St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish Second Sunday of Easter - Year C 28th April 2019				
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Weekend M	Nass		Office Hours 9am - 5 pm	
Saturday Sunday	6.00pm Vigil 7.00am 8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm		nch 1pm –1.30 pm (<i>Office closed)</i> Reconciliation:	
Weekday N Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	9.30 am 6.45 am & 9.30 am 9.30 am & 7.00 pm 9.30 am	Bapt	9.30am - 10.30am and 5.00pm - 5.45pm After Saturday Morning Mass isms & Marriages by appointment only Prep courses can be booked at Parish Office. Schools mary 4752 3300	
Saturday	6.45 am & 12.10 pm 9.00 am s 9.00am 1st Saturday of month	Principal St Mary Mack	Ms Anita Knezevic	

Healing Mass 9.00am 1st Saturday of month

Divine Mercy Reflection

Principal

St. Faustina's diary contains Our Lord's quotes requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established in the Church.

"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy" (diary 299) "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened" (diary 699) "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy" (diary 965)

The conditions required to receive such a great grace are: to place complete trust in God, to carry out acts of mercy, to be in a state of grace (having received the sacrament of Confession), and to receive Holy Communion.

The preparation for the Feast is to be a novena consisting of the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet for 9 days, beginning on Good Friday. Jesus said "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls". (diary 796)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS 2:30pm on 28th April 2019 **ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA PENRITH** Blessing of Divine Mercy Image Chaplet of Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross Homily and Benediction Reconciliation till 4.15 pm Afternoon tea 4.15pm – 5.15pm **DIVINE MERCY MASS 6pm**



Mr Scott Buchan

PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Holy Hour for Vocations: 2 May

Youth aged 18 to 35 are invited to join The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for the Holy Hour for Vocations at the Holy Spirit Convent, Plumpton, on Thursday 2 May at 7pm. Dinner will be served afterwards. RSVP to Sr Paula – <u>vocationscsfn@gmail.com</u> or 0449 656 406.

Raising Lazarus Retreat Day: 7 May

The Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat and the IFM present a retreat day on 7 May with Dr Bonnie Thurston on *Raising Lazarus: Contemplative Living & Our Inner Journey from Death to New Life*. Held at the IFM Blacktown from 10am to 2pm. BYO Lunch. To register, please contact mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Reflection day for Women : Mary, mother and Educator. On **Saturday 11th May, 2019** at 9.30 am - 3 pm. Register by 7th May. info@schoenstatt.org.au Phone 4773 8338. Cost \$25/BYO lunch - tea & coffee provided. Flyer in church foyer

Annual Marian Pilgrimage Sunday 19th May, 2019 at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Starting at 9.30 am and concluding after 2 pm with Eucharist procession and final benediction. Lunch : Food stalls available or BYO Phone 4773 8338 Flyer in church foyer

Young at Heart Morning Tea on

Wednesday 1st May after the 9.30 am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.



INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS TO PARTICIPATE

WHAT : FLORES DE MAYO FLOWER OFFERING TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER WHEN : **Saturday 4th May.** Procession to start at 11.30 am at ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH Flowers will be provided. Children are requested but not required to be in white dress/shirt. FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW AFTER MASS AT PMR1. For further details please phone Jun Relunia 0419-233-643

Permanent Diaconate Information Session: 11 May

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at the IFM Blacktown on 11 May 2019 from 10am to 12pm. For further information, visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or

Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769.

Thank you to Fr Joe and all parishioners for the last 2 years and 9 months but especially for the last two months since my ordination as a Deacon.

Your support and prayers has been a great source of strength for me during this time. I enjoyed my ministry at St Nicholas of Myra and I trust that my contribution was fruitful to you as well.

My next appointment is at Parramatta Cathedral from Monday April 29th. We will continue to pray for each other and work in the Lord's field.

