




St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
30th August 2020
Social Justice Sunday



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COVID-19 restrictions

As announced by the NSW Premier further restrictions are in place. As a result, Masses and funerals will be limited to 100 people. The one person per four square metre rule still applies. Therefore, we wish to advise the following guidelines that are in place at St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church :

- ◆ The number of people inside the church are limited to 100, which excludes door volunteers and those who are assisting for the celebration of the Mass, such as acolyte, lector, commentator and choir maximum 3 people in 3 metre distance. Everyone is encouraged to wear face mask.
- ◆ There are two extra Masses in the Parish Hall with maximum of 50 parishioners per Mass: Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 10 am.
- ◆ The aisles and pews are marked to facilitate the observance of social distancing practices. Seating is marked with a number on the pews and please sit only in those areas that are marked.
- ◆ At the doors of the church there are sign on sheets for you to leave your details, name, contact details etc- these will be kept confidential- but are necessary in case anyone contracts the virus.
- ◆ Please sanitize your hands as soon as you enter the church.
- ◆ Please occupy the central seat of pews first, starting from the front pews of the church, so that others who come after you will be able to occupy the aisles while observing social distancing.
- ◆ Please continue to refrain from singing throughout liturgy.
- ◆ There will neither be a solemn entrance procession nor a recessional by the celebrant and ministers.
- ◆ No altar servers will be needed and there will be no procession of gifts, gifts will be kept at the credence table near the altar.
- ◆ The sign of peace will be exchanged without physical contact.
- ◆ During the communion, the social distancing will be observed and therefore communion will be brought to your seat. Communion should be received only in the hand.
- ◆ Only one acolyte/ senior server and one Extra-ordinary minister of communion would be required other than priests/ deacon to serve during the Mass.
- ◆ The collection baskets are kept at the entrances of the church and hall rather than passed during the Mass.
- ◆ As you prepare to exit the church please exit starting with the rows that are closest to the entrances.
- ◆ The obligation to participate in Sunday Mass is still lifted.

It is important for everyone to maintain physical distancing and follow all health and safety guidelines. Our utmost concern is the

PARISH OUTREACH



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive your sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion!

O Jesus, my divine Saviour, save me. O my God, hiding myself with a humble confidence in your dear wounds, I give up my soul into your divine hands. Oh, receive it into the bosom of your mercy. Amen.

Prayer Meetings in our Parish

- ◆ *Christ Christian Community Prayer meeting are held at 7 pm in Parish Hall on second and last Tuesdays of the month.*
- ◆ *Divine Mercy Holy Hour are held on 2nd Fridays of the month after the 12.10 Mass.*
- ◆ *The Parish of St. Nicholas has started a Junior Legion of Mary Conference. The aim is to get closer to Jesus with our Mother Mary and learn to be of service to others. Time 11.00 a.m to 12.00 noon in PMR1. All children are welcome.*
- ◆ *Community of Risen Christ continue to meet online for Divine Mercy prayer every Saturday at 8PM. All Welcome. Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/4399152776> Meeting ID: 439 915 2776, Password : 124622. Contact: Steffi Sequeira on 0436 395 763.*

We are happy to inform you that a new campus of **Australian Catholic University (ACU)** has been opened in Blacktown. The annual Open Day for future students will be held virtually from 9 am to 3 pm on three consecutive Saturdays—29 August, 5 September and 12 September.
W:acu.edu.au

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your Planned Giving Envelopes from the foyer of the church. These are to be used from

PLANNED GIVING/DONATIONS

After considering your own needs at this difficult time, if you wish to make a direct deposit of your Planned Giving envelopes or a donation to the Parish, you can give through credit card by contacting the Parish office or through your bank account with the following details.

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HAPPY 87th BIRTHDAY
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OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday

Monday	9.30am	
Tuesday	6.45am	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30 am	
	7.00pm	(followed by Our Lady of Perpetual help Novena)
Thursday	9.30am	
Friday	6.45am	12.10pm

Saturday

Mass	9.00am
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 *(no Children's Liturgy)
	6.00pm

*Masses marked with an Asterix * will be held simultaneously in the Church and Hall allowing for up to 50 people per location.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

31 August : *Monday of the 22nd week in Ordinary Time*
Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

1 September: *Tuesday of the 22nd week in Ordinary Time*
Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37

2 September : *Wednesday of the 22nd week in Ordinary time*
Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

3 September : *Thursday St Gregory the Great*
Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

4 September : *Friday of the 22nd week in Ordinary Time*
Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

5 September : *Saturday of the 22nd week in Ordinary Time*
Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

6 September : *Sunday of 23rd week in Ordinary Time*
Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

MASS LIVE ON FACEBOOK @SNOMPENRITH

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED Dr Kathlyne Anne Senen, Kevin Samuels , Elena Miranda, Dorothy Aldridge & all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES Mabal Silva, J A Emmanuel, Joseph D'Costa, Tony Traynor, Marie Norris, Odette Bonnaire, Lawrence Penlington, Lipa Patau and Benita Azorest.

