



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
8th September 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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Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more than Jesus*. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

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Happy 14th Ordination

Anniversary (8th September)

Fr Joe and Fr Jobi.

God's Blessings always.

Weekday Masses

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-32

PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Adult Confirmation: 10 September

Adult Confirmation for 2019 will be held on 10 September at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 7.30pm. A Catechesis Day for Adult Confirmation will be held on Saturday 31

August from 9.30am to 2pm. Any adult over 16 years wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information or contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or mary-louise.walsh@parracatholic.org

Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Ongoing Formation: 14 September

The Office for Worship is organising a formation day for those already involved in the ministry, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and the Dying on Saturday 14 September at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, from 9:30am until 2pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 10 September. To RSVP, please contact the Office for Worship team on anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456.

Catherine McAuley, Westmead 50 year Reunion on 22nd September, 2019. Did you commence Year 7 at this school in 1966 and completed your School Certificate in 1969. Please contact Vicky 0452 399 924.

THIS WEEK AT ST NICHOLAS

Tuesday 10th September

10.30 am : Legion of Mary (PMR1)

11.30 am : AA Meeting (Hall)

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

Friday 13th St John Chrysostom

Saturday 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Please pray for *Enrico Alcantara, Valerie Aurish, Jammie Brown, Vincent Shea and John Xiberras (Antonitte Buttigieg's dad) who died recently and Boleslawa Gwiazda, Payappan Kiochappy, Paul Landrigan, Noel Langan, Ron Mulock, James O'Brien and Raymond Stynes whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Mary Armstrong, Dennis Bryant, Da Costa & Moniz families, Peggy Dowling, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Maria Kukac, Reg Levinge, John Nettar, Betty Tabone, Helena Tamayo-Gaddi, Lina, Norah & Bernard Wilding and Holy Souls in Purgatory.*

Please pray for sick : *Maya Betar, Charlie Camenzuli, John Daniel, Catherine Dougall, Darren Gallagher, Milly Gallagher, Louise Goderic, Maria James, Jane McCann, Amani Nemattala, Anthony Pace, Chris Pemberton, Joan Renshaw, Terry Ryan, Michael Sealy, Denise Ryman and Harry Slaughtor.*

A "Big Thank You" to the Youth of our parish for preparing an excellent breakfast on Fathers' Day.

Child Protection Sunday 8th September, 2019

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Priests last weekend. For those who were unable to contribute, some envelopes are available in the Church or foyer. They may be sent directly to the Foundation or placed on the collection plate. If you wish you can make online contributions at 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, and send an e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so we can send a receipt.

Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2020. Thank you for your generosity.

Christian Life Program

Are you seeking to have a renewed understanding of God's call to you as a Christian couple? Are you searching to be in fellowship with others who share the same faith and journey towards strengthening the Christian family? Couples for Christ Australia cordially invites you to a 7-Sunday Christian Life Program starting on : 8 September 2019, 1.30-4.30 pm St Nicholas Church Hall, 326 High Street, Penrith For enquiries/registrations, please contact Earl Kabling 0468 929 119 or Gilbert Jadraque 0403 007 336 or Benjie Santiago 0404 856 667.



WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY?

Good deeds will live beyond your lifetime with a gift in Will to your parish and faith community. After providing for your family and loved ones, please consider sharing God's blessings with future generations.

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For information on remembering your family in Christ in your Will please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

PARISH OUTREACH

Young at Heart Bus Trip

16 October 2019, 8.30am

Visiting Blackheath Catholic Church

Mass with Bob Sheridan at 11.30am

Lunch, coffee and tea included

Cost: \$30

Contact the Parish Office for more information.



The Australian Devotees of Our Lady of Penafrancia are inviting the parishioners to the Feast on Saturday 21st Sept, 2019.

St Nicholas of Myra Church

9:00 am - Novena

9:30 am - Concelebrated Mass

Main Celebrant Bishop Vincent Long

Fluvial Procession on Nepean River

11:45 am - Assembly at Tench Reserve Jetty

12:00 pm -12:40 pm - Fluvial Procession


Free Lunch Program and Entertainment

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Factory Rd Reserve, Factory Rd, Jamisontown


Please join us in the celebration with your family and friends.

VIVA LA VIRGEN



Is God giving you a nudge?

Do you have questions about what is involved in becoming a Catholic?



If you answered **YES** to these questions, and would like them answered, we invite you to join the RCIA team for coffee or tea and bring your questions with you.

Monday 16th September

PMR1

St Nicholas of Myra

7.30pm

This evening is an informal opportunity to come and ask your questions about Catholicism and Catholic spirituality within the community.

For more information: Ina & Norman Heffernan
4732 1750
inanorm@optusnet.com.au

Seeking nominations for the Diocesan Honours and Awards

These recognitions seek to encourage and recognise outstanding contribution and service by members of the Parramatta Diocesan community to work on behalf of the Catholic Church and Society.

If you have someone in mind, please contact the Parish office. Nominations should remain confidential.

Parish Roster 14/15 September

Vigil : Acolytes :	J Buttigieg, R Howard
Altar Servers :	L & R Smee
Comm. Rep : I Bentham	Reader : K Smith
Eucharist Ministers:	F Keuneman, K Pemberton, M Svehla
Music : Amen Choir	AV : T & M Perera
7 am : Acolytes :	J Sweeney
Altar Server :	G Grady
Comm.Rep : Y Bacchan	Reader: J French
Eucharist Ministers :	J McSpadden, S Sweeney
	AV : N Davie
8.30 am : Acolytes :	J Jordan, J Relunia
Altar Servers :	E & L Loughland-Larsen
Comm. Rep : S Von Bock	Reader : P Nemetalla
Eucharist Ministers :	Y Bacchan, B Brainwood, R Bryan,
	U Gomez, E Isaaks, H Wakeling, H O'Connor
Music : J Mizzi	AV : Nicole
10 am : Acolytes :	J Simeon
Altar Servers :	W Ezekiel, M Johnson
Comm. Rep : M Varua	Reader : P Sequeria
Eucharist Ministers :	AAlimangoha, M Knox, J Vella
Music : BNP Chapter	AV: R Wilson
6 pm : Acolytes :	V Graham,
Altar Servers :	T Keane
Comm. Rep : N Joseph	Reader : C D'Mello
Eucharist Minsters :	C Clark, D Lee, K Wrightson
Music : A Catt	AV : V Rodrigues

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

Prayer Groups

- * **Prayer Meetings** 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** will be in the home of Margaret Donnelley at 165 Evan Street, Penrith



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