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

**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, Rose Kenny, Sue Herbert, Nathan King, Annie Langan, Joanne Lonard, Pearl Levinge, 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
- ◆ **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 Paul Gale 238 Smith Street Penrith.



**Friday Oct 13** on the Centenary celebration of the Fatima Apparition we will have a special Rosary procession after 12.10pm mass in the carpark, followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. We will dedicate these prayers for world peace.

**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 at our 3rd Friday of the month celebration of the Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. Starts at 8PM and concludes at 10PM.

### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Monday</b> 6.30pm	<b>9 October</b> Alpha Course (PMR1)	<b>Friday</b> 12.10pm	<b>13 October</b> Mass followed by procession and Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>Tuesday</b> 10.15am 11.30am 12.30pm 7pm	<b>10 October</b> Alpha Course (PMR1) AA Meeting (Hall) Legion of Mary (PMR1) Prayer meeting (Hall)	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Next Week's Readings</b>  <b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>   <i>Isaiah 25:6-10</i>  <i>Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20</i>  <i>Matthew 22:1-14</i> </div>	
<b>Wednesday</b> 6pm	<b>11 October</b> St Vincent de Paul Meeting		



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## PARISH OUTREACH

### The Office of Safeguarding and Professional Standards

A Special meeting has been scheduled for all liturgical Ministries for 23rd October 2017 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

A member of the Diocese office of Professional Standards will address the meeting to enlighten us as to our responsibilities as ministers within the Catholic Church. It will ensure a conscious reminder of the protocols/ guidelines necessary to facilitate the collaborative nature of Liturgical Ministry during the celebration of Mass.

It is imperative that this meeting be attended by all ministries.

Fr Mathew

**RCIA News... More information:** Roderick Pirotta 4721 2509 (Parish Office)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process that makes it possible for adults to be received into the Catholic Church.

**UNDERSTANDING THE RCIA a journey for the entire parish.**

#### The Rite of Acceptance



The RCIA group have been meeting every week since the beginning of August and are soon to celebrate the first of the RCIA Liturgical Rites. Over the next few weeks we will look at what these Rites involve and how we as a Parish family can further support our Enquirers.

The Rite of Acceptance is the first rite in the RCIA process. It takes place within the context of a Sunday Mass. Those wishing to enter into the second phase of the RCIA (the catechumenate or study phase) make a public commitment to accept the way of the cross. The worshipping community, the members of our parish family, publicly welcome these individuals and promise to support them in their ongoing journey of faith. The **unbaptised** enquirers are now called **catechumens** and are signed with the sign of the cross to remind them of their commitment to continue to further develop in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ. They also receive the word of God, to remind them that Scripture and Tradition are the source of our faith. Those enquirers who are already baptised are also acknowledged and welcomed into our community during this celebration.

Join us in praying for our Catechumens on : **SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER , 8.30AM MASS.**

**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.

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

#### 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.*

#### Happy Wedding Anniversary

Alison & Russell Johnson (65th)  
Betty & Frank Hearnnes (68th)



#### Happy Birthday

Alice O'Hare (96th)

#### Popes Quote;

*"Jesus loves me  
because of  
WHO I AM".*



Pope Francis

## PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### *The Alpha Course : next session*

- Monday 9 October at 6.30pm in PMR1
- or
- Tuesday 10 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.

The launching of **"Norman Thomas Gilroy An Obedient Life"** by John Luttrell FMS. This book will be launched by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP. **Venue;** St Benedict's Hall, University of Notre Dame, Cnr Broadway and Abercrombie St, Chippendale NSW on **Thursday 26 October** at 5.00pm. **RSVP** Friday 20 October, email: sonja@stpaul.com.au  
Phone: 93943400

**Charismatic Healing Mass** followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Hugh Thomas CSSR, Sunday 15 October 2017, 2:00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

14/15 October	Vigil	<u>Parish</u> 7am	<u>Roster</u> 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	R Howard H McCann	A Ruzgas	P Margerison C Walsh	J Tabone R Wood	V Graham M Pletkan
Servers	J Emerson G Nemadic	G Grady	E & L Loughland Larsen	K Ross L& J Wheelahan	T Keane
Comm. Rep.	J Hogan	H Ryan	R Walsh	S Falleiro	AM Pletkan
Reader	L Alimangoha	S Paterson	P Nematalla	M Prendeville	C D'Mello
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