

# St Nícholas of Myra Catholic Parish



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 11th August 2019

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#### **Parish Priest Corner**

Dear friends in Christ,



Our parish is a very multicultural community and for many of us this is like their own home. They support our parish with their time, talent and stewardship. I am so humbled with your commitment and generosity. Many of you who are supporting the parish through planned giving have already collected their new envelopes. But there are still a few more left to be collected from the foyer. We have more than 1500 faithful come over to our Church on weekends to partake in the Eucharistic celebration. We are trying to make our community more vibrant and welcoming. The parish continues to serve everyone and show God's love and mercy and this is possible only with everyone's support. All of our parish facility's maintenance and the salary of the staff are met with your generous donations.

Perhaps some of you may not be aware why we need strong stewardship. The parish has many weekly/ fortnightly expenses to take care. Some expenses are small, others are big. For example; many of you are aware that our Church has been leaking during the heavy rain. This is due to the aging of the roof. The roof of the church is 55 years old and most of its parts are rusted. Experts advised us to replace the whole roof to treat the leaking. As a result, the financial council together with Fr. Matthew, the former Parish priest decided to replace the roof in 5 stages in which two are completed now. Each stage cost us more than \$45000.00. The cost of running and maintaining our parish building and community is steadily increasing year by year. However, our stewardship collection continues to decrease every week. I know it is a hard time for many and the only way we can improve our situations is trying to save here and there a little bit and that will make a difference in our stewardship. Let us pray together and see how we can we improve this situation. I request your continued support and if you have any suggestions please let me know. The words of St. Paul to his Corinthian Christians as they faced a similar situation is important to remember. He said that each one must give as he/she has decided in his/her heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 6-7).

May God continue to bless us all.!

Fr. Joe Manjaly

# PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

# **Plenary Council 2020:**

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: <a href="https://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports">www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports</a>

# **Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses**

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission (Downstairs Hall). NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory. Please contact 02 8838 3456.

Please pray for Babu Abraham and Noni McAneney who died recently and for Leonard Cobden, Alexander Donaldson, Ken Foy, June Gale, Kerrie Gaudry, Antonio Ieraci, Jose Kuzhinjaliil, Sam Rees, Anita Rejuso, Osmeno Rejuso, Manuela Uy, Helena Wojciechowicz whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Mary & Andrew Azzopardi, Dennis Bryant, Peggy Dowling, Saviour & Carmela Ellul, Enrique Esmayor, Tania Felice, Godfrey Gomez, Peter & Frances Hendry, Maria Kukac, Reg Levinge, Mauro Mariano, John Nettar, Lolita Nogoy and Norah & Bernard Wilding.

Please pray for sick: Maya Betar, Charlie Camenzuli, John Daniel, Darren Gallagher, Milly Gallagher, Louise Goderic, Jane McCann, Amani Nemattala, Anthony Pace, Joan Renshaw, Denise Ryman and Harry Slaughter.

### **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 January, March, May, July, Sept, November
- ♦ Edinglassie Lodge 10.30 am 1st Tuesday in Feb, April, June, August, October, December

Charismatic Healing Mass: Please note that Mass will actually start at 2pm, followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry. Celebrant Fr. Hugh Thomas SccR,, Sunday 18 August 2019, 2:00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All are welcome!

# **Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day: 18 August**

"Come and See Day" at the Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 18 August is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. The open day provides single men considering a priestly vocation, with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10am, followed by talks, a tour, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP is essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org or 0420 310 771 by Thursday 15th August 2019.

An Afternoon for Families - Sunday, 18th August 11 am to 3 pm at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa You and your family are invited to our August Covenant Sunday celebration, which is being led by one of the Schoenstatt family groups. Take some time out for your family in a beautiful environment. The full program is as follows but you are welcome at any time.

- 11am Mass in the Family Hall
- 12pm Process to the Shrine to renew our devotion to Our Lady
- 12.15pm Meet other families over a coffee and bring a picnic lunch for your family. Eat, walk, play, pray, enjoy...time for you!
- 1.15pm An input for the adults on the topic of holiness in the family. Activities for the children
- 2pm Family prayer and devotion at the Shrine
- 2.30pm Real coffee and afternoon tea.

We'd love to see you there to meet your family and have you meet ours. All noisy and crazy families are welcome:) No RSVP needed. If you need more info feel free to email families@schoenstatt.org.au

# **Prayer Groups**

- \* Prayer Meeting please see the church notice boards for dates and times.
- \* **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** see church notice Board for dates and times 47 334274 (John & Helen).
- Community of Risen Christ Prayer Meetings
   Please phone Steffi and Parry 0436 395 763 or 4736 2311.
- \* Rosary Statue is at the home of Michael & Vicki Taylor at 81 Elizabeth Cresceynt, Kingswood.

# PARISH OUTREACH

# St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

Sacramental Program

# **Confirmation 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 13th August 2019 at 7.00pm.

Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

To be eligible for Confirmation, children must be in year 5 or above. They must be baptised and have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

# THIS WEEK AT ST NICHOLAS

**Tuesday 13th August** 

10.30 am : Legion of Mary (PMR1) 11.30 am : AA Meeting (Hall)

7 pm Prayer Meeting (Hall) (2nd & last Tuesdays)
Wednesday 14th St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Thursday 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary Holy Day of Obligation

# Parish Roster 17/18 August 2019

Vigil : Acolytes :R Howard, B ScottAltar Servers :D & J LestalComm. Rep : J HoganReader : I Bentham

**Eucharist Ministers:** A Calub, N Calub, F Keuneman

Music: AMEN Choir AV: T & M Perera

7 am : Acolytes : A Ruzgas
Altar Server : G Grady
Comm.Rep : S Paterson
Eucharist Ministers : L Davie, J McSpadden

AV: N Davie

**8.30 am**: Acolytes: J Jordan Altar Servers: E Benny

Comm. Rep : S Von Bock Reader : P Nematella

**Eucharist Ministers :** Y Baccan, B Brainwood, R Bryan,

G Burns, U Gomez, E Isaaks, B Keavy

Music: J Mizzi

AV: Nicole

10 am: Acolytes: J Simeon

Altar Servers : David Dawson, R Idris, V Sebi

Comm. Rep: D Dawson Reader: O Kiss

Eucharist Ministers: M Gutierrez, M Knox, J Vella

Music : BNP Chapter AV: R Wilson

**6 pm** : Acolytes : V Graham, M Tolentino

Altar Servers : T Keane

**Comm. Rep :** F Jackson **Reader :** N Joseph

**Eucharist Minsters**: C Clark, K Wrightson, D Streher

Music : A Catt AV : V Rodrigues

**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 and

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

Altar Society Roster for the next 6 months is now ready for collection in the Sacristy.

Thank you.

The youth group of St Nicholas is holding a Father's Day breakfast on Sunday 1st September, before the 10am Mass.

More details to come.

Hope to see you all there.

# August 15th : Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

As part of the commemoration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be extra Masses at

9.30 am, 12.10 pm and 7 pm.

At 6.30 pm, a rosary procession commencing from the grotto of Mother Mary will be held around the church grounds with the final mystery to be held inside the church. The congregation in attendance are requested to bring their icons and statues of the Blessed Virgin which will form part of the special blessing at the end of the rosary procession.



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