Deacon Roderick



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARIA NYSS

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 May, July, September, November.
- ♦ Edinglassie Lodge 10.30 am 1st Tuesday in June, August, October, December

THIS WEEK AT ST NICHOLAS Monday 29 April St Catherine of Siena Tuesday 30th 10.30 am : Legion of Mary (PMR1) 11.30 am : AA Meeting (Hall) 7 pm Prayer Meeting (Hall) Wednesday 1st May 10 am : Young at Heart Morning Tea Thursday 2nd St Athanasius 7 pm Liturgical Ministry Formation Course (PMR1) Friday 3rd Sts Philip and James Saturday 4th Healing Mass at 9 am Sunday 5th May 4 pm Series on the Bible and the Virgin Mary (PMR1)

PARISH OUTREACH

Sacramental Program : First Holy Communion 2019

Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program **must attend an information session**, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on **Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7.00pm.** Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

To be eligible for First Holy Communion, children must be in year 4 or above. They must be baptised and have made their First Reconciliation.

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Join us for this exciting Journey through Holy Scripture There will be video presentations followed by discussion,

questions and prayer. When : Starts on Sunday 5th May at 4 pm at St Nicholas of Myra in PMR1 The series will be on each Sunday for six weeks. For more information contact Craig or Rose Walsh on 0428 284 568

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 John & Joan McSpadden at 3 Timgalen Avenue, Penrith

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.

Parish Roster 4/5 May 2019

Vigil : Acolytes :	R Howard, C Pemberton			
Altar Servers :	G Nemadic			
Comm. Rep : C Limjap	Reader : P Sequeira			
Eucharist Ministers:	I Bentham, F Keuneman, K Pemberton			
7 am : Acolytes :	J Sweeney			
Altar Server :	G Grady			
Comm.Rep : A Johnson Reader: J French				
Eucharist Ministers :	S Sweeney, A Yuzon			
8.30 am : Acolytes : J Relunia, M Tolentino				
Altar Servers :	P & M Lufe, M Tickner			
Comm. Rep : F Jackson Reader : S Von Bock				
Eucharist Ministers :	Y Baccan, R Bryan, G Burns, E Isaaks,			
B Keavy, P Morson, P Wheller				
10 am : Acolytes :	J Simeon, R Wood			
Altar Servers :	A D'Costa, A Byju			
Comm. Rep : P Samuelu Reader : O Kiss				
Eucharist Ministers :	N Perera, M Stynes, M Vella			

6 pm : Acolytes : S Aish, D Cocksedge Altar Servers : A Aish Comm. Rep : K Smith Reader : C D'Mello **Please pray for** Lawrence Fernandez and Joseph Fernandez who died recently and for Allan Baskett and Michael Hagarty whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Peggy Dowling, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Maria Kukac, Reg Levinge, Charlie Magro, Lesley Nelson, John Nettar, Jaime Tuite, Norah & Bernard Wilding and Souls in Purgatory.

Please pray for sick : John Daniel, Darren Gallagher, Milly Gallagher, Jane McCann, Rita O'Malley, Amani Nemattala and Anthony Pace.

Last one week, our parish community went through the special liturgical times of the Church. We experienced very special celebrations and prayerful moments. Many of our Parishioners worked so hard to make this happen. It would be hard to list all of their names here; however, there are some groups we need to mention.

- Our Parish Liturgy team who planned the liturgies during the lent and holy week.
- Our parish youth, this year spent many evenings of Sundays preparing the enactment of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. We thank them for helping us to mediate the last hours of Jesus.
- Without the music of the faith, which many groups bring us, we surely confess that the season would be something far less meaningful than it is. We are so blessed to have so many people who have been and continue to be prepared to offer us their gifts to enrich our celebrations with music throughout the year.
- We also need to acknowledge our Acolytes, Altar servers/senior servers, AV operators, Banner group, Altar ladies, RCIA Co-ordinators and team, Hospitality, Readers/ Commentators and Wardens who are integral part to make our celebration more meaningful and a grace-filled one.
- There are others who were behind the scenes and in this regard we need to mention our Parish staff and the support offered to them by liturgy group and other members of our Parish community.

It is all of us who make this community a place of worship. You are the people of God who make this community the living Body of Christ. Thank you to one and all for your support, presence and contribution. May God continue to Bless you All.



Fr Joe Manjaly MS Parish Priest



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