



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Second Sunday in Lent - Year C

17th March 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

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

*Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's six-week Lenten
fundraising appeal.*



Today, the second Sunday/Weekend of Lent, is Week 2 of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's six-week Lenten fundraising appeal.

Our Project Compassion story this week is a story in two parts, revolving around connection with land and connection with people. Project Compassion invites us to accompany our Indonesian sister, Tati (pron. Tar-ti), as she sees in her Indigenous Dayak culture and land, a way of living sustainably while maintaining the integrity of her community.

Tati's community depends on the native rainforests for cultural reasons, and for their livelihoods, but these vital habitats that are home to her community and to endangered orangutans, rhinos and tigers are being depleted by logging, the global use of palm oil and climate change. People depend on the forest and river for food and medicine, as well as having a spiritual connection to it. Other villages which have sold their land no longer have a river with clean water or their own land. Without the forest, their village is no longer cool, it's getting much hotter, and they're noticing environmental changes. Caritas has been working with local communities to create new hope for a better future, by helping teach local people English and long-term, sustainable eco-tourism activities so they don't have to sell their land. The program has been one of transformation for Tati. She can now understand and see the world in a whole new way. For Tati and other people in her community, 'Hope' started with community.

Through listening to the scriptures today and to Tati's story of transformation, this has the power to move us. We can be partners in working for hope for everyone.

Committing to something meaningful during Lent is another way to draw closer to God, raise money and stand in solidarity with people in need. 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. Come for 1 hour or 24, no obligation for a particular time period. Enquires for groups or individuals: 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 3rd Tuesday of each month.

First Gathering for the year: Tuesday 19th 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

Listening Evening - Issues of the Church

Wednesday 27th March 2019

Parish hall - 19 Troy St Emu Plains

7pm hospitality for a 7.30pm start

On 27th March, in the parish hall at Emu Plains (19 Troy St), the IFM is helping the parish to host and invite people to a listening evening for the surrounding parishes. Vic and Liz O'Callaghan will be the facilitator. Vic and Liz have had long term experience in different parts of Australia in the field of restorative justice.

Please RSVP to: emuplains@parracatholic.org marked 'Listening evening' and with the number attending
Alternatively call Emu Plains parish on 47351041

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

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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Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2020 at St Mary MacKillop Primary School.

Please join us for our Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Evening which will be held in the school hall on Wednesday, 20th March at 7pm.

The information session will be followed by a tour of the school and the opportunity to chat with our Leadership team.

Enrolment packages will be available on the night or from the school office between 9am - 3pm Mon - Fri. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 02 4724 3200.

Montgrove College : Open Day on 20th March from 10 am or Information evening 25th March at 7 pm Principal's Presentation.

140 Bringelly Road, Orchard Hills

Raelene.pirota@montgrove.nsw.edu.au

See notice board in foyer for more information.

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.

PARISH OUTREACH

Sacrament of First Reconciliation Family Sessions

First Reconciliation will commence in the Parish Hall on the weekend of 16th March at 4.45 pm followed by 6 pm Mass or 17th 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 22nd March :
For the unborn and miscarriages.

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 Dorcas Nettar at 12 York Road, Penrith

Parish Roster 23/24 March

Vigil : Acolytes : R Howard, M Tolentino
Altar Servers : L & R Smee
Comm. Rep : E Sicam **Reader :** I Bentham
Eucharist Ministers: R DeBono, M Gutierrez, M Svehla

7 am : Acolytes : D Wiggins
Altar Server :
Comm.Rep : J French **Reader:** R Walsh
Eucharist Ministers : L Davie, M Nyss

8.30 am : Acolytes : J Relunia, J Tabone
Altar Servers : A & L Joseph, B Payyappilly
Comm. Rep : E Isaaks **Reader :** C Hollier
Eucharist Ministers : Y Baccan, G Burns, U Gomez, B Keavy, P Morson, P Wheller, R Bryan

10 am : Acolytes : C Pemberton
Altar Servers : A Joseph, K Ross
Comm. Rep : O Kiss **Reader :** M Varua
Eucharist Ministers : L Lufe, K Pemberton, D Streher

6 pm : Acolytes : D Cocksedge, V Graham
Altar Servers : L & A Perera
Comm. Rep : K Smith **Reader :** E Marshall
Eucharist Ministers : A Alimangoha, C D'Mello, C Vagg

Please pray for Justin Bull and Helen Smith **who died recently** and for Mary Armstrong, Mary Cuttell, Marie Simone Faydherbe, Jim Fenech, Evelyn & Claude Fernandez, Jim Fullerton, Matthew Jacka, Gwen Nunn, Mercedes Ragaza, Mary Agnes Vella **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, Keane family, Maria Kukac, Reg Levinge, Gloria Nelson, John Nettar, Nene Reyes, Bob Rubbo, Carmen & Gerald Sultana, Fredrik Tamayo and Norah & Bernard Wilding.

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.

Thanks for your generosity towards **Catholic Foundation appeal**. We have raised \$6920.45 towards our quota of \$ 13,811. We have still not reached this and if your are able to support this charitable cause, please consider donating to this worthy cause. Fr Joe

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@gmail.com

Parish Priest Corner

*"Lent is an Opportunity to be simple and True"
Pope Francis".*

On the 8th April, together with the 'Young at heart', we are going for a Lenten Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Mercy shrine in Berrima. I invite you all to take this opportunity to spend a day of Prayer in this holy place before the Holy week! Please call the parish office to book your seat.





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