



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

15 March 2020



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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
	6.00pm

### Weekday

Monday	9.30am	
Tuesday	6.45am	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30 am	
	7.00pm (Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena)	
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 – 1.30pm (Office closed)

### PARISH STAFF

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### PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER: 4732 3039

**Nepean Hospital Chaplain:** Fr Porathur Joy (PJ)  
**Deacon:** Wilfredo (Willy) Limjap  
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[inanorm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:inanorm@optusnet.com.au)  
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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 Jesus Christ,

Thanks a lot for all your prayers for the Holy Land trip. 43 of our Parishioners has such a wonderful spiritual experience being in the holy places of Holy Land. Our first Holy site after landing to Israel was "The Stella Maris Monastery" in Haifa on the slope of Mount Carmel and on the side with a splendid view of the Mediterranean Sea. The trip ended with the visit of Jacob's Well in Samaria, where Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for a drink and offered her "living water". This is one of the most authentic sites in the Holy Land since no one can move a well that was originally more than 40 meters deep. The encounter of Jesus with a Samaritan woman is of great importance in Jesus' mission to the world. Through this encounter Jesus gives clear indication of inclusiveness of everyone to the kingdom of God. Here Jesus breaks open boundaries in his conversation with the Samaritan woman: the boundary between male and female, between 'chosen' People and 'rejected people'. The very journey of Jesus to Samaria and his dialogue with the woman displays that the grace of God that he offers is available to all who listens to Him.

### JACOB'S WELL



As many of you are aware that the whole world is going through very hard time due to the outbreak of COVID- 19. It is imperative that we be careful and cautious but not to panic. As a community of believers, we have greater responsibility to pray to God for mercy and at the same time to do everything possible to make this Pandemic to stop spreading. We see in the bible when Jesus was tricked by Pharisees about paying Taxes, He said to them "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's". It is an Indication that we have to listen to our Govt and authorities—we all play a part and should follow the instructions of the Govt and Health authorities during this time to keep us safe and protected. You may have noticed as a result of these instructions from the State and Church authorities, in our parish community we have stopped giving communion on the tongue and removed 'Holy Water' for our own safety and for the safety of others. I know this can disturb some in their spiritual life, but do not forget that we are God's children who are called to love and care for each other. I encourage all of you to keep in our prayer intentions and celebration of Mass to remember those people who are affected by this virus and asking God to help us in this desperate time. I hope and pray that we all be safe and look after each other. May God continue to bless you unceasingly during this season of Lent.

✍ Fr. Joe Manjaly  
Parish Priest

**GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL—PLEASE TAKE HOME  
AN ENVELOPE & RETURN IT NEXT WEEKEND**



## PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCEAN 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.
- ◆ **Edinglassie Lodge** 10.30 a.m. 1st Tuesday in March, May, July, Sept, November
- ◆ **Lemongrove Gardens** 10.30 a.m. 1st Tuesday in Feb, April, June, August, October, December

### Stations of the Cross

**"Outdoor Stations of the Cross for Cancer Survivors and Cancer patients on Friday 3rd April at 7 pm at St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, 326 High Street, Penrith".**

**People who have been diagnosed with cancer go through such terror and despair are much like what Jesus felt when he was sentenced to die on the cross.**

Dear friends, as we all know cancer is a deadly sickness that took many of our friends' lives and perhaps our own family members. We are grateful to Our Lord for those who survived. Once I heard from someone say that "Cancer is as close as you can get to Jesus walking to his death on the cross".

During this station we will give thanks to the Lord with the survivors and remember your family or friends whom you have lost due to cancer. You can bring a small cross/candle or join us to carry the BIG wooden cross in remembrance of your loved ones. We look forward to welcome you.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY RECENTLY DECEASED

Fausta Da Costa, Emmanuel (Bill) Hili, Albert Palmer, Colleen Schneider and Sr Maria Alipia Vella.

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Armstrong, Garry Cleary, Evelyn & Claude Fernandez, Macario Fronda, Matthew Jacka, Elisa Galon, Jerjees Fatohe Michael. Angelo Muscat, Balbino Porteria, Robert Ross, Mercedes Ragaza, Alejandra Sabal, Jose Al Simeon, Genaro Suratos, and Gerald & Carmela Sultana.

