



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)  
29th 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 22:34-40.

*'Do you love me?'*

*Love is a strange word in English. We use it for so many things; clothes, food, entertainment, holidays. When Jesus asked Peter those three times 'Do you love me?' he used different words for platonic, filial or a 'willingness to die for me' kind of love.*

*The two great commandments call us to look closely at how we live here on earth: to honour our Creator and live among our fellows with a common goal.*

*To love our neighbour is to treat all as a loved brother or sister; this means our familiar neighbours, the marginalised, refugees, and any stranger in our midst. Lord, grant me the kind of self-love which is healthy and good, so I, in turn, may truly love others.*

*from Madonna : Jesuit Publication*

**Masses for All Souls Day**  
**will be celebrated**

**on Thursday 2nd November at**  
**6.45am, 9.30am & 7pm**



*November is traditionally the month in which we remember our deceased family members and friends. All names received will be placed in the Book of Remembrance for the duration of November.*

*Mass Intention Envelopes are available at all church entrances .  
Please write names and return to parish office or place on collection plates.*

**Please write clearly.**

*All Masses throughout November will be in remembrance of all the departed.*

**On Sunday 5th November**

**Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen**

will celebrate the 10am Mass.

A welcome morning tea will be provided directly after the mass.

## PARISH OUTREACH

**Please pray for** *Anna Gal, Stanley Lewis and Thomas Tong who died recently Jack Bertles, Bruce Brown, Mary Chetcuti, Patrick Gale, Fred Galea, Desmond Henry, Herbert Merz, Frank & Joe Mintoff, Grant McLean, Charles Petterson, Margaret Ryan and Jill & Francis Spillane whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Reno Camilleri, Tania Felice, Frances & Peter Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, 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, 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, Elizabeth Terrones, and Margarit Youssef.*

**Hospital Masses** Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ **Nepean Hospital** every Friday at Midday
- ◆ **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 this week** is in the home of Alice O'Hare 17 Nerang Circuit Penrith. Sunday– Saturday at 7pm.

**Prayer Meeting** We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on **TUESDAY 31 October at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

**Young at Heart** Morning tea will be held Wednesday 1st November at 10am. Please bring a plate of food to share.

**Save the date:** The blessing of Fr Geoff's Tombstone will take place on **Saturday 25th November at 11am at Kingswood cemetery by Fr Peter Williams and Fr Mathew.**

### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Monday</b> 6.30pm 7pm	<b>30 October</b> Alpha Course (PMR1) Children's Liturgy meeting (Parish house)	<b>Thursday 2 November</b> <b>All souls</b> <b>Mass Times 6.45am, 9.30am &amp; 7pm</b>
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<b>Tuesday</b> 10.15am 11.30am 12.30pm	<b>31 October</b> Alpha Course (PMR1) AA Meeting (Hall) Legion of Mary (PMR1)
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<b>Wednesday</b> <b>All Saints</b> 10am 6pm	<b>1 November</b> Young @ Heart morning tea St Vincent de Paul Meeting
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#### Next Week's Readings 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Malachi 1:14—2:2. 8-10  
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13  
Matthew 23:1-12*



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## PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### Attention: ALL MINISTRY MEMBERS OF THE PARISH!

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 Mass- Ordos, Missals and Lectionaries. More info go to: [parracatholic.org/ofw](http://parracatholic.org/ofw) or Office for Worship [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au)



Fr Mathew is planning a bus trip to see the Christmas lights at St Marys Cathedral on Monday 18th December. Everyone is welcome. More information to follow.



### Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat: 3-5 November

This weekend retreat in Sydney is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Confidential 0400 092 555, [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au) For more information visit: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

### Represent our Diocese: Share your Wisdom

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for greater participation of lay people through new advisory councils. Please consider nominating or encourage someone you know. Details, including the nomination kit, are available from [parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils](http://parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils) or by contacting Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

### The Art of Marriage Building gaps between the ideal and the reality.

Given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: **Sunday 12th November** 10.00am to 3.00pm.  
Holy Family Parish: 136 Oxford Rd, Ingleburn. Contact Malou 0410 145 681 or [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com)

### St Patrick's Business College (Institute of Education) Information Session

Places are filling fast in our 2018 Diplomas of Business and Business Administration. These 40-week courses are ideal for Year 10, 11 or 12 school leavers and provide a real pathway to a career and university. We also assist well over 90% of our graduates to find well-paid jobs in top tier firms in Sydney. Our next Information Session focusing on giving students and their parents an insight into the 'St Patrick's Pathway to Success' will be held at 11 am on Sunday, 12 November at our Sydney CBD premises on Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney.

#### Popes Quote;

"God's love is unbounded: it has no limits!"

Pope Francis



## PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### The Alpha Course : next session

- Monday 30 Oct at 6.30pm PMR 1  
Or
- Tuesday 31 Oct at 10.15am PMR 1

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

### Parish Mission Statement

*At St Nicholas of Myra we strive to be an inclusive faith community.*

*We aim to build on our past,*

*be grounded in Faith,*

*live in Hope*

*and grow in Love.*

*We will continue to build a spirit-filled*

*and prayerful community whilst nurturing*

*responsible stewardship, in accordance with the*

*teachings of Jesus Christ.*

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### Seminar for Couples hoping to conceive:

Waiting for Gabriel is a seminar allowing couples to hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy that are more successful than IVF.

Afternoon tea will be catered. Sunday, 12th November 2017, 1:30pm-4:00pm at the Institute for Mission (IFM), 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. To reserve your place, please RSVP to nfs@parra.catholic.org.au or 8838 3460. For more information about the event, visit www.parralmf.org.au/nfs

**Craft Market GREYSTANES** OLQP Camilleri Hall 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 8am – 2pm

### Parish Roster: "Attention Acolytes, Altar Servers, Comm. Reps /Readers and Eucharist Ministers."

The next roster for January to June 2018 is about to be drawn up. Please let Craig Walsh know of any changes as early as possible by email on mamreintaid@gmail.com

4th/ 5th November	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am Bishop Vincent	6pm
Acolytes	R Howard H McCann	A Ruzgas	R Kroon J Tabone	R Wood C. Walsh	B Beath C Pemberton
Servers	B & V Neal	G Grady	E & L Loughland Larsen	E Moniz L&J Wheelahan	M Tickner
Comm. Rep.	L Alimangoha	S Paterson	M Prendeville	M Varua	C D'Mello
Reader	K Smith	H Ryan	R Walsh	F Jackson	N Moniz
E.M.	M Gutierrez A Linga M Xiberras	L Davie S Sweeney M Sultana	B Brainwood R Bryan G Burns E Isaaks B Keavy H O'Connor P Wheller	Bishop Vincent Fr Mathew Fr Pio R. Wood Acolyte C.Walsh Acolyte	D Lee D Streher A Yuzon

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