



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
19th 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 25:14-30.

'Well done, good and trustworthy servant.'

Today's readings could be seen as instructions on how to live a good life.

The reading from Proverbs describes the virtues of the perfect wife, and the psalm blesses those who 'fear the Lord and walk in his ways'. Then Paul warns us to be watchful and ready for God's call. Using the analogy of the thief in the night he advises us to stay in the light where our actions can be seen. These are the same words Jesus spoke in the previous parable.

In today's story of the talents, Jesus makes it clear that if we don't use the gifts we've been given for good we're no better than the foolish servant who buried his talent.

Let us take up the challenge in today's readings, and not bury our talents but use them to help build the kingdom of God.

From Madonna : Jesuit Publication

Popes Quote:

"Faith makes us open to the quiet presence of God at every moment of our lives, in every person and in every situation."



Become a Catechist an SRE Volunteer!

Who? Me? Yes...why not you?

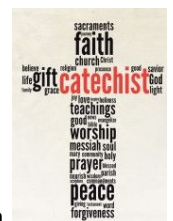
If not you...then who? What is an SRE?

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

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.

Please pray for Rowena Cerda, Jacob Silia, Joy McGrath and Paul & Gino Vassallo who died recently and for Max Connors, David Fidler and Audrey Sarin 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, Rachael Wilson and Margarit Youssef.

Hospital Masses Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ **Nepean Hospital** every Friday at Midday
- ◆ **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.

Young @ Heart morning tea for December is cancelled. ←

Rosary Statue is in the home of John & Deanna Soertsz 15 Nerang Circuit Penrith from Sunday– Saturday at 7pm.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour prayer meeting on **Friday 24th November** 7pm in PMR1.

Hour of Grace will be held on **Friday 8th December** here at St Nicholas of Myra from 12pm-1pm in PMR1.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

We are pleased to announce the launch of **The Catholic Foundation** this weekend, 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 this weekend. Appeal Envelopes will be provided at all Masses, and we invite all Parishioners to support the good works of the Diocese of Parramatta, by giving generously to *The Catholic Foundation* Appeal this weekend. Thank you

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday	20th November	
6.30pm	Alpha Course	(PMR1)
Tuesday	21st November	
	The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary	
10.15am	Alpha Course	(PMR1)
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
12.30pm	Legion of Mary	(PMR1)
7pm	Pastoral Council meeting	(PMR1)
Friday	24th November	
7pm	Movie Night	(Hall)

Next Week's Readings

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Matthew 25:31-46



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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 families in the Penrith Area.

Hampers to be returned 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 Dec**, Between 8.30am and 11.00am in PMR 1. Your help would be greatly appreciated.
If you have any enquiries, please contact Brian Brainwood 0433256518 or Joe Tabone 0412234651. Thank you and God bless.

Bus Trip to St Marys Cathedral to see the Christmas lights on Monday 18th Dec.

Due to the overwhelming response **ALL deposits** need to be paid by **24 November** to secure your seat.

All need to be at the church by **4.30pm**, as we are on a tight schedule.

Buses will be leaving **4.45pm sharp**. Dinner at the Marconi club, then heading off to the Cathedral and arriving back to the parish approximately 10.30pm.

Full balance of payment is required by Wednesday 8th December.

St Nicks Movie Night presents .. *Waking Ned Devine* (G)



When best friends Jackie O'Shea (Ian Bannen) and Michael O'Sullivan (David Kelly) discover someone in their small Irish village has won the lottery, they immediately set off to see if the winner is in a sharing mood.

When: Friday 24 November at 7pm

Where: Parish Hall on the BIG SCREEN

Soft drinks and popcorn will be available or feel free to bring something to eat / and or drink before or during the movie and a comfy chair if you wish.



Younger Widowed Support Group Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group meeting is held on Tuesday 21st November. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. Venue: Ann D Clarke Building, 2a Villiers St, Parramatta. Time: 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Rita on : 8843 2517 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Holy Hour for Vocations: 24 November 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 Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys. 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

Happy Birthday

Margaret Edmunds & Mila Svehla



The blessing of Fr Geoff's Tombstone will take place next Saturday 25th November at 11am at Kingswood cemetery by Fr Peter Williams and Fr Mathew.

PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

The Alpha Course : next session

- Monday 20th November at
6.30pm PMR 1
Or
- Tuesday 21st 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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Same-sex marriage postal survey result

The Diocese of Parramatta respects the will of the Australia people as expressed through the results of the same-sex marriage postal survey.

It now seems likely that civil marriage will be open to people of the same-sex and we respect that outcome.


The Catholic Church will continue to promote and practice the tenet of our faith that marriage is a lifelong union of a man and a woman, open to the possibility of children. The survey has confirmed that this is a position shared by millions of people in this country.

The focus is now on our parliament to ensure that the proper freedoms are legislated to guarantee that the many people who remain in favour of the traditional definition of marriage are free to speak, teach and act on this belief.



25th/26th November	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	B Beath R Howard	A Ruzgas	R Kroon J Relunia	J Tabone T Jacobs	D Cocksedge J Simeon
Servers	J Emerson G Nematic		B Payyappilly	E Moniz L&J Wheelahan	M Tickner
Comm. Rep.	E Sicam	H Ryan	E Isaaks	M Prendeville	K Smith
Reader	L Alimangoha	Y Bacchan	J Doman	Alan Johnson	C D'Mello
E.M.	A Calub N Calub V Emerson	L Davie J McSpadden S Sweeney	R Bryan G Burns B Keavy H O'Connor B Oxlade M Nyss P Wheller	N Perera P Samuelu M Stynes	M Herrick C Vagg K Wrightson

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