



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
11th February 2018

Grounded in Faith

Living in Hope

Growing 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": Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

From Loyola Press

Ash Wednesday 14th February

Mass times

6.45 am

9.30 am

12.10 pm

7 pm

PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for Nancy Attard, Edu Davila, Elizabeth Kay, John Steiner and Jerry Szymko who died recently and for Vince Cuttell, Karl Engsmyr, June Mascarenhas, Suzanne Portelli, Mary Ryan, Carmela Sultana and Carmen Vella whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Andrew Harnett, Peter & Frances Hendry, Reg Levinge, Tony Proynor and Bernard & Norah Wilding.

Please pray for those who are sick Charles Camenzuli, Marion Engsmyr, Darren Gallagher, Sue Herbert, Nathan King, Jane McCann, Fr George O'Mara and Chris Tabone.

Note: If you would like a family member or friend's name to be included in sick list please gain permission from that person and phone parish office.

Hospital Masses Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ Nepean Hospital every Friday at Midday
- ◆ Governor Phillip Manor 1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm

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.

Rosary Statue is in the home of Michael & Vicky Taylor 81 Elizabeth Cres Kingswood from Sunday– Saturday at 7pm.

Lenten Reflection will start on Monday 19th February at 7 pm in PMR1. You are invited to join for Prayer and Reflection during the weeks of Lent. **Lenten books** are available at the parish office and on the evening of the program for the cost of \$ 7.

St Joseph's Church Kingswood Youth Mass

Saturday 17th February 2018 at 6 pm

**Altar Society roster
is available
for collection from the sacristy.**

Happy Birthday

Norm Heffernan

Danni & Scott

Rutkowski

Marthese Sultana

June Wilson



This Week at St Nicholas

Tuesday 13th February

10.30 am Legion of Mary (PMR1)

11.30 am AA Meeting

Ash Wednesday

6 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday 15th February

6 pm

Liturgy Ministry Course
(PMR1)

Next Week's Readings

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15



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PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Sacramental Program First Reconciliation 2018

Parents wishing to enrol their children in our First Reconciliation program must attend an information meeting, which will be at

St Nicholas of Myra Church on

Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 7.00pm.

Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting. To be eligible for First Reconciliation, children must be in year 3 or above and must be baptised.

If you have any enquiries regarding the program, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Colleen Nicholas.

Saturday 24th February from 9am-4pm Divine Mercy Lenten Reflection

with St Faustina Relic is on tour at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, 26 Swanston Street St Marys. Talk: Calvary and Mercy by Rev Pawel Barszczewski OP.

FREE EVENT COME JOIN US. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION.

This Lenten Reflection includes a talk about why Jesus died on the Cross and God's Divine Mercy Sunday; and the Truth about heaven, Hell & Purgatory. FIND OUT- Why the Divine Mercy message is so important and urgent. The Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and St Faustina First class Relic is available during the reflection and after the Saturday Parish Vigil mass.

Enquiries Annie 0414 652 479 Helen 0418 690 159 Violet 0418 471 428 (after 6pm) Ruby (02) 7900 7394 or divinemercuryteam3@gmail.com



PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE



Today is Project Compassion Sunday, marking the beginning of Caritas Australia's annual Lenten appeal. The Gospel reading this week, in the story of Jesus' encounter with the man with leprosy, reminds us to open our hearts to those on the margins of society.

This year through Project Compassion, we celebrate A Just Future for all in conjunction with the Year of Youth.

No one epitomises the future like the young, who offer us hope for a better tomorrow. No doubt the man who approached Jesus was longing for a better tomorrow.

Caritas Australia has the privilege of working with some of our most marginalised young people in communities here and around the world. And there's no better time than Lent for expressing our solidarity with young people. Each year, schools, communities and parishes across Australia join together to raise awareness and funds during Project Compassion. It's a reminder that it's the young, who can help us to build a world of peace.

The stories we are sharing during the six weeks of Lent demonstrate how Caritas Australia empowers young people to become channels of love and positive change for their communities.

Last year, with your help, Project Compassion raised over \$11 million. This amount is testament to your enormous generosity and compassion. Again this year, you can make a difference and contribute to A Just Future for our most vulnerable youth and their communities. You can make your donation in the collection box or use the donation envelopes on your seat. We can also help you run your own fund-raising events.

Project Compassion offers us a way to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. It is our opportunity to look with the heart and to respond with compassion in a practical way for young people here and around the world.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia this Lenten season and for keeping Project Compassion close to your hearts.

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

RCIA News... More information: St Nicholas of Myra Parish Office

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process that makes it possible for adults to be received into the Catholic Church.

UNDERSTANDING THE RCIA a journey for the entire parish



Next weekend, we celebrate two very important occasions in the RCIA journey:

Sun 18h February **Rite of Enrolment of names and the Rite of Sending during the 8.30 AM MASS**

Sun 18th February **Rite of Election** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at **2PM**

The Rites of Election and Enrolment of Names mark the end of a lengthy period of preparation for the Catechumens . During the Rites, the Catechumens publicly acknowledge their desire to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, and their desire to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church on Easter Saturday. The Rites mark the beginning of period of more intense preparation for those to be received, and after the Rite of Election are now called **The Elect**, are asked to follow Christ with greater generosity of spirit.

To our community, thank you for the prayerful support you have given the RCIA this far on the journey. Please continue to pray for our Candidates, Catechumens, Sponsors and Team as we continue our journey to Easter.

The 4 Catechumens from our Parish are:

Sarah Whitton, Alison Langsford, Lisa Dehnen and Gareth Wright.

Let us pray for them.

PRAYER FOR RCIA

God our Father,

you send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of people

so that they may believe in you and in Jesus, whom you sent.

Look kindly on all involved with the RCIA as they listen to your voice.

Open their hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work you have begun in them.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.



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		<u>Parish</u>	<u>Roster</u>		
17/18	Vigil	7am	8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	H McCann D Wellfare	A Ruzgas	J Relunia C Walsh	J Simeon J Tabone	V Graham B Wrightson
Servers	D & J Lestal	G Grady	A & J Joseph B Payyappilly	S Dias	T Keane E Moniz
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Reader	M Prender-ville	S Paterson	E Isaaks	E Sicam	N Moniz
E.M.	C Coyte R De Bono M Svehla	L Davie J McSpadden G Wiggins	Y Baccan L Lufe H OConnor B Oxlade M Stynes P Wheller	L Kochappu M Nyss J Vella	K Pemberton C Clark K Smith