



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C  
24th February 2019

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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**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

**Ash Wednesday 6th March, 2019**

**Mass times**

**6.45am : 9.30am : 12.10pm : 7.00pm**

## PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

**Please pray for** *Frances Barrett, Theresa Edward, Mary Molly Hyde, Cecilia Morales and Eduardo Toloza who died recently and for George Attard, Frank Baskett, Lewis Buhaclar, Joy Camilleri, Vince Cuttell, Dominic Dimunno, Miguel Dias, Charlie Magro, Raul, Sacariag & Egmedio Nierras, Santos Paanod, James Penlington, Alex Sarkany, Joseph, Gejtu and Mary Spiteri whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Peggy Dowling, Bina D'Silva, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, Maria Kukac, Reg Levinge, Stella & Maryanne Mintoff, Cecilia Morales, John Nettar, Mary & Joseph Pace, Carmen & Gerald Sultana, Eduardo Toloza. Ephilyn Joy Villaflor and Norah & Bernard Wilding.*

**Please pray for sick :** *Darren Gallagher, Milly Gallagher, Mark Herrick, 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 47 334274 (John & Helen).

**Thornton Park, Penrith - Retirement Living**  
**Enquiry morning to be held in Parish Meeting Room 1**  
**On Thursday 14th March at 10am : contact Margaret Sullivan 1800 958 003 Brochures in foyer of church.**

**Catholic Foundation Appeal** will take place at all Masses on **2nd & 3rd March**. Our quota is \$13,811.00 The Ephpheta Centre, supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. Your kind-hearted support will provide chaplaincy and pastoral care for the vulnerable and isolated, in homes, hospitals, prison and aged-care facilities. Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes.

### Hospital & Nursing Home Masses

- ◆ **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**

### 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  
Like us on Facebook: McCarthyCC  
Website: [www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au)

⇒ **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 for further details**  
**Phone 4731 1933**

**Thank you** to all of our parishioners for their prayers for me as I embarked on my pilgrimage to Panama. I have returned from World Youth Day a couple of weeks ago and have all positive, happy and grace-filled experiences and feelings to share about this event. WYD is such an incredible experience that I will always cherish, and I encourage any other young people to think about the next one in Portugal! Lets all try and live out the WYD theme 'I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.' Lk 1:38". **Olivia**

### Volunteers Urgently Needed for Visiting Residents of Aged Care Facility

Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? This service is organised through CatholicCare. You would visit on average once every two weeks with CatholicCare providing training and other support. After talking with you about your interests, we will match you with a resident in a nursing home within approximately 10km of your home. The visit is entirely within the nursing home – you do not take the person on outings or shopping etc. For more information, contact Deb Woolcott on 0418 114 055.

### Young Adults Social Justice Night of 2019

**27 March, 2019 : 6.30 pm**

**Mad Mex, 285 Church Street, Parramatta.**

Expert speakers on homelessness, developing our knowledge through experiential activities, discussing ideas and brainstorming action over a shared meal. All young adults (18-30) are welcome.

## 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,*

**Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.00pm in the church**

*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*

### **Ordination to the Diaconate: Congratulations Roderick Pirotta.**

**Everyone is invited to join for a congratulatory cake cutting in PMR1 after 10am Mass**

**Young at Heart Morning Tea** will recommence on Wednesday 6th March, at 10am please inform those that may be interested in attending. New young at heart members are very welcome

### **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 .**

#### **Parish Roster 2/3 March**

**Vigil :** Acolytes : H McCann, S Aish

**Altar Servers :** D & L Lestal

**Comm. Rep :** C Clark **Reader :** L Alimangoha

**Eucharist Ministers:** I Bentham, R De Bono, M Svehla

**7 am :** Acolytes : D Wiggins

**Altar Server :** G Grady

**Comm.Rep :** Alison Johnson **Reader:** S Paterson

**Eucharist Ministers :** G Wiggins, A Yuzon

**8.30 am :** Acolytes : J Simeon, J Tabone

**Altar Servers :** A & L Joseph, M Tickner

**Comm. Rep :** C Hollier **Reader :** N Joseph

**Eucharist Ministers :** Y Bacchan, B Brainwood, R Bryan  
E Isaaks, P Morson, H O'Connor, M Stynes

**10 am :** Acolytes : R Wood

**Altar Servers :** R Idris, A Joseph

**Comm. Rep :** P Samuelu **Reader :** O Kiss

**Eucharist Ministers :** L Lufe, M Nyss, J Vella

**6 pm :** Acolytes : C Cocksedge, M Tolentino

**Altar Servers :** E Moniz, X Whalen

**Comm. Rep :** F Jackson **Reader :** E Marshall

**Eucharist Minsters :** C D'Mello, D Lee, M Herrick

#### **Affordable Housing: Your Invited** 6.00 pm on

Thursday March 14 2019, nine days before the next NSW election, join 2000 leaders and citizens at Sydney Town Hall to stand together for the common good. Together we will be seeking clear, concrete commitments on affordable housing, household energy and rental reform from both state and federal politicians.

Parramatta Diocese Social Justice Office, Vinnies NSW Sydney Alliance and the Everybody's Home Campaign are jointly hosting the Assembly. Register now to be part of making a difference for the Common Good..

Register at <https://register.eventarc.com/41575/march-2019-assembly>

#### **Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting** *All are welcome*

38 Casuarina Cct, Kingswood

Saturday 9th March, 3.00 pm

Steffi and Parry Sequeira's residence

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[steffi.parry.sequeira@gmail.com](mailto:steffi.parry.sequeira@gmail.com)



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