



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

4th Sunday in Advent : Year A  
22nd 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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### PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER: 4732 3039

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**Deacon:** Wilfredo (Willy) Limjap  
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### PARISH SCHOOLS

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings of Peace!

As we are getting ready to celebrate Christmas in three days, another year has passed with many events, public and private, touching our lives and those of the people in our parish community. Perhaps we are all in holiday mood, but many might be thinking about the things yet to be done before Christmas; decoration... Christmas cards... baking... dinning... vacation... buying (or making) and wrapping gifts... to be festive.

I am sure 2019, has brought its joys and sadness in different measures to each one of us. In the last few months and weeks our hearts have been aching due to the bad weather and bush fires. My heart goes out to those, who have lost their homes and the loved ones' lives. During this Christmas, may we reflect on the Incarnation as God's invitation to us to see Him in our brothers and sisters who are hurting. Please do remember them in your prayers. Despite all the unfortunate events and things in

life, let us hope for a brighter tomorrow.

The true miracle of Christmas continues to take place in the Bethlehem's of our hearts. In the emptiness of our souls, God forgives us, reassures us, exalts us, elates us, loves us in Jesus. The extraordinary love of God has taken our "flesh" and "made his dwelling among us." In his "Word made flesh," God touches us at the very core of our being, perfectly expressing his constant and unchanging love. Let us all share God's love during these days leading up to Christmas. 'Maranatha' - Come Lord Jesus.



Fr. Joe Manjaly  
(Parish Priest)

### INDIVIDUAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Sat 21 Dec: 9.30am—10.30am & 5—5.45pm  
 Mon 23 Dec: 10.00am—10.30am  
 Tues 24 Dec: 10.00am—11.00am

*The Church is or should go back to being a community of God's people, and priests, pastors and bishops, who have the care of souls, are at the service of the people of God ~Pope Francis*

## 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

### URGENT! 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**

**The last Advent Lectio Divina will be held on Monday 23rd December 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 George Attard, Estela Racelis, Dennis Bryant, Stanislaw Gwiazda, Gerald Barnes, Grace McInerney, Ruth Traynor, Anne Heaton, Tonie Bonello, Jean Cobden, Johana Gutwein, Jonathan Xerri, Bernard & Norah Wilding, Amelia Sarmiento, Narcisa, Egmedio, Magda, John & Dorothy Nierras **whose anniversaries occur at this time** and for Keith Walsh, Maria Kukac, Dennis Bryant, Mary Armstrong, Pearl Levinge, Novah & Bernard Wilding, John Nettar, Peggy Dowling, Tania Felice, Peter & Frances Hendry, Nimfa Relunia, Joseph Goh, Anna Lee, Albert Goh, Anthony Chia, Patronell Crocker, Luke Loo, Pauline Landrigan, Adelaida Lupisan and Nena Sciberras 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, Kathy Young, Catherine Kirk and Faith Green and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

### CHERRY PICKING TRIP TO ORANGE

Unfortunately our trip to Orange was cancelled due to the Bushfires. Those who have paid may present themselves to the Parish office for a refund.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### First Reconciliation 2020

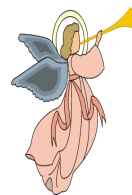
Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Nicholas of Myra Parish will be in Term 1 next year.

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.



### **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.

## *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

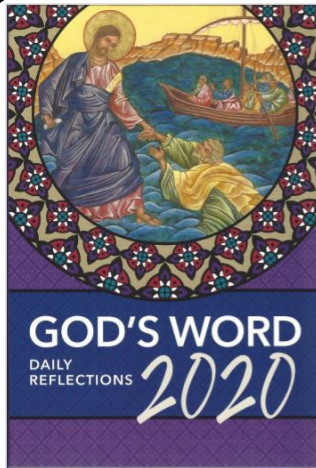
**PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCEAN OUTREACH**

**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.



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Answer the call to become an  
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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](http://www.instituteformission.com.au) or the Parish Office

**PARISH ROSTER 28/29 DECEMBER 2019**

<b>[VIGIL]</b> Acolytes :	J Buttigieg & R Howard
Altar Servers :	G. Nematic
Comm. Rep :	C. Clark
Eucharist Ministers:	Reader : S. Falleiro
Music : Vic & Alana	A. Calub, N. Calub & F. Keuneman
	AV : Joshua
<b>[7.00 A.M]</b> Acolytes :	J. Sweeney
Altar Server :	-
Comm.Rep :	Y. Baccan
Eucharist Ministers :	Reader: S. Paterson
	S. Sweeney, G. Wiggins
	AV : N. Davie
<b>[8.30 A.M]</b> Acolytes :	C. Walsh & R. Wood
Altar Servers :	A. & L. Joseph
Comm. Rep :	O. Plucinski
Eucharist Ministers :	Reader : S. Von Bock
	B. Brainwood, R. Bryan, M. Cobden,
	M. Nyss, H. O'Connor, M. Stynes, P. Wheller
Music : Jeff Mizzi	AV : Tuckers
<b>[10.00 A.M]</b> Acolytes :	J. Tabone
Altar Servers :	W. Ezekiel & J. & H. Jacobs
Comm. Rep :	A. Johnson
Eucharist Ministers :	Reader : J. French
Music : BNP Chapter	P. Samuelu, D. Streher & J. Vella
	AV: U. Gomez
<b>[6.00 P.M]</b> Acolytes :	S. Aish & D. Cocksedge
Altar Servers :	A. Aish
Comm. Rep :	F. Jackson
Eucharist Ministers :	Reader : E. Marshall
Music : CFC	C. D'Mello, D. Lee, K. Wrightson
	AV : S. Alimangohan

**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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL – THANK YOU**

Penrith Conference express sincere thanks to all parishioners that prepared Christmas hampers and volunteers who gave their time to deliver the hampers. Without the assistance of all involved, many of the less fortunate within our community would not have been able to celebrate the Christmas Season. All help was greatly appreciated. God bless—Brian Brainwood [Penrith Conference President]

**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, details at [epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://epiphanypilgrimage.org) and [facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](https://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](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org)



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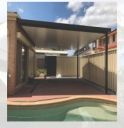
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