



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



*First Sunday in Lent - Year C*  
**10th March 2019**

*Grounded in Faith*

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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**

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

*Today, the first Saturday/Sunday of Lent, is Week 1 of  
Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's six-week Lenten  
fundraising appeal.*



## This year we celebrate Hope, as our Project Compassion theme.

Our story this week of Thandolwayo (pron. "Tan-dol-way-o") in Zimbabwe, depicts a community which has been challenged a number of times and was in danger of losing hope. Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day, threatened by crocodiles, to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia-supported project created access to clean water, helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope. There is also a new feeling of hope and positive change in the village. The plentiful water supply has triggered a series of new ventures. Water is being used to mould bricks for building houses and to pound maize to sell. Plans are underway to establish a community garden and a fish pond, to generate an income to assist with school fees. Her story reminds us of the words of Pope Francis who said, "The future does have name...and its name is hope". Thandolwayo says, "Hope is important because it makes me work harder so that I achieve what I want to be when I grow up. I want to live a good life in the future."

Project Compassion enables you to bring hope to people here and around the world – and you can share in Thandolwayo's transformation.

Last year, with your help, Project Compassion raised around \$11 million. This amount is testament to your enormous generosity and compassion. Again this year you can make a difference and contribute to Hope for vulnerable people and their communities. You can make your donation in the collection box or use the donation envelopes on your seat.

Committing to something meaningful during Lent is another way to draw closer to God, raise money and stand in solidarity with people in need.

You can also find out more about Thandolwayo's story on the Caritas website or how you can fundraise and get involved. Go to [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).

Lives change when you give 100%. Hope starts with your support. Thank you.

## PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

#### 1) 22 to 24 March - Mind, Body & Soul Retreat

For Mature Catholic Women who feel on the Fringe of the Church. **Facilitator:** Andrea Dean

Where: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa **Time:** 5 pm 22nd March to 2 pm 24th March

**Cost:** \$230 includes two nights.

#### 2) 29 to 30 March - 24 Hrs for the Lord, 2019

24Hrs of Adoration beginning and ending with Holy Mass at Mt Schoenstatt. Time: Begins with Holy Mass at 6 pm on Friday 29th March, finishing with Holy Mass at 5 pm on Saturday 30th March. Each hour will have reflection and music presented by different groups and individuals. Every half hour the Shrine will be silent for prayer and reflection. Come for 1 hour or 24, no obligation for a particular time period. Enquires for groups or individuals:

[manager@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:manager@schoenstatt.org.au) or

phone Ann-Maree: 4773 8338 during business hours.

### "YOUNG BEREAVED SPOUSES" SUPPORT GROUP

The Young Bereaved Spouse (YBS) Support group offers monthly support to men and women whose spouse or partner has died. Age guideline of under 55 years old, whether a parent or not.

This group is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**First Gathering for the year:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta

**Time:** 6.45pm for 7pm start to 9pm. **Cost:** \$5

**Registration Essential:** Contact Rita on 8843 2575 or email:

[soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

### Thornton Park, Penrith - Retirement Living

Enquiry morning to be held in Parish Hall on Thursday 14th March at 10am : contact Margaret Sullivan 1800 958 003 Brochures in foyer of church.

**Youth Ministry Masterclass :** On Saturday 16th March from 9.30 am—4 pm at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill.

A day of workshops, input and resource sharing in essential youth ministry skills, leadership, basic Christian theology.

<https://parracatholic.org/cyp-youth-ministry-masterclass/>

### 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

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### 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 Woolacott 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. Please see flyer in foyer for more details.

**Charismatic Healing Mass starts at 2pm** followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Tony Alex MGL, Sunday 17 March 2019, @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

### 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
- ◆ **Lemongrove Gardens** 10.30 am 1st Tuesday in March, May, July, September, November.
- ◆ **Edinglassie Lodge** 10.30 am 1st Tuesday in April, June, August, October, December

### 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>

## PARISH OUTREACH

### **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** Family Sessions

First Reconciliation will commence in the Parish Hall on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> March at 4.45 pm followed by 6 pm Mass or 17<sup>th</sup> March at 8.45 am followed by 10 am Mass. At least one parent must attend with your child.