DECEASED Margaret Mary Sullivan, Tania Felice, John Nettar, Bernard and Norah Wilding, Dennis Bryant, Sr Maria Alipia, Boleslawa Gwiadzda, Lynnette Moss, Thomas Tong, Jack & Rita Cloran, Tony Seroba, Tess Verbese, Enrique Esmayor, Jesus Llanderal, Jonathan Mesa and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK Moveen Stewart, Mercedes Ramos, Ronilo Galido, Fab Chavez, Nympha Miller, Ken Beatson, Melanie Castle, Eva Gilmour, John Wakeling, Peter Gale, Charlie Tabone, Joanne Portelli, Daniel Varlow, Theresa Jordan, Jane McCann, Patrick McHugh and all who suffer from COVID-19.

PARISH OUTREACH



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020—21 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

COVID-19 pandemic is a threat in many ways – physical, social, political and economic. But it's also putting pressure on the mental health of many people in ways both seen and unseen. Those who are at high risk, and those who love them, may be especially anxious. The loss of jobs and income from businesses, together with underemployment and insecure work, place enormous pressure on people trying to provide for themselves and their families. Isolation has also been very difficult for many – and dangerous for those who are in situations of family strife and domestic violence. These can be stressful times for people in decision making positions. It's not easy to balance care for public health and safety and the need for social connection, economic activity and other essential communal activities – including public worship. Many of us will experience a mental health problem at some point through our lives – and this may well be the time. In this Social Justice Statement, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today*, the Catholic Bishops of Australia encourage faith communities, governments and each one of us, to make mental health a priority. We want to say clearly that mental ill-health is not a moral failure, the result of a lack of faith, or of weak will. Jesus himself was labelled mad (Mark 3:21; John 10:19) and, like us, he suffered psychological distress (Luke 22:44; Matt 26:37; Mark 14:33; John 12:27). People experiencing mental ill-health are not some 'other' people, they are 'us'. People in our families, faith communities, workplaces and society are suffering mental ill-health – and they can be of any age or socioeconomic background. Whoever and whatever they are, they need our understanding and support. We commend the mental health support provided by volunteers and staff of Catholic organisations, hospitals, schools, and community health services, and we encourage you to reach out to them if you or your loved ones need support. We know too that there are gaps in the mental health system that need to be addressed. Social determinants including poverty, living conditions, and personal security are significant contributors to mental ill-health. They place people who are already vulnerable or disadvantaged at greater risk of ill-health and of falling through gaps in the system. During this time of pandemic, we have often heard it said that "we are all in this together". The quality of our care for the people who are the most vulnerable or disadvantaged will be the test of whether or not this is true. A commitment to the common good means attending to the good of all of us, without exception. It means paying special attention to those who are most often overlooked, sidelined or excluded. It is surely time for us to make mental health a real priority, so that all people may know the fullness of life which Jesus offers (John 10:10).

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane
President, Australian Catholic Brisbane Conference

PARISH ROSTER 5/6 SEPTEMBER 2020

Please Note: If you are unable to attend Mass as rostered below, please find a replacement. Thanks

[VIGIL] Acolytes :	A Sebastian
Reader : I Bentham	Comm. Rep : C Clark
Eucharist Ministers:	A Caleb
Music: AMDG Youth	AV: J Linga
(VIGIL HALL) Acolyte : B Scott	
Reader : K Smith	
[7.00 A.M] Acolytes :	J Sweeney
Reader: Y Baccan	Comm.Rep : J French
Eucharist Ministers:	S Sweeney
AV : Natasha	
[8.30 A.M] Acolytes :	J Simeon
Reader : E Isaaks	Comm. Rep: P Nematalla
Eucharist Ministers :	B Brainwood
Music: J Mizzi	AV: V Rodrigues
[10.00 A.M] Acolytes :	J Jordan
Reader : L Alimangoha	Comm. Rep: D Dawson
Eucharist Ministers :	A Alimangoha
Music: Br David	AV: S Clarke
(10.00 AM HALL) Acolyte : R Wood	
Reader : P Sequeira	
[6.00 P.M] Acolytes :	J Relunia
Reader: C D'Mello	Comm. Rep : R Llewelyn
Eucharist Minsters :	D Streher
Music : BNP Youth	AV : Donnie

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Over the next two weekends at additional Masses, 73 of our children will be making their **First Holy Communion**.

First Holy Communion is very important in the child's life. I am sure that this is a very important occasion not only for the child but also for their families and friends. May your children and family experience peace, love and happiness together with our dear Lord, Jesus Christ. This also enriches the whole parish family and is a wonderful sign of the Holy Spirit bringing nearer to completion our youngest members of the body of Christ.

Congratulations to their parents, godparents, teachers and sacramental coordinator for preparing them so well. May they begin a life long relationship with Christ, the Good Shepherd through frequent prayer and communion.

God Bless them all!

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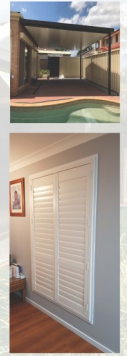
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