



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
17th February 2019

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Living in Hope

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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

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

I hope the hot summer did not stop you having some good time with your loved ones and friends during these holidays. Upon finishing at Toongabbie as Administrator, I went to India for three weeks to be with my mum and siblings and they have extended their greetings to each one of you.

It gives me so much joy to come back to St. Nicholas of Myra parish as your PP (Parish Priest) after a two years break. Thanks a lot for such an awesome welcome back party. It is a great privilege as well as a big responsibility to be the Parish Priest of this beautiful community. My prayer to take this big responsibility is very much in attune with the prayer of King Solomon; *"O Lord God, You have let me succeed my father as king, here I am among the people you have chosen to be your own, give me the wisdom I need to serve your people with love and compassion."*

This weekend's Gospel, calls for us to walk humbly, caring for the poor, the orphan, the widow, the alien, and is utterly dependent upon God and then true happiness and peace ensues. When mankind gets prosperous, lazy, self-seeking, independent, and disregards the marginalised then trouble ensues. Dependence upon God is not a sign of weakness; rather it keeps one in contact with a never-ending source of strength. We receive this strength through the sacraments, especially with the active participation in the weekly Eucharistic celebration. Our parish is blessed with rich heritage and history. We are all called to continue the mission of Christ, to witness the values He represents. It is our second home and all who are coming here to worship are our brothers and sisters. Let us make our ancestors who started this parish 175 years ago proud, with our commitment and continued mission.

May we all become a channel of God's love and compassion in this particular time and place. Let us continue to pray and support each other. Finally, I entrust you all to the Maternal care of Our Blessed Mother and our Patron St. Nicholas that they may continue to intercede for each one us daily.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Joe Manjaly MS (Parish Priest)



PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Please pray for Colleen Brainwood **who died recently** and for Severo Dagumo Sr, Dominic Dimunno, Ennio Celeste, Margaret Doughan, Mike Martins, Marianne & Stella Mintoff, June Mascarenhas, Muriel Onofre, Joseph & Mary Pace, Arlene Roberts, **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Ken Dinsdale, Peggy Dowling, Tania Felice, Maria Kukac, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, Carmen & Gerald Sultana and Norah & Bernard Wilding.

Please pray for sick : Frances Barrett, Darren Gallagher, Milly Gallagher, Jane McCann, Rita O'Malley and Anthony Pace.

Please note : *If you want a family member's name to be entered in the sick list for 2019, could you please contact the office after permission has been given by the person.*

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.

Prayer Groups

- * **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).

Altar Society roster: March to August, 2019 is available in the Sacristy.

Catholic Foundation Appeal will take place at all Masses on 2nd & 3rd March. Our quota is \$13,811.00 Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Hospital & Nursing Home Masses

Parishioners are welcome

- ◆ **Governor Phillip Manor** 1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm
- ◆ **Mountain View Village** 1st Friday of each month at 10am
- ◆ **Nepean Hospital** every Friday at Midday
- ◆ **Summit Care (Jamison Gardens)** 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.30am
- ◆ **Newmarch Nursing Home** 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.30am

These masses will resume in March 2019

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8
Corinthians 15:12. 16-20
Luke 6:17. 20-26

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course 2019

Will commence in our Parish on Thursday 21st February. If you are interest in becoming an Acolyte, Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Communion to the Sick and Dying you need to attend this first evening. You can collect a form from the Parish Office.

Enrolments for 2020

⇒ **McCarthy Catholic College**

75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains

Open Evening: Tuesday 19 March 2019

5.00pm to 8.00pm

- Meet the Principal, staff and student leaders
- Tours of the College facilities
- Enrolment packages available
- Presentations at 5.15pm, 6.00pm and 6.45pm

Enquiries: 4728 8100

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⇒ **St Dominic's College**

54-94 Gascoigne St Kingswood

Open Day—Sunday 3rd March

10am morning session starts

12.30 afternoon session

Please see notice board

Volunteer Bus Driver

St Joseph's Hospital, Normanby Road, Auburn needs a volunteer to drive a 24-seat Rosa Mitsubishi bus each Tuesday and on the third Wednesday of each month. If you possess or are willing to obtain an NSW Light Rigid Driver's License, please discuss this rewarding opportunity with John Butler on 9749 0317 or 0438 327 463.

NAPPA Conference 2019: 26 February

The NAPPA Conference will be held on Tuesday 26 February 2019. You can register via this link: www.nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference or contact Tanya Quinn on 02 8838 3441.

Walk the Camino Portugués

Walk the Camino Portugués. Catholic Mission are holding 17-day Pilgrimages: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019. Small group led by Sr Veronica OP, (0451 387 906).

See www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues

PARISH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Sacramental Program First Reconciliation 2019

To be eligible for First Reconciliation, children must be in year 3 or above and must be baptised. Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information meeting, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on

Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.00pm.

Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

If your child has not been baptised, and you wish to enrol them in the program, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Colleen Nicholas, as soon as possible.

Ordination to the Diaconate: 22 February

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of **Roderick Pirotta**, Roque Dias, John Cinya and Thong Nguyen on Friday 22 February at 7.30pm. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow. **We here at St Nicholas of Myra will have a morning tea in thanksgiving for Deacon Roderick after the 10am Mass on Sunday 24th February all welcome to come and give thanks .**

Becoming Catholic - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

(RCIA) is the process whereby adults enter the Catholic Church. RCIA classes are held weekly and over the course of several months those who attend the RCIA classes are educated on what the Catholic Church teaches and members in the program are given the opportunity to ask questions about those teachings.

The RCIA is a communal process and involves a number of stages punctuated by liturgical rites to aid and assist the potential convert toward the final rite, usually at the Easter Vigil at which time they will become full members of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Parish RCIA program at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish will begin with an information night **(Monday 25th February! 7.30pm In PMR 1)** and continues through the Easter season. This program is open to any adult who **(1)** interested in becoming Catholic, **(2)** in need of receiving any one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, **(3)** wishes to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, or **(4)** has been away from the Church and wants to return and/or just wants to learn more about the teachings of the Church. Please call Parish office 4721 2509 for information.

The Parish is looking for an RCIA Co-ordinator and team to run this programme , please contact Fr Joe

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23/24 February	Vigil	Parish Roster				
				10 am	6 pm	
Acolytes	R Howard D Wellfare	J Sweeney	J Simeon J Tabone	M Tolentino	S Aish C Pemberton	
Servers	L & R Smee		E Benny L & E Loughlan-Larsen	W Ezekiel M Johnson	A Aish	
Comm. Rep.	K Smith	S Paterson	R Walsh	F Jackson	C D'Mello	
Reader	M Prenderville	Alison Johnson	S VonBock	Alan Johnson	K Smith	
E.M.	I Bentham A Calub N Calub	S Sweeney J McSpadden	R Bryan B Keavy U Gomez P Wheller	Y Baccan P Morson L Kochappu	M Gutierrez M Knox P Samuelu	A Alimangoha D Lee K Wrightson



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