



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Second Sunday of Lent Year B
25th 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



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

Today, the second Sunday of Lent, is Week 2 of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's six-week Lenten fundraising appeal.

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the transformative power of seeing more clearly and listening more deeply. The disciples were transformed as they witnessed the Father's powerful and moving message of love to all.

The love which unites Jesus and the Father is the same love which embraces us.

Rattanak's story featured this week in Project Compassion gives us a glimpse into a story of courage and transformation. Rattanak is twenty-nine and a barber in the village of Poh Krom in south-eastern Cambodia. Contracting a fever and becoming ill with polio as a child, Rattanak has some difficulty walking and is profoundly deaf. Emerging from an isolated world at home in his early twenties, he gained skills at the Caritas supported Deaf Development Program. He can now use sign language to communicate and is running a successful business, supporting himself, his wife and their baby.

The program has been one of transformation for Rattanak. He can now understand and see the world in a whole new way. For Rattanak and other young people in his community, 'a just future' started with community.

Through listening to the scriptures today and to Rattanak's story of loving transformation, this has the power to move us. We can be partners in working for a just future for everyone.

A Just Future for all starts with your support.

Thank you

Our dear friend Stuart Paterson had an accident on Wednesday and has sustained a broken hip. He is at Nepean Hospital and is waiting to have a pin and plate.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Stuart.

PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for James Fraser who died recently and Milanovich Arkadi, Ennio Celeste, Nicholas Contestabile, Benita Cruz, Severo Dagumo (Snr), Maria Fastick, Magda Nierras, Narcisa Pa-anod, Jaime Tuite, Milanovich Yuzefa whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Gerry Barnes, Dennis Bryant, Maria Victoria Carbowell-Mangulabnan, Eduardo Dibdib, Tania Felice, Ann Heaton, Peter Frances Hendry, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, Bernard & Norah Wilding and Holy Souls of Purgatory.

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, Stuart Paterson 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.

Lenten Program will be on Monday 26th 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.

Stations of The Cross

FRIDAY'S
during LENT
7pm

St Nicholas Church

Walk with Me

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.



Help Needed for Children's Liturgy

When: 10am Mass Sundays once/month (20mins during Liturgy of the Word)

Where: PMR1

Who: Parents and Young adults

What: Share the Gospel with children **Why:** We are called to share the Good News

Teams of 2/3 rostered each session. Resources provided.

Give your time, Bring your faith.

NSW Working With Children Check required.

WWCC www.service.nsw.gov.au/ Free online.

More information contact Fran at franziskaj@gmail.com.

This Week at St Nicholas

Monday	26th February	(PMR1)
7 pm	Lenten Program	
Tuesday	27th February	
10.30am	Legion of Mary	(PMR1)
11.30am	AA Meeting	(Hall)
Wednesday	28th February	
6pm	SVDP meeting	
Thursday	1st March	
7pm	Ministry Course	(PMR 1)
Friday	2nd March	
7pm	Way of the Cross	

Happy 60th Birthday

Frank Sultana



Next Week's Readings

3rd Sunday of Lent
Exodus 20:1-17
Corinthians 1: 22-25
John 2:13-25



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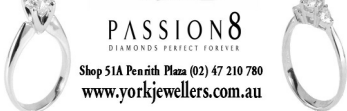
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PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Parish Finances for the 2016'17 Financial Year

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Parish Income		Parish Expenditure	
Envelope Contributions	234,586	Salaries & Wages & Super-annuation	165,810
Other Collections	98,308	Office Operational Costs	26,261
Rent on Premises	35,107	DWF Parish Contribution	12,938
Sacramental Programs and candles	26,573	Insurances	22,914
Newsletter Advertising	9,423	Parish Ministries	33,376
Sundry Other Income	9,248	Building Repairs & Maintenance	97,998
		Electricity Charges	10,613
		Cleaning Church & Other	
		Parish Buildings	24,656
		Sundry Other Expenses	23,686
Total Parish Income	413,245	Total Parish Expenditure	418,252

Stained Glass Windows

Fr. Mathew and the Finance Committee have approved for the construction of three new special stained glass windows with overlay, to enclose the three areas where the old Evaporative Air Coolers were in the Church.

