



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Third Sunday in Lent - Year C
24th March 2019

Grounded in Faith

Growing in Love

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.*



Two weeks ago, we heard the story of Thandolwayo from a dry, dusty community in Zimbabwe and the struggle to access a reliable source of clean water. Today we focus on Peter from the Solomon Islands where, surrounded by water, it is proving increasingly difficult to obtain clean drinking water for the local community. Groundwater sources at Peter's boarding school have dried up and rainfall is too unpredictable to rely on. Water in surrounding wells and boreholes often made students sick and time spent walking to collect water has a ripple effect of decreased school attendance. The long daily walks in search of water each day have been particularly challenging for Peter, who has a disability and walks with the aid of a stick.

However, Peter's school community, along with Caritas and its partners, have worked together to build a reliable water system. Everyone gave 100%. Staff and students at the school dug trenches, carried equipment and helped to develop a water management plan, while Caritas and its partners provided a water tank, pump, technical advice and staff for the project.

Peter now looks with hope towards a future where he can easily access clean water when he needs it and he can focus on his education and achieve his dreams. Peter says, "I would like to thank the people of Australia and hope for Caritas to do more things for us, for our school."

However, there is still much to be done, with taps, toilets, water and sanitation hardware still in great need at the school, and basic water access is still lacking in many other schools.

Our shared humanity demands that we work to ensure that all of us are provided with the basic needs for life. Pope Francis writes "Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because *they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity.* (Laudato Si #30)"

Peter is giving 100%, will you? Hope starts with your support. Thank you.

PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

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

Excerpt of message from Parramatta Diocese

In light of the tragic events that occurred at Christchurch. We must all be on the lookout for any suspicious activity in our Parish. There is no information to suggest that there is any elevated risk, but the incident serves to remind us that we must monitor for suspicious persons and items.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

2:30pm on 28th April 2019

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA PENRITH

326 HIGH STREET

Blessing of Divine Mercy Image

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Stations of the Cross *Jesus I Trust in you*

Homily and Benediction

Reconciliation till 4pm

Afternoon tea 4.15pm – 5.15pm

DIVINE MERCY MASS 6pm



Position Vacant :

Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, Mulgoa are seeking a Casual Assistant Gardener to undertake general gardening tasks. Position available from 15 April 2019

Casual hours \$25.28 per hour inclusive of 25% casual loading.

Applications close 2 April 2019

To apply, please forward your resume to pa@schoenstatt.org.au. For more information, please contact Kathryn on 4773 8338 ext 222.

Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. The retreats for 2019 will be held at Varroville, NSW on April 5-7 and Oct 25-27. Brochures are in the church or see the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Betty McKay, long term parishioner of our parish would like to inform you that she has moved into care at Uniting Hawkesbury/Richmond Retirement Home. Betty would be pleased if you were to visit.

We ask for your prayers for **Mairead Stynes** who is recovering in hospital from a hip operation following a fall in our church last Monday.

THIS WEEK AT ST NICHOLAS

Monday 25th Annunciation of the Lord

7 pm Lenten Reflection Meeting (PMR1)

Tuesday 26th

11.30 am AA Meeting (Hall)

12 Noon Legion of Mary (PMR1)

7 pm Prayer Meeting (Hall)

Thursday 28th

10 am Lenten Reflection Meeting (PMR1)

7 pm Liturgical Ministry Formation Course (PMR1)

PARISH OUTREACH

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.

We were informed by Penrose Park at Berrima the weather can be cooler at this time of the year and they recommend closed walking shoes.



Sacrament of First Reconciliation for children will be held on Thursday 4th April at 5 pm or 7 pm in the Church.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Easter will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 7 pm.

Please pray for Alana Bernacki, Jerjis Michael Fatohi, Noel Irvine, Tommaso Scafetta and Franz Vorreiter **who died recently** and for George Attard, Patrick Bourke, Tony Caws, Garry Cleary, Sandra Hensley, Vareed Manjaly, Kenneth Minney and Nell Slaughter **whose anniversaries occur at this time and for** Dennis Bryant, Mary Cuttell, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Maria Kukac, Reg Levinge, Luz Mayuga, John Nettare, John & Carmen Pace, Carmen & Gerald Sultana 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.

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 29th March :
For sufferers of Mental Health

Lenten Reflection Meetings during Lent

Mondays at 7 pm in PMR 1 led by Fr Joe
Tuesday 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 Paul Gale at 238 Smith Street, Penrith.

Thanks for your generosity towards **Catholic Foundation Appeal**. We have raised \$ 7620/- towards our quota of \$ 13,811. We have still not reached this and if you are able to support this charitable cause, please consider donating to this worthy cause. Fr Joe

Parish Roster 30/31 March

Vigil : Acolytes : J Buttigieg, H McCann

Altar Servers : D & J Lestal

Comm. Rep : L Alimangoha **Reader :** J Doman

Eucharist Ministers: A Calub, N Calub, A Linga

7 am : Acolytes : J Sweeney

Altar Server :

Comm.Rep : A Johnson **Reader:** J French

Eucharist Ministers : M Nyss, S Sweeney

8.30 am : Acolytes : J Jordan, J Simeon

Altar Servers : V & V Rodrigues, M Tickner

Comm. Rep : F Jackson **Reader :** S Von Bock

Eucharist Ministers : Y Baccan, B Brainwood, U Gomez, E Isaaks, S McCormack, P Morson, H O'Connor

10 am : Acolytes : J Relunia, C Walsh

Altar Servers : S Perera, V Sibi

Comm. Rep : Alan Johnson **Reader :** F Jackson

Eucharist Ministers : M Knox, N Perera, P Samuelu

6 pm : Acolytes : C Pemberton, V Graham

Altar Servers : E Moniz, X Whelan

Comm. Rep : K Smith **Reader :** C Clark

Eucharist Minsters : D Lee, K Wrightson

Parish Priest Corner

" Stations of the Cross for Cancer Survivors and Cancer sufferers".

On the 12th April, Friday at 7 pm, we are dedicating our Stations of the Cross for people who are cancer sufferers and for the families who have lost someone due to cancer. These stations will be processional stations outside of the Church. If you/someone in your family or friends suffered from cancer, please come and join us. More information in the coming weeks.

Attention: March 26th at 7 pm, we have our gathering of Acolytes/Senior servers, Extraordinary ministers of communion, Readers and Commentators. Please do make an effort to come. If you are unable to attend, please let me know .





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