



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



First Sunday of Lent Year B
18th 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

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE



Today, the first Sunday of Lent,
is **Week 1** of Project Compassion,
Caritas Australia's six-week Lenten fundraising appeal.

This year we celebrate A Just Future for all
In conjunction with the Year of Youth.

In the Gospel story today where Jesus is tempted in the desert, we learn of Jesus' 'stay' in the wilderness. In biblical times the wilderness or the desert is often 'code' for a time of searching, even challenge. We imagine a dangerous, lonely place, where people get lost and confused. It is also the place where our God who is ever-faithful and always present speaks into our hearts in the silence and loneliness of our own desert experiences.

Our Project Compassion story this week tells us of Janaki. Her story suggests that she too has experienced a time of wilderness in her life. She grew up in a world of poverty and disadvantage in Nepal and was forced to marry at an early age. Janaki made several choices that put her on the path to a better future. She joined a youth club, took part in training and was encouraged to follow her dream of having her own sewing business. She took a loan from the youth club to purchase her first sewing machine. Two years on, Janaki has 11 sewing machines and is running her own business, as well as teaching others how to sew. She is considered a role model in the community.

The Project Compassion theme for 2018 is 'A Just Future'. For Janaki and others in her community, a just future has started with empowerment.

Her story reminds us of the words of Pope Francis who said, '*let us not be satisfied with a mediocre life. Be amazed by what is true and beautiful, what is God.*'

Project Compassion enables you to make a difference to young people around the world and share Janaki's transformation. 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.

Committing to something meaningful during Lent is another way to draw closer to God, raise money and stand in solidarity with people in need.

A Just Future for all starts with your support.
Thank you.

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 James Fraser, Clarence Robinson Maria Relunia who died recently and George Attard, Lewis Buhagiar, Anthony Chia, Theresa Chua, Joseph & Albert Goh, Anna Lee, Petronella Crocker, Vince Cuttell, Margaret Doughan, Mr & Mrs Abraham Cicily, Col Williams and Lee Woodburn whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, Reg Levinge, Tony Troynor, Jose Villaruel, Bernard & Norah Wilding, and all the Holy Souls.

Please pray for those who are sick Charlie Camenzuli, Marion Engsmyr, Darren Gallagher, Sue Herbert, Nathan King, Melissa Masecha, 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 before you make request at parish office.

Hospital Masses Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ Nepean Hospital every Friday at Midday
- ◆ New March Nursing Home 20th February 10.30
- ◆ Summit Care Nursing Home 21st February 10.30

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.

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



Way of the Cross Fridays during Lent—7pm in the Church

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.

Rosary Statue will be in the home of Maria Nyss, 6 Grassmere St, Penrith from Sunday—Saturday at 7pm.

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday 7 pm	19th February Lenten Program	(PMR1)	Sunday 10am	18th February Baptism Welcome & Programme
Tuesday 10.30am 11.30am	20th February Legion of Mary AA Meeting	(PMR1) (Hall)	Next Week's Readings 2nd Sunday of Lent Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10	
Wednesday 6pm	21st February SVDP meeting			
Thursday 7pm	22nd February Ministry Course (PMR 1)		
Friday 7pm	23rd February Way of the Cross			



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PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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

St Faustina Relic is 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 & 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



Concert with Irish Singer David Parkes

David is an international singer who has performed world-wide during he past 25 years in his powerful music ministry

Saturday 25th February 2.30—4pm

Our Lady of the Rosary church, 26 Swanston St St Marys

Contact Therese 9651 3028 or 0422 678 799 or John & Helen 4733 4274

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services

◆ Younger Widowed Support Group

Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether or not you are a parent. First Gathering for the Year will be held Tuesday 20th February.

Please note new venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Phone Rita 8843 2530 or

Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au (See flyer on notice board.)

◆ Stepping Beyond Support for those separated or divorced

This Support group is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those going through a separation or divorce. We will be speaking about "Identifying Challenging Emotions and strategies for dealing with them."

Next Gathering: 27th February **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 7pm – 9pm.

Cost: \$5.00. **Registration Essential:** Phone Rita 8843 2530

or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au (see flyer on Notice Board.)

Open Nights

◆ Xavier College Tuesday 6th March 4.30pm—6.30pm

Prospective Students and Families are welcome to attend

◆ St Dominics College Sunday 4th March 10am—2.30pm

Morning session 10am ; afternoon session 12.00pm

◆ McCarthy Catholic College Tuesday 6th March 4.00pm—7.00pm

Presentations 4.15pm; 5.00pm; and 5.45pm

◆ Montgrove College Monday 26th March 7.00pm

RSVP by 23rd March on 4736 5977 or Raelene.pirota@montgrove.nsw.edu

(see notice board in church foyer for further information)

St Nicholas of Myra School is participating in the **Coles Sport for School Program**

whereby vouchers are given for every \$10 spent at Coles and runs to 11 May .. the more we collect, the more sporting equipment we can obtain.

Simply put the vouchers into the Coles box located in the church foyer and these will be passed onto the school.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a whole lot of new sporting equipment for our school.

St Nicholas Primary School

PARISH 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

This Sunday, we celebrate two very important occasions in the RCIA journey:

- ◆ **Rite of Enrolment of names and the Rite of Sending during the 8.30 AM MASS**
- ◆ **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. Amen



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24/25 February	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	J Buttigieg C Pemberton	J Sweeney	J Jordan R Kroon	A Ostrowski R Wood	M Pletkan A Sebastian
Servers	G Nemadic L & R Smee		P & M Lufe	D Dawson K Ross	X Whalen
Comm. Rep.	J Hogan	Y Bacchan	P Nematalla	J Percival	A Pletkan
Reader	S Falleiro	S Paterson	S Von Bock	D Dawson	C D'Mello
E.M.	I Bentham R DeBono K Pemberton	L Davie S Sweeney M Sultana	B Brainwood G Burns E Isaaks L Kochappu P Morson B Oxlade M Stynes	M Knox N Perera J Vella	D Lee K Smith A Yuzon