



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)  
5th November 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 23:1-12.

*'The greatest among you must be your servants.'*

*The three readings today are connected in a very interesting way. The first reading and the gospel challenge the style of religious authority which burdens people rather than empowers them. The second highlights Paul's style of ministry and leadership which nurtures and feeds people. Who are the people we see as leaders? Are we a builder of community? What is our style of leadership? To which style of leadership do we respond in a way which brings life?*

*If we want to know what style of leadership God wants for us, we look to Jesus.*

*If we want to know how to lead, we look to Jesus. In deciding who we want as our leaders, we look to Jesus.*

*From Madonna : Jesuit Publication*

## Welcome

## Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen

to our Parish of St Nicholas.



## PARISH OUTREACH

**Please pray for** *Leslie Barrett, Paul & Gino Vassallo and Terence Allchin who died recently Mary Gill and Grant McLean* whose anniversaries occur at this time and for all those whose names have been entered in the Book of Remembrance. *May they hear words of forgiveness and welcome in the glory of heaven.*

**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
- ◆ **Summit Care (Jamison Gardens)** 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.30a
- ◆ **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 Holy Hour** will be celebrated 10th November directly after 12.10pm Mass. Also prayer meeting 4th Friday of the month 7pm in PMR1.

**Prayer Meeting** We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on **TUESDAY November 14th at 7pm in the Hall** to celebrate in Song, Prayer and the Sharing of God's Word.

**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	<b>6th November</b> Alpha Course (PMR1)	<b>Friday 10th November</b> <i>St Leo the Great, pope, doctor</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 10.15am 11.30am 12.30pm	<b>7th November</b> Alpha Course (PMR1) AA Meeting (Hall) Legion of Mary (PMR1)	<b>Saturday 11th November</b> <i>St Martin of Tours, bishop</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 6pm	<b>8th November</b> St Vincent de Paul Meeting	<b>Next Week's Readings</b> <b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <i>Wisdom 6: 12-16</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18</i> <i>Matthew 25: 1-13</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	<b>9th November</b>	



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## PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers



The Penrith Conference of the SVDP invite you, to prepare Christmas hampers for poor and disadvantaged individuals and families in the Nepean area. As in previous years, you are invited to prepare the hampers in the following categories:

Individual male and female : Small Families : Medium Families  
: Large Families : Adult Couples

To identify the hamper size and appropriate recipient we will have a series of stickers that will help in an efficient distribution of hampers.

**Suggested items;** Christmas decorations (eg. Bon Bons, tinsel), tins of shoulder ham, Christmas cake/pudding, long life custard/cream/milk, tins of fruit, lollies, chips, biscuits (assorted), salsa, drinks (eg soft drink, fruit juice, cordial), rice, jellies, jam/honey/vegemite, coffee, tea, sugar, hot chocolate/milo, gravox, tins of vegetables (eg. carrots, peas, corn, potatoes), pasta, Christmas plates/ napkins.

**The Stickers are available in the front foyer & carpark entrance of the church.**

Please bring your completed hamper to PMR1 **Saturday 9th December or Sunday 10th.**

- Please note not to include food items containing nuts or that are perishable.
- Please ensure that food items are WELL within the expiry date and NO liquor.

We will be distributing the hampers on **Saturday 16** and once again we ask for your generous help and time in the distribution of these hampers and greatly welcome any volunteers who are able to spare an hour on this day, as it would help the poor to celebrate Our Lord's Birthday in a more meaningful way.

**Please phone Brian Brainwood on 0433 256 518 or Joe Tabone on 0412 234 651 for more information.**



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

The bus will be leaving the parish at 4.45pm.

We will be having dinner at the Marconi club, then heading off to the Cathedral, arriving back by approximately 10.30pm. A deposit of \$20 is required to secure your seat. Full payment by 8th December.



Everyone is welcome.

**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)

**Happy Birthday:**

**Betty Keavy  
Doreen & Phil Friend  
and all those who are  
celebrating their birthdays in November**



**Popes Quote:**

**"To change the world  
we must be good to  
those who  
cannot repay us.**



**Pope Francis**

## PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### The Alpha Course : next session

- Monday 6th November at 6.30pm  
PMR 1 Or
- Tuesday 7th November 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](mailto: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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Contact for itinerary info: [fremmanueltv@hotmail.com](mailto:fremmanueltv@hotmail.com), 0417999553, (08)93413079, (08)93413131; or [jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au](mailto:jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au), 0400759391, (03) 97899672.

**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 by **11th November** send email to [mamreintaid@gmail.com](mailto:mamreintaid@gmail.com)

11th/12th November	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	J. Buttigieg D. Cocksedge	J. Sweeney	J. Tabone C. Walsh	J. Relunia D. Wellfare	M. Pletkan A. Sebastian
Servers	D & J Lestal		N. Payyapilly	D. Dawson S. Dias S. Perera	X. Whalen
Comm. Rep.	J. Hogan	Alison Johnson	P. Nematalla	L. Gal	A. Pletkan
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