



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Third Sunday in Advent - Year C
16th 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

**On Saturday 22nd December 6 pm Vigil Mass,
Bishop Vincent will be concelebrating Mass at our
parish to farewell Fr Mathew.**

From Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation

Dear Parishioners, CatholicCare and Houses to Homes thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks.

Penrith Parish Catholic Foundation Appeal raised \$ 10,000 which will help provide more homeless young mothers with the shelter, support, independent living and parenting skills programs that they so desperately need.

We ask you to continue to pray for the wellbeing of all families this Christmas and especially the young mothers and children in Houses to Home's care.

Thank you for showing God's unconditional love this Christmas by supporting homeless young women and children in crisis. Your compassionate prayers and gifts will truly change lives this Christmas and beyond.



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Christmas Eve - Monday 24 December

6.00pm (Family Mass)

9.00pm Mass

11.30pm (Carols) followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25 December

7.00am

8.30am

10.00am

6.00pm

Christmas Reconciliation/Confession

Individual

Wednesday 19th 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 20th 10.00am - 11.00am

Friday 21st 11.00am - 12 noon

Saturday 22nd 9.30am - 11.30am

5.00pm - 5.45pm

There is NO 2nd Rite Reconciliation

**Christmas Mass and Reconciliation times across
Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains**

can be found by visiting: www.parracatholic.org.au

PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Please pray for Arlette Griplas and Carmen Sant who died recently and for Anne Bedding, Joy Bourke and Matthew Edmunds whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Anne Bedding, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Reg Lev- inge, Adelaida Lupisan, Mary Menezes, Michael Menezes, John Nettare, Patrick & Mary Taylor, Anita Se- queira, Mary Clare Sequeria, 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, Gerry O'Farrell, Anthony Pace, Christy Porral, Stella Porter, Alarna Tuffrey, Manel Viswasam, and Bob Wrightson.

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.

Farewell Mass

Fr Mathew will be concelebrating his farewell Mass with Fr Peter Williams at the 10 am Mass on 6th January, 2019 followed by a morning tea.



Christmas Eve Family Mass 6pm Children and Families

All children of our parish are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds (wise men) or Christmas colors, to celebrate our Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm. There will be a practice on Thursday 20th December at 4.30 pm.

THIS WEEK AT ST NICHOLAS

Tuesday 18th

10.30 am Legion of Mary
11.30 am AA Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday 19th

6 pm SVDP Meeting

Thursday 20th

7 pm Ministry Course (PMR1)

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday in Advent—Year C

Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 3:10-18

Happy 88th Birthday Jaime Calero

Happy 80th Birthday Brian Wilcox



Charismatic Healing Mass: Please note that Mass will start at 2pm followed by prayer for healing and individual ministry.

Celebrant Fr Adam Crouch MGL, Sunday 16 December 2018, 2:00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

Christmas at St Finbars, Glenbrook:

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>

SPECIAL ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES COLLECTORS FOR MASSES

This is located in the Sacristy. Please put your name on this Roster, if you are able to take part on either of these Masses.

The Roster for January to June 2019, together with the names and details for the various ministries have been emailed. Could you please let us know if you have **not** received this email. Thanks.

Prayer Groups

- * **Rosary Statue** is in the home of John & Deanna Soertsz at 15 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

St Nicholas 2nd group reflections on space camp

By Tayla Space Camp was an incredible place and experience. On the first day when we arrived at Huntsville Alabama we got wristbands. The wristbands had our room number or name. Then it had your team name. My room was in Habitat 2. I shared a room with about 29 other girls. It was crazy! My team was Canis. Every team had a crew trainer. At space camp they had so many activities and interesting space equipment. One of my favourite activities was the scavenger hunt. Our team got broken into two smaller groups. We went into the museum. We had a list with things we needed to take a picture with. Some things were a clue. When we finished we had to show the picture to a man. Space Camp had a real piece from the moon. They had a real rocket and a model of the rocket that will be launched into space to reach Mars. The rocket is a combination of the Endeavour. At Space Camp we made rockets to launch. They had parachutes when they landed.

By Lucy space camp reflection When we got to America we got on a bus and went to Northrop Grumman, they create space things. Right now they are creating the James Webb Space telescope. It discovers exoplanets. The next day we went to the California Space and Rocket Center. We did team building activities with our groups. After we finished that we went around, we saw space shuttle parts, the Endeavour and really big oil engines. Later that day we went to an empty room. Jackie, the lady running space camp was friends with the last man to be on the Endeavour. We got to face time him and ask him questions. After we finished in LA we went to Huntsville, Alabama. When we got there me Talya and Ellie were the only ones in our group there so we got to have a mini tour. Each day for dinner and lunch it was based on a different country that has been to the ISS (International Space Station). We got put in our room. We walked in expecting there only being six or seven beds. We walk in and there are around 40! Later that night when everyone was there, there were 31 of us. We were sharing with some other Australians and heaps of girls from Ohio. During the week we were there we did heaps of activities.

By Brayden Parkes Space camp, what is it? You may ask, well it is about making friends and team work as well as learning new things and being able to take in the deep breaths from all the amazing things you see.

By Jai Parkes Space camp is the best, it's hard to explain with words but I will. It first starts off when you arrive and get given your cabin and roommates. After that happens you go straight into learning about different things. The very first thing I did at space camp was use joysticks to move blocks around and create different things. The most exciting thing to see was the Saturn 5 rocket that took all the Apollo missions to the moon and seeing the capsule that landed in the ocean from the Saturn 5 rocket that helped the astronauts. The second coolest thing was seeing the capsule that took the 2 monkeys Able and Baker into space and back down, if I forgot to mention I walked across arm number 8 that released off the Saturn 5 and to finish it the whole thing was amazing.

By Ellie Walker Space Camp was an amazing experience for everyone, young and old. While learning about science and space, you are also having a whole lot of fun when on the simulators, socialising with other people and really showing your creative side! Just one of the reasons why I love Space Camp is because of the community. They are very welcoming, fun and supportive! While Space Camp was a blast, my holiday wouldn't have been just as special without exploring the wild Los Angeles. With all the rollercoasters and palm trees, it really made my holiday! Space Camp wasn't just an experience of a lifetime, it was also an impact on my life! I would definitely recommend Space Camp for anyone who is looking for a thrill and is wanting to learn more about SPACE!

22/23 December	Vigil	Parish Roster			
		7 am	8.30 am	10 am	6 pm
Acolytes	H McCann D Cocksedge	A Ruzgas	C Walsh R Wood	J Simeon J Tabone	M Tolentino
Servers	D & J Lestal		A & L Joseph M Tickner	D Dawson B Powell Aleena Joseph	X Whalen
Comm. Rep.	C Limjap	Alison Johnson		D Dawson	C Clark
Reader	F Jackson	S Paterson	R Walsh	S Falleiro	
E.M.	F Keuneman M Svehla C Coyte	L Davie M Sultana	Y Baccan R Bryan E Isaaks B Keavy L Kochappu H O'Connor P Wheller	M Gutierrez P Samuelu J Vella	C D'Mello K Smith K Wrightson



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