



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
26 November 2017

*Grounded in Faith Growing in Love Living in Hope*

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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 25:31-46**

**Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.**

*Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King.*

*In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.*

*In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.*

*Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.*



*From Loyola Press*

## **Become a Catechist an SRE Volunteer!**

**Who? Me?**

**Yes...why not you?**

**If not you...then who?**

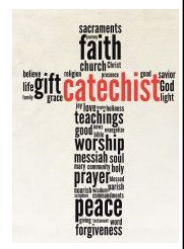
**What is an SRE?**

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 *specific* 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 or your SRE Parish Co-ordinator.



## 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** John Peter Astbury, Jacob Silia, and Paul & Gino Vassallo **who died recently and for** Clarence Gomez and Peg Williams **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, Rachael Wilson and Margarit Youssef.

### Hospital Masses Parishioners are welcome

◆ Nepean Hospital every Friday at Midday

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.

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

**Readers:** Break open the word book available for purchase for \$20 per copy from Parish office.

**Happy 42<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary** to Vicente & Alicia Tecson who are presently visiting here from the Phillipines.



### This Week at St Nicholas

<b>Monday</b> 6.30pm	<b>27th November</b> Alpha Course (PMR1)
<b>Tuesday</b> 10.15am 11.30am 12.30pm	<b>28th November</b> Alpha Course (PMR1) AA Meeting (Hall) Legion of Mary (Piety store)
<b>Wednesday</b> 6pm	<b>29th November</b> St Vincent de Paul Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> <b>St Andrew</b>	<b>30th November</b>

### Next Week's Readings

**First Sunday of Advent**  
Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1.3-8  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

### Happy Birthday

Ben Tucker and to all those in our Parish community who are celebrating their birthday this week.



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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 16th Dec**, between 8.30am and 11.00am in PMR1. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any enquiries, please contact Brian Brainwood 0433 256 518 or Joe Tabone 0412 234 651. Thank you and God Bless.

Sacramental Program First Reconciliation 2018

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Nicholas of Myra Parish will be in Term 1 next year. To be eligible for First Reconciliation, children must be in year 3 or above and must be baptised.

Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information meeting, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00pm.

Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

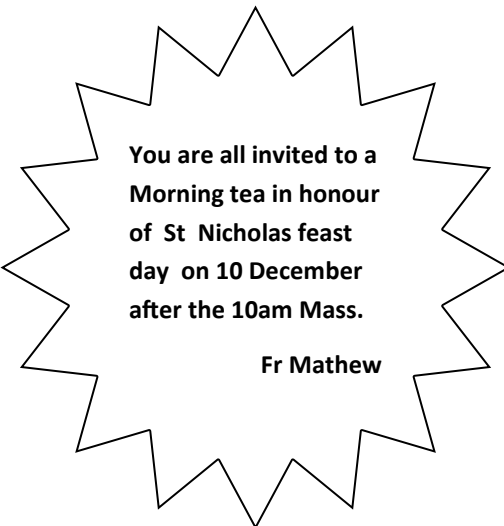
If your child has not been baptised, and you wish to enrol them in the program, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator. Colleen Nicholas.

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

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.



Pope Quote

We all have the duty to do good.



Pope Francis

Congratulations

Georgia Grady one of our Altar server has been voted school captain for 2018 at St Mary Mackillop primary school.



### The Alpha Couse: next session

- Monday 27th November at  
6.30pm PMR1
- Tuesday 28th November at  
10.15am PMR1

If you wish to attend either session please let us know for catering purposes.

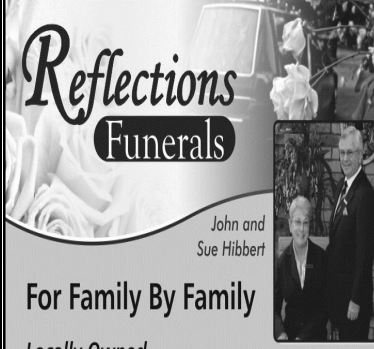
Contact Craig or Lesley Walsh by SMS or 0428 284 568 or mamreintaid@gmail.com

### 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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### CLC End of Year Mass Parish Meeting Room 1 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm.

Members and former members of CLC groups within the Western Cluster are invited to attend the CLC End of Year Mass and gathering. This invitation is extended also to their families and friends. **BYO Finger food for sharing and your choice of beverage.** You are invited to bring non-perishable food or a gift to be donated to St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Drive. Jenny Hogan 4731 5268 or 0419 496 072

### Citizen Action Penrith Affordable Housing - Design a Logo Competition

We have decided to extend the closing date to allow for entries for the Logo Competition. We will be looking to simplify the guidelines and specifications for the entries. The closing date has been postponed till 23 Feb 2018. New entry forms will be available shortly.

### Australia's Biggest Catholic Mass since World Youth day Sydney 2008.

All are invited to The Domain, Sydney on 9th December. Please See notice board

2nd/3rd December	Vigil	Parish		Roster	
		7am	8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	J Buttigieg A Sebastian	J Sweeney	J Jordan J Tabone	J Relunia D Wellfare	M Pletkan B Wrightson
Servers	B & V Neal	G Grady	M Tickner	Aleena Joseph E Moniz, K Ross	
Comm. Rep.	I Bentham	Alison Johnson	S Von Bock	P Samuelu	N Moniz
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