



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B
11th March 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

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE



Fourth Sunday of Lent - SUNDAY 11th March, 2018

Today, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is Week 4 of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's six-week Lenten fundraising appeal. The symbolism in today's readings reminds us of the richness of God's mercy and grace.

In the Gospel today, we see Jesus speaking with Nicodemus. The same Nicodemus we are told a few verses earlier, who came to Jesus by night [John 3:10-12]. In the scriptures, night is often associated with secrecy and darkness. In contrast, later in John's Gospel, Jesus tells us he himself is the "light of the world".

As the Church continuously revisits the long history of God's relationship with God's people, Caritas Australia takes this opportunity to revisit and explore the impact of its relationships. We first heard about Evangeline, a young First Australian woman a couple of years ago. She lives in the remote community of Beswick, also known as Wugularr, in the Northern Territory.

Evangeline's work is, of itself, life-giving for her and her community. She helps to preserve and bring into the light her own precious gifts and talents and the art and culture of her people. As a Senior Artworker for Djilpin Arts, a non-profit Aboriginal organisation, her career has flourished along with the success of the enterprise. She has become an inspirational leader for youth, while the Djilpin Arts Centre has become an example of excellence in Indigenous tourism and is now a major employer for young people in the community.

We are blessed by their willingness to share their gifts with the broader Australian community.

Just as Evangeline is shining a light on her culture and history for future generations, we can ask ourselves: how are we living in Christ's light?

A Just Future for all starts with your support. Thank you
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Fr George O'Mara's funeral will be celebrated at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook on Tuesday 13th March at 11 am.

UPDATES

Please keep Fr Chris de Souza in your prayers that he has a complete recovery from recent surgery.

Stuart is responding extremely well in his rehabilitation. He continues to remember you all in his prayers.

PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for James Burke, Fr George O'Mara and Ida Vinci **who died recently** and George Attard, Mary Chetcuti, Anne Drayton, Matthew Jacka, Francis Masny, Stella Mintoff, S. Mulkis, Angelo Muscat, Balbino Porteria and Manjaly Vared Varghese **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Nu Jwa Hadchiti, Peter & Frances Hendry John Nettar, Reg Levinge, Norah & Bernard Wilding, and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Ida Vinci's (Young at Heart member) funeral will be held here at St Nicholas on Monday 12th March at 11 am.

Please pray for those who are sick Charlie Camenzuli, Marion Engsmyr, Darren Gallagher, Sue Herbert, Maria James, Nathan King, Melissa Masecha, Jane McCann, Stuart Paterson, Chris Tabone and Elvie Williams.

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

Lenten Program continues on Mondays at 7pm in PMR1 . You are invited to join for Prayer & Reflection during the weeks of Lent.



Follow Jesus through fourteen stations — fourteen moments — on His journey with the cross. This ancient devotion guides us to ask for God's strength and forgiveness to praise and thank Jesus for giving His life for us, to find great hope in Jesus, who was crucified and died, overcame death and is here with us now.

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Rosary Statue will be in the home of Margaret Donnelley at 165 Evan Street, Penrith.

Hospital Masses Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ Edenglassie Lodge (*Lemongrove*) 1st Tuesday of each month at 11 am
- ◆ Governor Phillip Manor 1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm
- ◆ Mt View Village 1st Friday of each month at 10am
- ◆ Nepean Hospital every Friday at Midday
- ◆ Summit Care (*Jamison Gardens*) 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.30am
- ◆ Newmarch Nursing Home 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.30am

Children's Liturgy Volunteers

Please bring WWCC Letter to Fran after 8:30 and 10:00am Mass to complete Notification Form for Parramatta Diocesan Office.
 Any questions, see Fran or email: franziskaj@gmail.com

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday	12th March	(PMR1)
7 pm	Lenten Program	
Tuesday	13th March	
10.30am	Legion of Mary	(PMR1)
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
Wednesday	14th March	
6pm	SVDP meeting	
Thursday	15th March	
7pm	Ministry Course	(PMR 1)
Friday	16th March	7 pm Way of the Cross
Saturday	17th March	St Patrick, bishop

Next Week's Readings

5th Sunday of Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12: 20-33



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For more information contact echorealty.

Quick urgent response will be needed.

Saturday, 17 March 2018 - Everybody's Home: Penrith Speaks! (St Patrick's Day Listening)

Citizen Action Penrith Affordable Housing (CAPAH) would like to thank all the parishioners who have volunteered for this community listening campaign. CAPAH is partnering with Sydney Alliance for this event. We have 20 volunteers but we do require another 20 volunteers to help us on the day. We have a few areas to survey in the Penrith LGA - shopping centres, sporting fields, trains station, art gallery, town and village centres, Jamison Park, including some door knocks. In addition to our 40 volunteers required from Penrith, we have around 100 volunteers coming from all different parts of Sydney, to listen to the people of Penrith.

Program: 10:15am - Assemble at St Nic's & Registration
10:30am - 10:50am - Volunteer Briefing
11am - 12:45pm - Surveys in the community
12:45pm - Return back to St Nic's
12:45pm - 1:30pm - BBQ, including Debrief and Live Feedback of Survey Results.

We have some local dignitaries who will be attending the BBQ to meet with the volunteers and hear the feedback. We do earnestly request you to volunteer for the event. You can register online at <https://register.eventarc.com/40175/affordable-housing-penrith-speaks>. If you do not have access to the internet please call Carolyn D'Mello on 0448 443 619.

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In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2018 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018.

COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals).

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00

For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

Happy Birthday

Ken Olander



PARISH OUTREACH/ DIOCESAN OUTREACH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

2:30pm on 8th April

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA PENRITH 326 HIGH STREET

- ◆ Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- ◆ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ◆ Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Homily and Benediction
- ◆ Reconciliation till 4pm

Afternoon tea from 4.15pm-5.15pm.

Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm.



Young at Heart Outing
Has been arranged to visit the
Wildwood 2018 Garden, Bilpin

Spectacular Autumn colour
On Monday 23rd April
Further details will be given at a later date.

MALTESE STYLE SPIN-A-WHEEL FETE AND CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY

The traditional "Maltese Fete" organised by the **Saint Nicholas Festa Committee** will be held on Sunday 11th March 2018 at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall 130-136 Hyatts Road Plumpton, opposite the shopping centre. Music by the Heartbeats at 1.30pm.

Entry and parking is free for everyone and plenty of food and drinks available. Everyone is welcome. All under cover. For more information you can call: Emmanuel Vella – 0405 677 064 or Jacqueline Isagon – 0433 320 944.

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17/18 March	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	B Beath H McCann	J Sweeney	R Kroon R Wood	T Jacobs A Ostrowski	V Graham B Wrightson
Servers	D & J Lestal	G Grady	L & E Loughland-Larsen	W Ezekiel K Ross	T Keane E Moniz
Comm. Rep.	C Limjap	Alison Johnson	J Percival	E Sicam	A Pletkan
Reader	J Hogan	H. Ryan	P Nematalla	P Samuelu	N Joseph
E.M.	A Calub N Calub M Svehla	L Davie J McSpadden S Sweeney	Y Baccan R Bryan L Lufe H O'Connor M Stynes P Wheller	M Knox L Kochappu J Vella	D Lee K Pemberton K Wrightson