



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Third Sunday of Lent Year B
4th 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

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Third Sunday of Lent - SUNDAY 4th March, 2018

Today, the third Sunday of Lent, is Week 3 of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's six-week Lenten fundraising appeal. And we are privileged to share the story of Bayan, a Syrian refugee living in Jordan.

We all cherish our freedom. In the shared religious history of both Jews and Christians, the story of the exodus is one of God's liberating presence, drawing the people of Israel out of slavery to freedom.

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus recognised that the commercial practices of buying and selling in the precinct of the holy place were a barrier to people living in right relationships with God and others. How could they live in the freedom and justice of God? Jesus passionately intervenes to stop what appears to have become common practice in the temple precinct and 'calls out' the injustice.

Our Project Compassion story this week takes us to Jordan to meet 12 year old Bayan who fled Syria with her family, making the perilous journey to Jordan.

For Bayan, the trauma of the conflict and the disruption of her childhood, the Caritas Education Program in Jordan has been a source of encouragement and freedom. With this support Bayan looks with hope towards a future where she can finish her education and achieve her dreams.

The Project Compassion theme for 2018 is 'A Just Future'. For Bayan and many other children around the world, a just future starts with a safe place to learn.

The major humanitarian crisis which continues to unfold in Syria highlights the inevitable chaos when we forget we are one human family. Programs such as these are an example of what a community like ours can contribute. By supporting and acting for freedom and justice and speaking out for the hundreds of thousands of children, women and men who have become displaced in Syria, we imitate Jesus' liberating action in the temple.

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

Stuart is doing very well and would like to thank everyone for their prayers and for visiting him at the hospital. He has been transferred to Minchinbury Rehab hospital and looks forward to having more visits.

Catholic Foundation (was DWF)

Will take place at all Masses this weekend. Our quarterly quote is \$14,293.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

PARISH OUTREACH

Please pray for Fr George O'Mara, Maria Relunia and Margaret Woods who died recently and for Gary Cleary, Thelma McSpadden, Stella Mintoff, Angelo Muscat, Joe Pace and Francisco Sarmiento whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Reg Levinge, John Nettare, Bernard & Norah Wilding and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Please pray for those who are sick *Charlie Camenzuli, Marion Engsmyr, Darren Gallagher, Sue Herbert, Nathan King, Melissa Masecha, Jane McCann, 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.

Stations of The Cross
FRIDAY'S
during LENT
7pm
St Nicholas Church

Walk with Me



Lenten Program will

continue on Mondays 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.

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 is in the home of Margaret Donnelley at 165 Evan Street, Penrith.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated 9 March directly after 12.10pm Mass also **4th Friday** of month at 7pm at 102 Factory Rd, Regentville. Information 47 334274 (John & Helen).

Young at Heart Meeting on 7th March after the 9.30 am Mass

This Week at St Nicholas

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| Monday | 5th March | (PMR1) |
| 7 pm | Lenten Program | |
| Tuesday | 6th March | |
| 10.30am | Legion of Mary | (PMR1) |
| 11.30am | AA Meeting | (Hall) |
| Wednesday | 7th March | |
| 6pm | Young at Heart | (PMR1) |
| | SVDP meeting | |
| Thursday | 8th March | |
| 7pm | Ministry Course | (PMR 1) |
| Friday | 9th March | |
| 7pm | Way of the Cross | |

Happy 60th Birthday

Veronica Sultana



Next Week's Readings

4th Sunday of Lent

Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21



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PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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 info contact Carolyn on 0448 443 619.

St Nicholas of Myra Primary School

Monday 5 March 2018

All are welcome for a Twilight tour at St Nicholas of Myra Primary School during Catholic Schools week from 4:00 - 4:30 pm and 6:00 -6:30 pm.

2019 Kindergarten Enrolments

2019 Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) enrolment interviews have commenced from Monday 26 February 2018. In the meantime you can download the enrolment form from our website or come on in and pick one up from our school office,

gather the relevant paperwork and submit your child's enrolment ready for this date. **Siblings of students need to provide their form early as well.** Enrolments have started from Monday 26 February until the spaces are filled.

Open Nights

- ◆ **St Dominics College Sunday 4th March 10am—2.30pm**
Morning session 10am ; afternoon session 12.00pm
- ◆ **Xavier College Tuesday 6th March 4.30pm—6.30pm**
Prospective Students and Families are welcome to attend
- ◆ **McCarthy Catholic College Tuesday 6th March 4.00pm—7.00pm**
Presentations 4.15pm; 5.00pm; and 5.45pm
- ◆ **Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta Sunday March 11.**
Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 9683 3300
- ◆ **Caroline Chisholm College Monday 12th March Tours 5.30 pm—7.30 pm**
Principal's information sessions 6 pm and 7 pm
- ◆ **Montgrove College Monday 26th March 7.00pm**
RSVP by 23rd March on 4736 5977 or Raelene.pirota@montgrove.nsw.edu

Charismatic Healing Mass followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Hugh Thomas CSsR, Sunday 18 March 2018, 2:00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys.

All Welcome!

Celebrating 50 Years Annual May Pilgrimage at Mt Schoenstatt on 20th

May 2018. Phone 4773 8338 info@schoenstatt.org.au

See Notice Board for more information

PARISH 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.

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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.

Mrs Jackson will be available after the 8.30 am and 10 am Masses for any enquiries.

| 10/11 March | Vigil | Parish 7am | Roster 8.30am | 10am | 6pm |
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| Acolytes | R Howard D Welfare | A Ruzgas | J Simeon R Wood | J Jordan J Tabone | C Pemberton A Sebastian |
| Servers | V Neal | | A & J Joseph B Payyappilly | V Sebi L & J Wheelahlan | X Whalen |
| Comm. Rep. | I Bentham | P Sequeira | E Isaaks | O Kiss | C Clark |
| Reader | C Limjap | Y Baccan | P Nematalla | Alan Johnson | K Smith |
| E.M. | A Alimangoha C Coyte R DeBono | L Davie M Sultana G Wiggins | B Brainwood G Burns E Isaaks P Morson B Oxlade M Stynes A Yuzon | J Dumas P Samuelu M Nyss | M Herrick K Pemberton D Streher |

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