



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)  
15th 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 22:1-14.

*'Go to the crossroads and invite everyone you can find to the wedding, bad and good alike.'*

*Conventionally 'good' and 'bad' people don't often mix socially. Many people stay within familiar groupings and those who are different are feared and avoided. So what happens when a 'good' person becomes 'bad' or, at least, different? A young person develops mental illness. A nephew reveals that he is gay. A daughter or niece becomes engaged to a man from a Muslim background. An adolescent struggles with addiction. A friend returns from time in jail. Jesus, you accepted and welcomed people with disabilities, lepers, prostitutes, tax collectors, criminals, people from other ethnic backgrounds. You condemned the righteous who arrogantly judged others. Give me a heart like yours.*

*from Madonna : Jesuit publications*

## A warm welcome to Fr Roy Parayil,

who is the present superior of Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette in India. He is officially visiting all the La Salette priests here in Australia. He will be preaching at all masses, 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/ 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.

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** *Dindo de La Cruz and Jack Mullane who died recently Magdalena Avila, Rudy Lesseps-Fonseca, Patrick Gale, Mavis Gopalan, Thomas Kudilil, Reg Levinge, Mathai Mathew, Frank & Joe Mintoff, Nissanka Rupesinghe, Felicidad Sampaga, Jill & Francis Spillane, Leelamma Thomas and Christopher Waike whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Frances & Peter Hendry, John Lee, John Nettar, William Savage 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, Chris Tabone and Margarit Youssef.*

### 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.*

**Divine Mercy** prayer meeting will be held on 4th Friday of the month 7pm in PMR1.

**The Penrith Chapter of BNP Australia** invites everyone to join us at our Friday 20th October, celebration of the Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. Starts at 8PM and concludes at 10PM.

**Masses for All Souls Day will be celebrated  
on Thursday 2nd November at  
6.45am, 9.30am & 7pm**

### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Monday</b>	<b>16 October</b>	
6.30pm	Alpha Course	(PMR1)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17 October</b>	
10.15am	Alpha Course	(PMR1)
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(PMR1)
7pm	Parish Council meeting	(PMR1)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18 October</b>	
6pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	

#### Next Week's Readings 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 45:1. 4-6  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
Matthew 22:15-21*



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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 ministers.

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**

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



**Liturgy Conference** presented by Office for Worship

The theme for this year's conference will be "Liturgy, the Living

**Presence of Christ"** with a keynote speaker Fr. Peter Williams VG EV. This conference will be held at St Andrews parish Marayong, in the hall on **Saturday November 4 from 9:30 am until 3 pm. Registration is \$20** which includes lunch. People attending will be able to choose from many workshops including music and copyright, Scripture and the season of Advent, organising a Mass, bringing Christ to the Sick, making Christ present through a culture of hospitality, choosing hymns for Mass, music and Advent, and the presence of Christ in the Word. There will be more information on the Diocesan website. Parishioners of St Nicholas parish are encouraged to participate in the areas where they are involved. For more information contact the parish office.



**New online resources; Subject: EBSCO - New Institute For Mission**

Please see the below details which will grant you access to the new online resources:

- Go to [www.ifm.org.au](http://www.ifm.org.au)
- Click on 'Resources'
- Click on 'Online Resources IFM Databases'

You then have the option to click on 'Journals & Articles' or 'ebooks'. Once you have made your selection you will be required to enter your **User ID** and **Password** If anyone would like access /volunteers, parishioners etc they need to send your full name and email address to [connect@ifm.org.au](mailto:connect@ifm.org.au) and login details will be forwarded to you.

**St Nicks Movie Night presents ... Sunshine on Leith PG**

Friday 27 October 7pm in the Hall. More info next week.



**Happy Birthday**

Helen Ryan

Judith Field

Hazel Scully (99yrs)



**Popes Quote;**

"No one can grow if he does not accept his smallness."

**Pope Francis**



## PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### *The Alpha Course : next session*

- Monday 16 October at 6.30pm in PMR1
- or
- Tuesday 17 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

### Pre-marriage preparation

The Life Marriage & Family Office in the Diocese of Parramatta has now launched an online booking system, allowing couples to enrol for pre-marriage preparation programs and to pay by credit card. Couples will be guided on the website to the most appropriate form of preparation, i.e., the Pre-Marriage Weekend Course (Friday evening & Sunday) or Prepare/Enrich, an individual couple preparation with face to face feedback sessions. Bookings and dates chosen by visiting our website [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) Enquiries on 8838 3460 or email [lmf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au).

### National Catholic Mission and Identity Symposium: 18 October

BBI is hosting an exciting and ground-breaking event that will bring together respected and dynamic leaders in Catholic education, along with esteemed Bishops and mission identity thought leaders. The purpose of the symposium is to engage Australian educational leaders in the most essential issue in Catholic education: honouring the call to prophetic leadership for the 21st century. For more info : [www.bbi.catholic.edu.au](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au)

### Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 October

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 6:30pm-7.30pm for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time at Mt Schoenstatt Shrine. For information about [priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta](#) and [Holy Spirit Seminary](#), please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations, [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

21/22 October	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	B Beath H McCann	J Sweeney	J Jordan J Tabone	J Relunia D Wellfare	D Cocksedge C Pemberton
Servers	R & L Smee		E&L Loughland Larsen	D Dawson W Ezekiel S Perera	K Flynn
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