



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



First Sunday in Advent - Year C
2nd December 2018

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Weekend Mass

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday 7.00am 8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm

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

Office Hours 9am - 5 pm

Lunch 1pm - 1.30 pm (Office closed)

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am

5.00pm - 5.45pm

Adoration: After Saturday Morning Mass

Baptisms & Marriages by appointment only

Marriage Prep courses can be booked at Parish Office.

Schools

St Nicholas Primary 4752 3300

Principal Ms Anita Knezevic

St Mary Mackillop Primary 4724 3200

Principal Mr Scott Buchan

Bishop Vincent's Christmas Appeal 1st/2nd December for Homeless Young Mothers in our Diocese

CatholicCare's Houses to Homes is one of the vital services supported by our Diocese through Parramatta Catholic Foundation. Houses to Homes gives hope, help, compassion, care and shelter to disadvantaged, homeless young mums who have nowhere and nobody else to turn to. Every year, 30 to 50 mothers and mothers-to-be, rely on Houses to Homes for safe shelter, food and the skills to build a better life.

This Christmas, we're counting on your faith, hope and charity to support homeless mothers and children in crisis. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will support the shelter, independent living and parenting skills programs that homeless mums desperately need.

**Please give with a generous heart via the envelopes on the pews or donate online at
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.**

Thank you for sharing God's unconditional love this Christmas.

PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Please pray for Pauline Brennan (funeral on Tuesday 4th at 10.30 am), Arlette Griplas (funeral on Wednesday 5th at 11 am), Sister Elizabeth Maher R S J and Cath Mullane who died recently and for Patrick Heaton and Murray Ware **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Nestor Elisan, Enrique Esmayor, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Reg Levinge, John Nettar and Norah & Bernard Wilding.

Please pray for those who are sick Julian Attard, Richard Barrett, Ted Brock, Charlie Camenzuli, Lin Fah Chen, Edward, Romnick Estores, Marion Engsmyr, Darren Gallagher, Yanka Garan, Mark Herrick, Maria James, Mercia Jacobs, Melissa Maseeh, Jane McCann, Anthony Pace, Christy Porral and Alarna Tuffrey.

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.

*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.*

If you or any family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

On the 8th December, the feast of the **Immaculate Conception**, there will be an "Hour of Grace" from 12 noon to 1 pm in our church.



All senior and junior youth and their families are welcome to celebrate Christmas with a Christmas lunch at St Nicholas of Myra church.

Date: **2nd December, 11am** (after 10 am mass) at Parish Hall. There will be games and some food provided but you're welcome to bring a plate to share.

Young at Heart Christmas Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 5th December after the 9.30 am Mass. This will be our last morning tea for this year. All welcome. We look forward to your return at our first meeting in March 2019.



To celebrate the feast of St Nicholas of Myra, there will be a Morning Tea on Sunday 9th December after the 10 am Mass. All welcome and if possible please bring a plate to share.

THIS WEEK AT ST NICHOLAS

Monday 3rd St Francis Xavier
Tuesday 4th

10.30 am Legion of Mary

11.30 am AA Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday 5th

6 pm SVDP Meeting

Thursday 6th

7 pm Ministry Course (PMR1)

Friday 7th St Ambrose

Saturday 8th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday in Advent—Year C

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:4-6. 8-11

Luke 3: 1-6

Prayer Groups

- * **Rosary Statue** is in the home of Alice O'Hare at 17 Nerang Circuit Penrith
- * **Prayer Meeting** please see church notice boards for dates and times
- * **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** please see church notice boards for dates and times

information 47 334274 (John & Helen).

PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

SRE VOLUNTEER TEACHERS

Wanted urgently Scripture Teachers to teach Kindy/Year 6 in our Public primary schools in Penrith in the new year, 2019. All training with manuals and other resources will be available and experienced staff to guide you. Please do consider what you can do to support our catholic children in the Primary state schools, by giving approximately 1 hour per week. Please contact our Catechist Co-ordinator Fred Keuneman at the parish office on 4721 2509 or email catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au to arrange a brief meeting.

A recruitment drive will take place on the 9/10 December after all Masses.



Christmas Hampers The Penrith Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners to prepare Christmas hampers for the poor and disadvantaged families in the Penrith Area. Hampers will need to be returned to the Parish Meeting Room 1 on: Saturday 8th Dec or Sunday 9th Dec.

Hamper Deliveries: If you can spare an hour on: Saturday the 15th Dec, between 8.30am and 11.00am in PMR 1. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Hamper categories: See Notice Board

Suggested items to include in the hamper:

Christmas decorations (eg. Bon Bons, tinsel), tins of shoulder ham, Christmas cake/pudding, long life custard/cream/milk, tins of fruit, lollies, chips, biscuits (assorted), salsa, drinks (eg soft drink, fruit juice, cordial), rice, jellies, jam/honey/vegemite, coffee, tea, sugar, hot chocolate/milo, gravox, tins of vegetables (eg. carrots, peas, corn, potatoes), pasta, Christmas plates/ napkins.

Please note not to include food items containing nuts or perishable items.

Please ensure that food items are WELL within the expiry date and NO liquor is included in the hamper.

If you have any enquiries, please contact Brian Brainwood 0433256518 or Joe Tabone 0412234651 .

Christmas at St Finbars, Glenbrook: 16 December

Music and Readings for Christmas, a major outreach celebration at St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook, will take place on Sunday 16th December. This includes St Finbar's organ played by Amy Johansen with opening and closing prayers by Father Jolly. Service commences at 7.30pm. 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. There will be a request for donations (\$15/\$35 Families). For more information please call 02 4758 6067.

Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta: 17 December

Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Concert. Tickets via www.brandenburg.com.au/ – More details at: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>

Holy Hour for Vocations: 6 December

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 1 November at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

8th/9th December	Parish Roster					
	Vigil	7 am	8.30 am	10 am	6 pm	
Acolytes	D Cocksedge A Sebastian	J Sweeney	C Walsh R Wood	C Pemberton J Relunia	J Simeon	
Servers	G Nemadic		P & M Lufe	S Dias E Moniz Aleena Joseph	X Whalen	
Comm. Rep.	I Bentham	Alison Johnson	F Jackson	S Falleiro	K Smith	
Reader	J Hogan	S Paterson	S Von Bock	M Varua		
E.M.	A Calub R DeBono C Coyte	M Sultana S Sweeney	Y Baccan E Isaaks L Lufe M Stynes	G Burns B Keavy M Nyss	M Knox K Pemberton P Samuelu	C Clark C D'Mello K Wrightson



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