### DECEASED

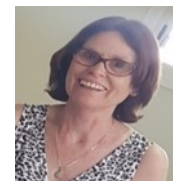
Avelino Bhundoo, Felicitas Cinco Castillo, Jose A DeGuzman, Godfrey Gomez, Tania Felice, Jim Fullerton, John Nettar, Phyllis, Tess Verbesey, Bernard and Norah Wilding and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

### SICK

Alison Johnson, Miri Galich, Alessandro Gutierrez, Arlene Sucaldito, Amado Mendoza, Daniel Varlow, Jane McCann, Felicity Godbrie, Catherine Kirk, Arly Vitello, Maria James, Harry Slaughter, Sean Pender, Daphne Paris, Lynette and Brian Brainwood.

## INTRODUCING MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

My name is **Sharon Clarke** and my family has been part of the St Nicholas community since 1992. I am married with a beautiful family. I have worked for the past 22 years in Catholic Education Parramatta, with the past 17 at Penola College formerly McCarthy Catholic College Emu Plains. During my time in the Parish I have been actively involved in various ministries over the years but the one most dear to my heart is the Baptisms on a Sunday which I have been helping with for over 15 years. Welcoming new families into our community and to see these little children become part of this wonderful faith family is just so rewarding. I have also been a sponsor to 4 candidates as part of the RCIA team and they have helped to strengthen my faith through being on the journey with them.



You will see me normally at 10am Mass, quite often at the AV desk or just helping where needed. This is the second time I have been on Pastoral Council and hope that as a community we can continue to grow this wonderful parish.

If you see me around come and have a chat. God Bless.

### Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated

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

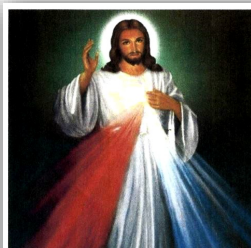


### BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal.

### PLEASE TAKE HOME AN ENVELOPE AND RETURN IT FOR THE APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND 21-22 MARCH

Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.



### JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Jesus Promised – "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." *Diary 1109*

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY COME & CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY WITH OUR PARISH AT

**ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH,  
326 HIGH ST, PENRITH  
2:30PM on 19th APRIL 2020**

- ◆ Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- ◆ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ◆ Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Homily and Benediction
- ◆ Reconciliation till 5PM
- ◆ Afternoon Tea from 4:15PM – 5:15PM
- ◆ Divine Mercy Mass 6PM

## PARISH OUTREACH



### PALM SUNDAY 2020

**Palm Sunday 5th April** Masses: Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 7 am, 8.30 am, 10 am & 6 pm

### HOLY WEEK 2020

**Monday 6th April** Mass 9.30 am  
**Tuesday 7th April** Masses 6.45 am & 9.30 am  
 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION  
 TUESDAY 7TH APRIL AT 7 PM  
**Wednesday 8th April** Mass 9.30 am **NO 7 pm Mass**  
 Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral 7 pm  
**Holy Thursday 9th April** **NO 9.30 am Mass**  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 7 pm followed by Adoration  
 in PMR1 till 10 pm  
**Good Friday 10th April** Stations of the Cross led by Youth 10 am  
 Passion of the Lord 3 pm  
**Easter Vigil 11th April** Vigil Mass 7 pm  
**Easter Sunday 12th April** Masses 7 am, 8.30 am, 10 am and 6 pm

### PARISH ROSTER 21/22 MARCH 2020

*Only four (4) people are required to distribute the Precious Host for each Mass, this includes any; Priest/s, Deacon and Acolyte/s present on the day. Distribution in the hand only. Please be mindful of this when preparing for Mass. Please sanitize your hands before and after Communion.*

**[VIGIL] Acolytes :** H. McCann, D. Wellfare  
**Altar Servers :** L. & R. Smee  
**Comm. Rep :** K Smith **Reader :** J. Hogan  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Please see the above note.  
**Music:** Heart & Soul **AV:** T. & M. Perera

**[7.00 A.M] Acolytes :** D. Wiggins  
**Altar Server :** Volunteers Needed  
**Comm.Rep :** **Reader:** S. Paterson  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Please see the above note.  
**AV :** B. Rees