We are seeking from any parishioners, the opportunity to donate a whole window in memory of their departed family members. A memorial plaque in dedication to the family will be placed adjacent to the window. **Parishioners interested in donating towards the cost of such windows are most welcome.** Anyone interested in such donations or require basic details should contact the Parish Office. For detailed information they will be referred to a representative from the Finance Committee.

Catholic Foundation (was DWF)

Will take place at all Masses next weekend. Our quarterly quote is \$14,293.
Thank you for your ongoing support.

17 March 2018 - St Pat's Day Listening - Affordable Housing

Over 150 citizens will be engaging with the residents of Penrith on Sat 17 March. Citizens will be using a very short Survey to start up intentional conversations on the issues of affordable & rental housing.

Date: Sat 17 March 2018

Program details:

10:15am - Assemble at St Nic's Church Car Park

10:30am -10:50am - Volunteer Briefing

11am - 12:45pm - Survey to be conducted in allocated places across Penrith. (Volunteers will be teamed up)

12:45pm - 1:30pm - Return to St Nic's to gather Survey results, BBQ & Debrief

We have volunteers coming from across Sydney. But we need a minimum of 40 volunteers from Penrith to make this day a success.

If you can volunteer three & a half hours on Sat 17/3 to make a difference in our community so that our Penrith voices can be heard we need you. Bring a friend or family member too.

To volunteer please register at: <https://register.eventarc.com/40175/affordable-housing-penrith-speaks>

For more infor contact Carolyn on 0448 443 619.

PARISH OUTREACH

RCIA News

2nd Sunday of Lent

LENT and the SCRUTINIES: Our Journey as much as it is to the Catechumens!

The Christian calendar sets aside the period of Lent for pruning. It is a time to refocus on the purpose and the meaning of being a Christian.

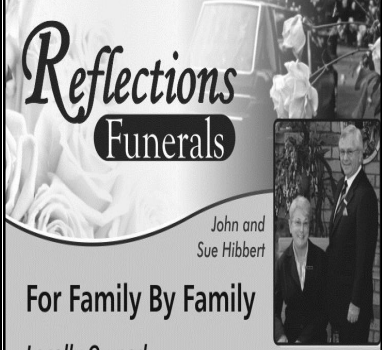
This process becomes evident and alive through the celebration of the scrutinies. (To scrutinise means to examine or inspect closely and thoroughly). They are rituals celebrated during the third, fourth and fifth weeks of Lent to prepare those who are going to be initiated (the elect) during the Easter Vigil (RCIA #146). They are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect, bring out, then strengthen, all that is good. To become a true follower of Christ, the elect will undergo a process of pruning which can be a painful experience. But because the act of pruning is painful, the Scrutinies are celebrated in the company of the Church, by the Church in the name of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Church asks the Catechumens before receiving the Sacraments of Initiation: "If you want to become a follower of Christ, does your heart really seek Christ:

- (a) as the only one who can quench your deepest thirst?
- (b) as the only one who can open your eyes to see God's presence around you and within you?
- (c) as the only one who can bring meaning, new purpose and complete new direction into your life?

Lent is to scrutinise and prune what is not in order in our lives and an opportunity to become beneficiaries of God's gifts – the same gifts that the elect will receive in the baptismal symbols: water, light and new life. But all the members of the Christian assembly gathered for the Sunday Eucharist become direct beneficiaries. The community's presence proclaims to the elect that their initiation is important to the St Nicholas community Penrith and the whole Church. Through the scrutinies, the community members are reminded of the true meaning of Lent: to make Christ the centre of their lives:

Roderick Pirota RCIA co-ordinator St Nicholas of Myra.



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Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary Annette & Richard Doyle

3/4 March	Vigil	Parish 7am	Roster 8.30am	10am	6pm
Acolytes	B Beath C Pemberton	D Wiggins	R Kroon J Tabone	T Jacobs J Jordan	V Graham B Wrightson
Servers	L & R Smee G Nematic	G Grady	L & E Loughland- Larsen	L & H Jacobs R Idris	E Moniz
Comm. Rep.	E Sicam	Alison Johnson	L Gal	O Kiss	N Moniz
Reader	J Doman	H Ryan	F Jackson	M Varua	A Pletkan
E.M.	A Calub N Calub A Linga	J McSpadden S Sweeney G Wiggins	Y Bacchan R Bryan L Lufe H O'Connor P Wheller A Yuzon	J Dumas M Gutierrez M Knox	M Herrick C Vagg K Wrightson



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