



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C  
18th August 2019

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**Parish Emergency Number 4732 3039**

## 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.

## Parish Schools :

St Nicholas Primary Principal : Ms Anita Knezevic  
4752 3300

St Mary Mackillop Primary Principal : Mr Scott Buchan  
4724 3200

Ina & Norm Heffernan - RCIA Coordinators :  
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## *Bishop's collection for retired and sick clergy*

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, An annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$195,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year, the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of August 31- September 1.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at [csfparra.org.au](http://csfparra.org.au) using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name. You can send an e-mail to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your details so receipts can be sent. We usually do this in January.

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## **Becoming a Catholic - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process whereby adults enter the Catholic Church. RCIA classes are held weekly and over the course of several months. Those who attend the RCIA classes are educated on what the Catholic Church teaches. Members in the program are given the opportunity to ask questions about those teachings.

The RCIA is a communal process and involves a number of stages punctuated by liturgical rites to aid and assist the potential convert toward the final rite, usually at the Easter Vigil at which time they will become full members of the Roman Catholic Church.

This program is open to any adult who 1) is interested in becoming a Catholic, 2) is in need of receiving any one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, 3) wishes to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, or 4) has been away from the Church and wants to return and/or just wants to learn more about the teachings of the Church.

Please contact RCIA Coordinators: [inanorm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:inanorm@optusnet.com.au) Ph: 02 47321751 for more information.



## PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### CatholicCare Bereavement Support Program: 8 August – 19 September

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is starting a bereavement support program for those whose spouse has died. The programme will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am to 12midday from 8 August to 19 September at Mackillop Hall, Granville. An Information session will be held on Thursday 1 August at 10am. For more information, call Rita at Solo Parent Services on 02 8843 2575.

### IFM Reflective Ministry Program: 20 August

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program – Component 2 starts on August 20. This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of the Catholic communities. Go to [ifm.org.au](http://ifm.org.au) for more information and registration, or contact the IFM team on 02 9296 6369.

**Please pray for Arlene Marmita, Noni McAneney and Paulo Taufu who died recently and for Elizabeth Aplacador, George Attard, Rodolfo Calub, Jean Culhane, Bina D'Silva, Natalie D'Souza, Grant McLean, Gwen Nunn and Helena Wojciechowicz whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Alison & Noel Aguiar, Mary Armstrong, Aurelia Bernardo, Dennis Bryant, Mary D'Vaz, Peggy Dowling, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Maria Kukac, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, Portelli family, Agnes Ramos, Alfonso Salgado Senior and Junior, 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.

### THIS WEEK AT ST NICHOLAS

#### Tuesday 20th August St Bernanrd

10.30 am : Legion of Mary (PMR1)

11.30 am : AA Meeting (Hall)

7 pm Prayer Meeting (Hall) (2nd & last Tuesdays)

#### Wednesday 21st St Pius X

Thursday 15th Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 24th St Bartholomew

### 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. It is a whole-day event which is 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](mailto:johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org) or 0420 310 771 by Thursday 15th August 2019.

### Discovering Global Mission



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### Palms Meet and Greet:

**Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30am**

**The Heritage Terrace Café**

**Westfield**

**585 High St, PENRITH**

**Can't commit long-term? Try a 2-week Encounter Tour:**

**[www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters)**

### 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.

## PARISH OUTREACH

### 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. There are still few more left to be collected. 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 staffs are met with your generous donations.

Perhaps some of you may not be aware of why we need a strong stewardship. The parish has many weekly/fortnightly expenses to cover. Some expenses are small, while others are big. For example; many of you are aware that our Church has been leaking during the heavy rain and it is due to the aging of the roof. The roof of the church has been 55 years old and most of its parts 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 our stewardship. I depend on 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 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



### Weekend Masses

**Saturday** 6.00pm Vigil  
**Sunday** 7.00am 8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm  
**Healing Mass** 9 am 1st Saturday of month  
**Filipino Mass** 11.00 am 1st Saturday of month

### Weekday Masses

**Monday** 9.30 am  
**Tuesday** 6.45 am & 9.30 am  
**Wednesday** 9.30 am & 7 pm  
**Thursday** 9.30 am  
**Friday** 6.45 am & 12.10 pm  
**Saturday** 9.00 am

### Parish Roster 24/25 August 2019

**Vigil : Acolytes :** H McCann, D Wellfare  
**Altar Servers :** L & R Smee  
**Comm. Rep :** C Limjap **Reader :** S Sequeira  
**Eucharist Ministers:** I Bentham, K Pemberton, M Svehla  
**Music :** Allan Linga **AV :** T & M Perera

**7 am : Acolytes :** J Sweeney  
**Altar Server :**  
**Comm.Rep :** Allison Johnson **Reader:** Y Baccan  
**Eucharist Ministers :** L Davie, S Sweeney  
**AV :** B Rees

**8.30 am : Acolytes :** C Walsh, R Wood  
**Altar Servers :** A & L Joseph  
**Comm. Rep :** S Von Bock **Reader :** R Walsh  
**Eucharist Ministers :** B Brainwood, R Bryan, G Burns,  
 E Isaaks, B Keavy, D Streher, H O'Connor  
**Music :** Scott **AV :** Olivia

**10 am : Acolytes :** J Tabone  
**Altar Servers :** J & H Jacobs, A Byju  
**Comm. Rep :** Alan Johnson **Reader :** P Samuelu  
**Eucharist Ministers :** A Alimangoha, M Gutierrez, C Vella  
**Music :** Br David **AV:** Jedd Kosman

**6 pm : Acolytes :** D Cocksedge  
**Altar Servers :** X Whalen  
**Comm. Rep :** N Joseph **Reader :** F Jackson  
**Eucharist Minsters :** C D'Mello, C Clark, D Lee  
**Music :** S Gaudry **AV :** S Shahoud

⇒ **Children's Liturgy is held during 10 am Mass each Sunday of school terms.**

**A meeting will be held for those who are interested in helping, on Wednesday 21st August in PMR1 at 7 pm.**

⇒ **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.**

⇒ **Altar Society Roster for the next 6 months is now ready for collection in the Sacristy. Thank you.**



Let us welcome Jacinta Paulo as our new Office Manager. Please make her feel at home in our community and parish office.



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