**[8.30 A.M] Acolytes :** J. Jordan, C. Walsh  
**Altar Servers :** E. Benny, P. & M. Lufe  
**Comm. Rep :** R Walsh **Reader :** O. Plucinski  
**Eucharist Ministers :** Please see the above note.  
**Music:** Volunteer needed **AV:** Olivia

**[10.00 A.M] Acolytes :** J. Tabone, R. Wood  
**Altar Servers :** A. DCosta, M. Johnson, K. Ross  
**Comm. Rep :** P. Samuelu **Reader :** M. Varua  
**Eucharist Ministers :** Please see the above note.  
**Music:** Senior's Choir **AV:** J. Kossman

**[6.00 P.M] Acolytes :** M. Tolentino  
**Altar Servers :** E. Moniz, X. Whalen  
**Comm. Rep :** F. Jackson **Reader:** L. Ross  
**Eucharist Ministers :** Please see the above note.  
**Music :** S. Gaudry **AV :** S. Shahoud

**VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. RE COVID-19** Public Health Authorities and the Parramatta Diocese have issued a directive regarding the COVID-19 virus. There is a high risk of transmitting the virus when receiving Holy Communion on the tongue. We understand that this may affect the Pious practice of many in our community, however for the sake of all others, Holy Communion will only be given in the hand until further notice. You will also notice that we are asking you to refrain from shaking hands, have removed the Holy Water and there is no distribution of the Precious Blood. A full statement can be found in the foyer if you wish to take this home. We thank you for understanding.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY CANCELLED** In the Health interest of all—Children's Liturgy will be cancelled until further notice.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR FIRST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES** We continue to pray for the parents/guardians, families and the children who are participating in the Sacramental Program this term. First Reconciliation will be on Thursday 2nd April at 7pm.

### LENTEN DEVOTIONS

•'Be Opened' Lenten Reflection Groups: All are welcome to join our 'Be Opened' Lenten Reflection Group, which will be held in PMR1 on Tuesday evenings at 7pm during Lent. The Reflection will go for an hour and a half and the Resource can be purchased on the evening – please bring \$10 in an envelope.

•Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church every Friday at 7pm during Lent. This week's prayer focus is for **Mental Health and Disability**.

•Scriptural Rosary will be held on Tuesday the 24th March at 7pm. Please join as we delve into the sorrowful mysteries with all the intentions we bring through Lent.

**PARISH MEETINGS** There is a Liturgy Meeting on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm in PMR1. There is a Choir Coordinators Meeting with Fr Joe on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm.

**PARKING DURING WEEKDAY & WEEKEND MASSES** Catholic Care will now have 3 car spaces reserved for their staff and clients from Mon-Fri, 8am—5pm. Please follow the car park signs.

**SCRIPTURE TEACHERS REQUIRED URGENTLY** Two scripture teachers are needed to teach at Jamisontown Primary School, Thurwood Avenue, Jamisontown every Tuesday at the following times. Year 1 and 2 Class commencing each week at 10.15am to 10.45am and Year 3 and 4 commencing at 09.15am to 09.45am. We will provide full training with all resources. Please contact Fred Keuneman-Catechist Co-ordinator in the Parish Office on 4721 2509 for any further information or to arrange a meeting. Thank You.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS** We are seeking the support of our boys and girls who have completed their sacrament of Eucharist to consider to be an Altar Server. Altar serving is an important Ministry in the Catholic church. It is such a humble and reverend way of contributing to the Mass. The first training session will be conducted on Tuesday 31st March at 3.30 to 4.30 pm. Please contact Parish office on 4721 2509 or email enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM** Our Parish community have a great deal of expenses which are taken care of through your Stewardship. Many have been very faithful in supporting our parish community. Your support and stewardship are crucial for evangelisation and you can be a part of this through our Planned Giving Envelopes, direct debit or credit card and giving through the Collection plate during the Holy Masses. I urge you to please consider supporting our Parish Planned Giving Program by contacting the Parish Office today.—Fr Joe and Finance Council

**PRAYER MEETINGS THIS WEEK** Pls see Noticeboards for dates and times | Divine Mercy Holy Hour during Lent: Fridays after 12.10pm Mass | Legion of Mary every Saturday at 10.30am in PMR1 | Rita & Allen: Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm | Rosary Statue travels to a home every week.





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