



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



2nd Sunday in Advent : Year A  
8th 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
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 -1.30 pm (*Office closed*)

### PARISH STAFF

**Parish Priest:** Fr Joe Manjaly [joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)  
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**Volunteer Admin Support:** Margaret Cobden & Ursula Gomez

**Nepean Hospital Chaplain:** Fr Porathur Joy (PJ)  
**Deacon:** Wilfredo (Willy) Limjap  
**RCIA Coordinators:** Ina & Norm Heffernan  
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 Ph: 4732 1751

### PARISH SCHOOLS

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

## HAPPY FEAST DAY TO ALL!

A Festive Mass celebrating our Patron Saint—St Nicholas of Myra will be taking place on Sunday 8 December at 10am with a morning tea to follow.

St Nicholas, Bishop | 06 December

Died in the fourth century. Bishop of Myra (Turkey) but nothing more is known about his life. Since the tenth century, widely venerated and frequently claimed as a patron in both East and West. His cult in the West was further ensured when his relics were moved from Myra to Bari (Italy) in the eleventh century. Remembered because his reputation for generosity led to the custom of giving children gifts on his feast day, and thus to the Christmas figure of Santa Claus.



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## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019

### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Thursday 19 December at 7.30pm

### Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 December

6.00pm (Family Mass)

9.00pm Mass

11.30pm (Carols) followed by Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December

7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

*Christmas Mass and Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting: [www.parracatholic.org.au](http://www.parracatholic.org.au)*



If one has the answers to all the questions - that is the proof that God is not with him. It means that he is a false prophet using religion for himself. The great leaders of the people of God, like Moses, have always left room for doubt. You must leave room for the Lord, not for our certainties; we must be humble

**Pope Francis**

## PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN 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

### 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.**



### **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.

**An Advent Lectio Divina will be held on Monday's at 10am led by Margaret Edmunds and Thursday's at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.**

**Please pray for Frank Mintoff, Joseph Mintoff, Matthew Edmunds, Max Silvy, Trevor Ross, Bruce Gale, Terry Cuttall, Nimfa Relunia, John Nettar, William & Kathleen Duckworth & Max Gale whose anniversaries occur at this time and for Nuhad, John Xiberras, Arthur Tipping, Andrew Dollin, Marie Claire (Miquette) Clement & Joan Cassidy (funeral on Wed 11 Dec at 1.30pm) who passed away recently. *May they hear the words of forgiveness and welcome in the glory of heaven.***

**Please pray for 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.*  
**We give thanks for** *Maria Junge's brother Paul who who was anointed whilst in ICU and has now recovered.*

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS DELIVERERS NEEDED ON SAT 14 DEC, 8.30AM**

The Penrith Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your generous donations of hampers and now invites parishioners to assist in delivering hampers on Saturday 14 December. If you can donate an hour of your time between 8.30am—11.30am it will be greatly appreciated.



### **PENRITH FAMILY SUPPORT CHRISTMAS PRESENT DRIVE**

The Family Support team at CatholicCare are accepting 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 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 by 5p.m.**

**Thanking you. CatholicCare Staff (Ph. 8843 2580)**



### **WELCOME TO THE TEAM!**

We welcome to the Parish Team Mary Gale who is our new Sacramental Coordinator. We also welcome Margaret Cobden and Ursula Gomez who will generously give their time as Volunteer Admin Support. Please make them feel very welcome in our wonderful parish.

### **Meeting Highlights of Acolytes, senior servers, Extraordinary ministers of communion, word and commentators:**

- ◆ Communion in both species to start from February 2020 for 6 p.m Vigil and 10 a.m Masses.
- ◆ Need for new ministers for communion and new ministers at the altar.
- ◆ Finding replacement if not able to come for the rostered Masses.
- ◆ Yearly social gathering for Ministers- day outing, barbeque etc.
- ◆ More involvement for taking communion to home bound and sick.
- ◆ Appropriate dress code to observe when come to distribute communion or read during Mass.
- ◆ In case of emergency arise during services maintaining calmness.

## PARISH OUTREACH

**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 18<sup>th</sup> of December and 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.**



Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world. Dorothy Makasa, our Catholic Mission speaker really enjoyed sharing the story of St Stan at the parish last month. Total amount raised at St Nicholas of Myra: **\$6,871.80**. Thank you for your generosity!

### PARISH ROSTER 14/15 DECEMBER 2019

<b>[VIGIL] Acolytes :</b>	R. Howard, B. Scott
<b>Altar Servers :</b>	L. & R. Smee
<b>Comm. Rep :</b>	C. Limjap
<b>Eucharist Ministers:</b>	Reader : K. Smith I. Bentham, M. Svehla, K. Pemberton
<b>Music :</b>	Amen Choir AV : T & M Perera
<b>[7.00 A.M] Acolytes :</b>	D. Wiggins
<b>Altar Server :</b>	G. Grady
<b>Comm.Rep :</b>	S. Paterson
<b>Eucharist Ministers :</b>	Reader: H. Ryan G. Wiggins, J. McSpadden AV : N. Davie
<b>[8.30 A.M] Acolytes :</b>	C. Walsh, R. Wood
<b>Altar Servers :</b>	M. Tickner
<b>Comm. Rep :</b>	S. VonBock
<b>Eucharist Ministers :</b>	Reader : J. Musa H. Wakeling, R. Bryan, G. Burns, U. Gomez, M. Nyss, M. Stynes, P. Wheller
<b>Music :</b>	Jeffrey Mizzi AV : Olivia
<b>[10.00 A.M] Acolytes :</b>	J. Tabone
<b>Altar Servers :</b>	A, DCosta, K. Ross, S. Perera
<b>Comm. Rep :</b>	P. Sequeira
<b>Eucharist Ministers :</b>	Reader : L. Alimangohan A. Alimangohan, M. Gutierrez, C. Vella
<b>Music :</b>	BNP AV: R. Wilson
<b>[6.00 P.M] Acolytes :</b>	S. Aish, V. Graham
<b>Altar Servers :</b>	T. Keane
<b>Comm. Rep :</b>	N. Joseph
<b>Eucharist Ministers :</b>	Reader : C. Clark D. Lee, D. Streher, K. Wrightson
<b>Music :</b>	Adrian Catt AV : V. Rodrigues

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Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



### BISHOPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you so much for your generous support last weekend of our Bishop's Christmas Appeal, supporting vulnerable people and families in crisis in our Diocese. Our Parish quota is \$13,800 to the Parramatta Catholic Foundation which we have not reached just yet. These funds will help CatholicCare to connect people with the support and services they need to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures.

For those of you who may not have had a chance to support this vital Diocesan ministry, please fill out a giving envelope on the pew and place your gift in one of today's collections. All gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible and will be receipted according to your details provided.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course the Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses from February to April for those who are interested. There is no cost for these courses, which will be offered at two locations.

#### St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith: Parish Meeting Room 1 Thursdays at 7pm

- 13th February: Compulsory Introduction Session.
- 20th & 27th February: Ministers of the Word.
- 5th March: Safe Ministry Training.
- 19th & 26th March: Ministers of Communion.
- 4th April: Communion to the Sick & Dying.
- 11th April: Safe Ministry Training
- 30th April & 7th May: Ministers at the Altar.

\* If you wish to complete Communion to the Sick & Dying, you must attend the Ministers of Communion Session first.

\*\* If you wish to become a Minister at the Altar, you must attend all sessions.

Deadline for enrolments: 1st February.

**Download an enrolment form at:**  
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