



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

3rd Sunday in Advent : Year A
15th December 2019



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MASS & LITURGY TIMES

Saturday

Mass	9.00am
Healing Mass	9.00am (1st Sat of the month)
Reconciliation	9.30am-10.30am & 5pm-5.45pm
Adoration	After Saturday Morning Mass
Filipino Mass	11.00am (1st Sat of the month)
Vigil Mass	6.00pm

Sunday

Mass	7.00am, 8.30am
	10.00am (Children's Liturgy during School term)
	6.00pm

Weekday

Monday	9.30am
Tuesday	6.45am 9.30am
Wednesday	9.30 am
	7.00pm (followed by Adoration)
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	6.45am 12.10pm

Baptisms & Marriages by appointment only.
Please contact the Parish Office .

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours 9am - 5 pm
Lunch 1pm - 2pm (*Office closed*)

PARISH STAFF

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Deacon: Wilfredo (Willy) Limjap
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PARISH SCHOOLS

St Nicholas Primary Principal : Ms Anita Knezevic
4752 3300
 St Mary Mackillop Primary Principal : Mr Scott Buchan
4724 3200



THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER | 7.30PM

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

~Matthew 3:1-12

The Nativity of the Lord

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CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2019
6.00pm (Family Mass)
9.00pm Mass
11.30pm (Carols) followed by
Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER 2019
7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am &
6.00pm Masses

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we saw his glory.
John 1:1-18

PARISH OUTREACH

Hospital & Nursing Home Masses

- ◆ **Governor Phillip Manor** 1st Wednesday of each month at 2p.m.
- ◆ **Mountain View Village** 1st Friday of each month at 10a.m.
- ◆ **Nepean Hospital** every Friday at Midday
- ◆ **Summit Care (Jamison Gardens)** 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.30a.m.
- ◆ **Newmarch Nursing Home** 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.30a.m.
- ◆ **Lemongrove Gardens** 10.30 a.m. 1st Tuesday in January, March, May, July, Sept, November
- ◆ **Edinglassie Lodge** 10.30 a.m. 1st Tuesday in Feb, April, June, August, October, December

PARISH OFFICE IN DEC 2019—JAN 2020

The Parish office is closed from the 25th December, 2019— 3rd January, 2020. It will reopen on Monday 6th January with limited staff.

WEEKDAY MASS IN JAN 2020

From Monday to Friday there will only be one weekday Mass at 9.30am. The normal daily Mass schedule will commence on Sat 1st February 2020.

An Advent Lectio Divina will be held on Monday's at 10am. A selected Bible passage asks all present "What does this passage say to you" and you are invited to respond. Come to PMR1 and enjoy the hour. All are welcome to attend.

Please pray for Matthew Edmunds, Bruce Gale, Nimfa Relunia, Constance Enright, Darryl Enright, Stanislaw Gwiazda, Antonio Granada, Joy Bourke, Gerald Barnes, Grace Barnes, Grace McInerney, Ruth Traynor and Anne Heaton **whose anniversaries occur at this time** and for *Maria Kukac, Dennis Bryant, Mary Armstrong, Pearl Levinge, Novah & Bernard Wilding, John Nettar, Peggy Dowling, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Max Silvy, Rufina Cerda, Erin Taylor, Kevin Duncliffe, Carol Ball, Joan Cassidy and Philomeana Ustianowski who passed away recently. May they hear the words of forgiveness and welcome in the glory of heaven. Please pray for the sick: Maya Betar, Charlie Camenzuli, John Daniel, Darren Gallagher, Milly Gallagher, Maria James, Maria Teresa Limbaga, Jane McCann, Amani Nemattala, Fr Peter Njau C.S.Sp, Anthony Pace, Joan Renshaw, Denise Ryman, Michael Sealy, Harry Slaughter, Elizabeth Sutherland, Fidelis Winkle, Denis Woodward, Joe Xuereb, Daniel Young and Kathy Young and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.*

CHERRY PICKING TRIP TO ORANGE

St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, in Penrith, is organizing a Cherry-picking trip to Orange together with the Young at Heart (over 50 s) **on the 18th of December**. The big Bus will leave the parish parking lot at **8 a.m.** and will be back by **5 p.m.** on the same day. The trip will cost \$65.00, Including coffee, lunch at RSL in Orange. Please call the parish office on 47212509 to book your seat. The cost is calculated based on the minimum total of 40 people.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

First Reconciliation 2020

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Nicholas of Myra Parish will be in Term 1 next year.

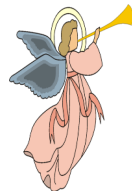
To be eligible for First Reconciliation, children must be in year 3 or above and must be baptised.

Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information meeting, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on

Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 7.00pm.

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

ADOPT A PLANT We invite parishioners to help our garden during this time of water restrictions. If you wish, please choose a plant and bring in some unused water in a bottle to irrigate it upon your visit to Church. Water used to wash vegies or leftover drinking water are examples of 'unused water'. You may adopt any plant you like, there is no need to let the Parish Office know. Any help is appreciated.



Christmas Eve Family Mass

6pm All children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, wise men or Christmas colours, to celebrate our Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm.

SPECIAL ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

This is located in the back Foyer. Please put your name on this Roster, if you are able to take part on either of these Masses.

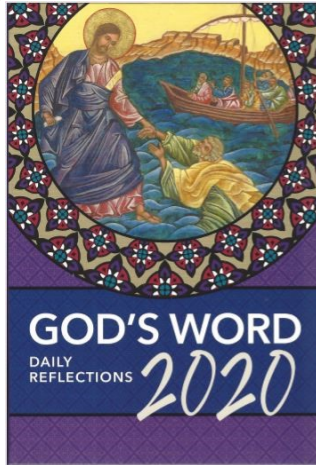
PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCEAN OUTREACH

Catholic Outlook is back!

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook is back. From Sunday 1 December 2019, you can get your own copy of the revised Catholic Outlook which will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via envelopes in the church. Thank you for your donations so far.



A LOVELY GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS!

Gods Word 2020 features daily Mass reading reflections and is a thoughtful gift for yourself or someone you love for 2020. Get yours today at the Piety Store!

Answer the call to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion



More E.M.H.C. are urgently needed! From Feb 2020, Holy Communion will be distributed under both species at the Vigil Mass, 8.30am Mass and the 10am Mass. Because of the additional Masses involved, an increase in the numbers of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be needed. If you feel called to this ministry you are encouraged to attend the course to be run by Sr Mary Louise at St Nicholas of Myra (PMR1) commencing Thursday 13th February, 2020. An enrolment form is available from www.instituteformission.com.au or the Parish Office

PARISH ROSTER 21/22 DECEMBER 2019

[VIGIL] Acolytes :	D. Welfare
Altar Servers :	L. & A. Perera
Comm. Rep : K. Smith	Reader : P. Sequeira
Eucharist Ministers:	R. DeBono, K. Pemberton, M. Svehla
Music : Amen Choir	AV : T & M Perera
[7.00 A.M] Acolytes :	A. Ruzgas
Altar Server :	-
Comm.Rep : J. French	Reader: A. Johnson
Eucharist Ministers :	L. Davie, J. McSpadden
	AV : B. Rees
[8.30 A.M] Acolytes :	J. Jordan & J. Relunia
Altar Servers :	M. & P. Lufe
Comm. Rep : O. Plucinski	Reader : S. Von Bock
Eucharist Ministers :	B. Brainwood, R. Bryan, G. Burns, M. Cobden, H. O'Connor, M. Stynes, P. Wheller
Music : Scott Caroll	AV : Olivia
[10.00 A.M] Acolytes :	J. Simeon
Altar Servers :	B. Powell, J. & L. Wheelahan
Comm. Rep : L. Alimangohan	Reader : E. Sicam
Eucharist Ministers :	A. Alimangohan, M. Gutierrez, D. Streher
Music : CD	AV: Zamanda
[6.00 P.M] Acolytes :	M. Tolentino
Altar Servers :	E. Moniz
Comm. Rep : F. Jackson	Reader : N. Joseph
Eucharist Minsters :	C. Clark, C. D'Mello, D. Lee
Music : CD	AV : S. Shahoud

URGENT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS NEEDED!

The Family Support team at CatholicCare are asking for donations of gifts for their clients (0 – 17 years of age). If you wish to donate, please place gifts inside a Christmas gift bag (please do not wrap) and drop it off at our Penrith office, located in the premises of St. Nicholas of Myra church at 326 High Street, Penrith.

Last date to donate is Monday 16th December, 2019 by 5p.m. Thanking you. CatholicCare Staff (Ph. 8843 2580)

Plenary Council 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020. There are many opportunities to engage in the "Listening and Discernment" phase by participating in small group sessions within the Diocese. Ask you priests or Deanery Representatives for session dates in parishes and deaneries or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

The Epiphany Pilgrimage

The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. Registration and details at epiphanypilgrimage.org and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage

Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again next year, commencing early February 2020. If you are interested, please contact 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org



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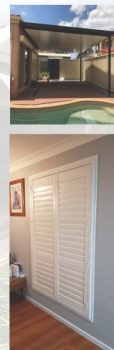
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