### **Young @ Heart :**

One Day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park on 8th April.

Cost : \$ 30. Bus leaving church office at 7.30 am and will be back approximately 5 pm.



**Maintenance** If parishioners are aware of any maintenance issues in our Parish, could you please contact the office with details. Thank you

### Devotions during Lent

**Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7 pm**

Prayer Intentions for 15th March :  
For Family Unity

### Lenten Reflection Meetings during Lent

**Mondays at 7 pm in PMR 1 led by Fr Joe**  
**Thursdays at 10am in PMR 1 led by Valarie D'Souza**

### Prayer Groups

- \* **Prayer Meeting** please see church notice boards for dates and times
- \* **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** see church notice boards for dates and times 47 334274 (John & Helen).
- \* **Rosary Statue** will be in the home of Margaret Donnelley at 165 Evan Street, Penrith

**Please pray for** Judith Field, Mark Herrick, David Maiden, Catrina O'Kane and Preethi Reddy **who died recently** and for Florentina, Carlito and Asterio Dugues, Evelyn Fernandez, Jose Martinno Ferreira, Antonio Ieraci, Matthew Jacka, Stella & Marianne Mintoff, Thelma McSpadden, Anthony Mudie, Angelo Muscat, Joseph & Mary Pace, Balbino Porteria, Robert Ross, Gerald Sultana and Josephine White **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Yvonne Grady, Peter & Frances Hendry, Maria Kukac, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, Carmen Sultana, Norah & Bernard Wilding and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Please pray for sick :** Darren Gallagher, Milly Gallagher, Jane McCann, Rita O'Malley, Amani Nemattala 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.*

### **Acolytes, Senior Servers, Eucharist Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers/Commentators**

Fr Joe has called a spiritual gathering as part of Lent for the 26th March at 7pm in the Church. This meeting is of high importance for the smooth flow of the Eucharist and you are urgently requested to attend. If unable to attend please inform the coordinators of your ministry.

John Sweeney, Acolytes, email: jps1244@bigpond.net.au  
Mairead Stynes, Eucharist Ministers/Readers/Commentators, email: fm.stynes@optusnet.com.au

### **Parish Roster 16/17 March**

**Vigil :** Acolytes : S Aish, J Buttigieg  
**Altar Servers :** L & A Perera  
**Comm. Rep :** C Clark **Reader :** L Alimangoha  
**Eucharist Ministers:** A Calub, N Calub, F Keuneman

**7 am :** Acolytes : A Ruzgas  
**Altar Server :** G Grady  
**Comm.Rep :** Y Baccan **Reader:** A Johnson  
**Eucharist Ministers :** J McSpadden, G Wiggins

**8.30 am :** Acolytes : J Jordan, R Wood  
**Altar Servers :** E Benny, P & M Lufe  
**Comm. Rep :** J Musa **Reader :** O Plucinski  
**Eucharist Ministers :** B Brainwood, U Gomez, E Isaaks, M Stynes  
L Kochappu, P Morson, H O'Connor.

**10 am :** Acolytes : J Rulunia, C Walsh  
**Altar Servers :** M Johnson, B Powell  
**Comm. Rep :** Alan Johnson **Reader :** P Samuelu  
**Eucharist Ministers :** M Nyss, N Perera, J Vella

**6 pm :** Acolytes : V Graham, J Simeon  
**Altar Servers :** T Keane  
**Comm. Rep :** C D'Mello **Reader :** K Smith  
**Eucharist Minsters :** D Lee, C Vagg, K Wrightson

### **Priests' Corner**

Dear friends in Christ,

Thanks a lot for your generous support for **Catholic foundation appeal**. We raised **\$5117.95** from last weekend appeal. We are still short of **\$8694.00** and if you were not able to support last weekend for this charitable Fund, please consider giving a donation to this appeal and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. "One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed"(Prov: 19:17).

**Kindest regards**

**Fr. Joe Manjaly MS**



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