



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
12th 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 25:1-13

The Gospel reminds us today that a true disciple is one whose life is filled with deeds of love, mercy and forgiveness. Thus the most appropriate preparation for the coming of Christ in glory is deeds that befit true discipleship. A disciple who is always faithful to his duties is prepared for the coming of the Lord whenever it occurs.

Popes Quote:

" Being a Catechist is not a title; it is an attitude of abiding with him, and it lasts a lifetime! It means abiding in the Lord's presence and letting ourselves be led by him."



Become a Catechist an SRE Volunteer!

Who? Me?

Yes...why not you?

If not you...then who?

What is an SRE?

SREs are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into six state primary schools. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.

To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on :

Phone **4721 2509**, e-mail:catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au.

PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for *Paul & Gino Vassallo who died recently and for C U Mathai whose anniversary occurs 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 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

We are pleased to announce the launch of **The Catholic Foundation** next weekend (18 & 19 November), when it will officially replace the *Diocesan Works Fund* as the central charity for the good works of the Diocese of Parramatta.

The Catholic Foundation will support the Seminary, CCD, the Ephpheta Centre and Catholic Care.

In support of *The Catholic Foundation*, our Parish will be holding a special collection next weekend. Appeal Envelopes will be provided at the Masses, and we invite all Parishioners to support the good works of the Diocese of Parramatta, by coming prepared and giving generously to *The Catholic Foundation* Appeal next weekend.

This Week at St Nicholas

<p>Monday 13th November 6.30pm Alpha Course (PMR1)</p> <p>Tuesday 14th November 10.15am Alpha Course (PMR1) 11.30am AA Meeting (Hall) 12.30pm Legion of Mary (PMR1)</p> <p>Wednesday 15th November</p> <p>Thursday 16th November</p>	<p>Friday 17th November <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious</i></p> <p>Saturday 11th November</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Next Week's Readings 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6</i> <i>Matthew 25: 14-30</i></p> </div>
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PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

St Vincent de Paul Society

Christmas Hampers



The Penrith Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society invites you this year to prepare Christmas hampers for the poor and disadvantaged in the Penrith Area.

Hamper categories:

- Individual male and female
- Small families (1 or 2 parents, 1 child)
- Medium families (2 parents, 2 children)
- Large families (2 parents, 3 or more children)

Suggested items you might like to include in the hampers:

- *Christmas decorations (e.g. Bon Bon's, tinsel)
- * tinned ham/tuna/vegetables,
- *Christmas cake/pudding, long life milk/cream/custard/juice
- * tins of fruit/jellies, rice,
- *coffee, tea, sugar, lollies, honey, jams, vegemite, milo, chips, gravox, instant mash,
- *biscuits, pasta, salsa, plastic cups/plates, napkins, soft drink, cordial.

Note: We are unable to accept foods containing nuts.

Note: Please ensure all food items are within the expiry date.

Completed hamper:

Please bring to the Parish Meeting Room 1 on:

Saturday 9th Dec or Sunday 10th Dec.

Before or after each Mass



Hamper Deliveries:

Once again, we ask for your generous help in the distribution of prepared hampers. If you can spare an hour on:

Saturday the 16th December,

Between 8.30am and 11.00am in PMR 1. Your help would be greatly appreciated. You will be helping the poor and disadvantaged to celebrate Our Lord's Birthday in a more meaningful way.

If you have any enquiries, please contact
Brian Brainwood 0433256518 or Joe Tabone 0412234651

Thank you and God bless.

Citizen Action Penrith Affordable Housing (CAPAH)

CAPAH is running a 'Design a Logo' Competition for their group and are calling on all parishioners including school students to submit an entry. CAPAH is looking for original and creative ideas. Please see the Official Entry Form, which can be found at <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1916795371878601> for more details on the guidelines and specifications. Alternatively you can contact Carolyn on 0448 443 619. The winning entry will become the official logo of CAPAH.

There are three prizes being sponsored by local businesses, a Winner and two Runners Up prizes. One of the prizes includes a Gift Voucher Dinner for two for \$100 at Valentino's Woodfire Pizzeria Restaurant sponsored by Mrs Romina and Mr Justin Pereira. Entries close on Sun 19 Nov 2017 at 11:59pm and winners announced at the Launch of CAPAH on Sun 26 Nov at 11:15am. Watch this space for more information on prizes and the launch, and start designing your logo.

Charismatic Healing Mass followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Hugh Thomas SccR, Sunday 19 November 2017, 2:00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

The Alpha Course : next session

- Monday 13th November at 6.30pm
PMR 1 Or
- Tuesday 14th 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

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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A big Thank You to the Hospitality Group and St Nicholas of Myra Choir and everyone who gave a warm welcome to Bishop Vincent.



Fr Mathew is planning a bus trip to see the Christmas lights at St Marys Cathedral on Monday 18th December. Because of the good response, a second bus has been booked.



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.

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18th/19th November	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	H McCann C.Pemberton	D Wiggins	J Jordan P Margerison	T Jacobs R Wood	V Graham B Wrightson
Servers	J Emerson G Nemadic	G Grady	M Lufe P Lufe	W Ezekiel R Idris V Sebi	T Keane
Comm. Rep.	C Limjap	Y Baccan	R Walsh	J Rulewski	M Moniz
Reader	J Hogan	S Paterson	S Von Bock	O Kiss	C D'Mello
E.M.	F Keuneman K Pemberton M Xiberras	L Lufe M Sultana G Wiggins	B Brainwood G Burns E Isaaks H O'Connor B Oxlade M Stynes B Keavy	K Pemberton L. Kochappu A Yuzon	A Alimangoha D Lee K Wrightson



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