



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st January 2018

Grounded in Faith Growing in Love Living in Hope

## Parish Staff

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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; Mark 1:14-20

**Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.**

*The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.*

*As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.*

*Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?*

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## 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** Stella Aaron, Norma Alston, Peter Howlett and Frank Margerison **who died recently and for** George Attard, Bill Baldwin, Nicholas Contestable, Ricque Deshto, Claude Fernandez, Rudy Lesseps-Fonseca, Carmelina Frias, Tom Gale, Margaret Hawkins, Edouard & Felicie Marie, Mununi Mintoff, Mary Pace, Jenny Rees, Michael Scerri, Carmela Sultana, Gejtu & Joseph Spiteri, Rosaria Vella and Loreta Xerri **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, John Lee, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, Bernard & Norah Wilding and all souls.

**Frank Margerison Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 11.30 here at St Nicholas of Myra Church.**

**Please pray for Fr George O'Mara who is gravely ill.**

- **Rosary Statue** is in the home of Betty Keavy 181/37 Mulgoa Road Penrith from Sunday– Saturday at 7pm.
- **Prayer Meeting** We warmly invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us here at St Nicholas on Tuesday 30 January **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 7 February at 10am. Please bring a plate of food to share.
- **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** will be celebrated 9 February directly after 12.10pm Mass.

### Urgent:

- **AV operators needed for Sunday Masses**
- **Helpers are needed for Children's Liturgy.**

**For more info phone office 47212509. Training provided.**

**Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses** Readers of the Word, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying, Adult Servers and /or Acolytes. **Where:** St Nicholas of Myra Parish Meeting Room 1, on Thursdays from 7pm-9pm, commencing 15th February. Courses are FREE. **Bookings close on 8th February.** To obtain an enrolment form please see Parish office.

### 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.

#### Next Week's Readings 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28

#### Happy Birthday

Mairead Stynes  
&  
Stuart Paterson

#### Pope Quote

"Protect your families... Be sanctuaries of respect for life."



Pope Francis