



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

20TH SEPTEMBER 2020

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Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of Sinners, pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you.

OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE 175TH JUBILEE



Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

It is with great joy that I inform you that the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette celebrate their 174th year of our Mother Mary's apparition on the 19th September at La Salette in France. This year is very special to all the members of the La Salette families, friends, and the universal church, as this year marks the opening of the Jubilee of the 175th Anniversary of the apparition of our Lady of La Salette. (1846-2021) The congregation of Our Lady of La Salette proclaimed this year (2020- September 19 - 2021) as a special Marian Year dedicated to reflection and prayer based on the theme of "Mary, the way of hope and peace among cultures"



Fr Jolly Ayyamkool

In 1846, on September 19th in La Salette, France, the Blessed Mother appeared to two children. She told them the importance of conversion, prayer, and forgiveness in one's life. Before she vanished into air, she asked the children to "make known her message to all my people". Inspired by Mary's call for reconciliation with God, with people and with one another, the Missionaries of La Salette were founded in 1852 as a pontifical Missionary Order. Their Charisms focus on reconciliation and the Eucharist. Today, the Missionaries of La Salette are serving in many areas, such as Parish ministries, teachers, youth ministers, counsellors, Retreat preaching, education, chaplaincy, dispensaries etc... There are more than 1000 La Salette missionaries and many lay associates, serving in over 27 countries around the world.



Fr Sunny Poovathukudy

In 1996, Bishop Kevin Manning, then Bishop of Armidale, invited the Philippine La Salette missionaries to Australia. Bishop Luc Matthys repeated the invitation when he succeeded Bishop Manning as the Bishop of Armidale. On October 1, 2003, for the first time, two La Salette Priests from the Philippines started their ministry in Australia in the diocese of Armidale. Today, we have 3 La Salette missionary priests serving in the diocese of Armidale, 2 missionaries in the Archdiocese of Canberra- Goulburn and 5 La Salette priests in the diocese of Parramatta. Mary's messages at La Salette is continued to be proclaimed and lived through their ministry- "to Make known to all my people" in this great country.



Fr Matthew Manjaly

We are so grateful to the people of St. Nic's who have welcomed us to your community. St. Nicholas of Myra, Penrith is one of the First parishes where the Priest of La Salette started their ministry in the diocese of Parramatta. Thank you for your support, encouragement, and friendship. I am sure that some of you still remember our Pilgrimage to apparition site, at La Salette, France in 2016. As a priest of the La Salette Missionary Order, I consider it as a very special grace to bring you to the foot of Our Blessed Mother at La Salette in the year of Mercy. The photo (above) is taken outside the Basilica, and the bronze statue indicates Mary's disappearance to Heaven after the apparition. The photos on the left are all the La Salette Priests who have served here at St Nicholas of Myra.



Fr Jobi Payyappilly



Fr Porathur Joy



Fr Joe Manjaly

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

THANK YOU!



Thank you to the parents, god-parents, teachers and sacramental team (Mary Gale, Sharon Clarke, Cheryl Clark & Kathleen Smith) for preparing 72 of our young children for their First Holy Communion. Thank you also to Stuart, Rodney, BNP Chapter, AMDG & Inspired Music for your dedicated contributions to the Masses. May the children begin a life long relationship with Christ, the Good Shepherd through frequent prayer and communion. Thank you all. From Fr Joe & Jobi.

CONFIRMATION 2020

*There will be a meeting for parents who wish to enrol their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The meeting will be held in the Church on **Tuesday 13th October at 7.00pm.***

Please note that you must attend this meeting in order to enrol your child in the program.

Further information will be provided at the meeting. To be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, children must be baptised and made their First Holy Communion. They must also be in Year 5 or above.

PRAYERS

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.

Morning Offering

Lord, I give you today my prayers, thoughts, works, and actions, that they may be for your glory and for the good of the world.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us O holy Mother of God. That we may be

HOLY LAND COLLECTION 19/20 SEPT

It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land and during these challenging times in the Middle East, Christians are experiencing unique hardships. We have an opportunity to help them through the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection. The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land was cancelled on Good Friday, due to the Pandemic. Pope Francis called to move this collection to coincide with the Feast of the 'Exaltation of the Cross'. This special collection is taking place today. Please use the envelopes and place it in any collection basket on your way out. Thank you as always for the support of the church and your parish community. ***In your charity please consider the Holy Land in your prayer and take home a 'Good Friday Collection' envelope which you may drop off to the Parish Office or in the collection basket.***

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 in the Hall.

BECOME A CATHOLIC

RCIA News

Come and See

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Do you have friends or acquaintances who are questioning what Catholicism is all about?

Have you been baptised in another Christian tradition and would like to become a member of the Catholic Church?

The journey starts here....

We invite those seeking answers to their questions or want to find out more about the process in becoming a Catholic to contact:

Ina & Norman
02 4732 1751
inanorm@optusnet.com.au

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED Gaetana Salvaggio, Jeff Brennan, Orlando Palacio, Neville Isaaks & all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES Raymond Stynes, James O'Brien, George Attard, George Nematalla, Bernard Wilding, Angelo Vella, Jack Bertles, Geoffrey Gomez, Odette Bonnaire & Phyllis Doreen Simmons.

DECEASED Margaret Mary Sullivan, Sr Maria Alipia, Tania Felice, John Nettar, Norah Wilding, Dennis Bryant, Boleslawa Gwiazda, Christian Dunearanu 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, Joanne Portelli, Daniel Varlow, Theresa Jordan, Jane McCann, Patrick McHugh and all who suffer from COVID-19.

SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

We have consulted with eight businesses on the installation of Solar Panels to reduce our electricity expenses and harness green power. The average expected cost to power the Church, Parish Office, Hall, Meeting Rooms, Catholic Care Centre & the Presbytery is approximately \$50,000.00. If you wish to make a contribution to this project, it can be made at the Parish Office or via direct deposit to the 2nd collection account. Thank you for those who have already contributed to the project. The project is expected to commence in one or two months. Thank you.

Below is an update on the project and future steps.

Sept 2019	Consultation began with enquiries into Solar power
Oct 2019	Solar Panels were tabled and discussed at the Finance Meeting
Nov 19 – Feb 20	8 Installers and businesses were given a tour of the premises
Mar – Jul 20'	Quotes presented at Finance Meeting
Aug 20'	Project put on hold due to COVID-19
Sept 20'	Project given the go ahead from the Finance Council
Oct – Nov 20'	Final quotes are being compared
	Choose contractor and enter into a formal contract

ROSTERS

Altar Society: There is a new roster for Oct—Dec 2020 available for pick up in the Sacristy. If you wish to join the Altar Society and help clean the Altar & Sacristy once a month, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

ROSTER 26/27 SEPTEMBER 2020

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

[VIGIL] Acolytes :	B Scott
Reader : C Clark	Comm. Rep : I Bentham
Eucharist Minister:	F Keuneman
Music: Heart & Soul	AV: T & M Perera
<i>There is no longer a Vigil Mass in the Hall</i>	
[(7.00 A.M)] Acolytes :	J Sweeney
Reader: J French	Comm.Rep: Alison Johnson
Eucharist Ministers:	S Sweeney
AV : B Rees	
[8.30 A.M] Acolytes :	J Simeon
Reader : P Nematalla	Comm. Rep: E Isaaks
Eucharist Ministers :	B Keavy
Music: J Mizzi	AV: Olivia
[10.00 A.M] Acolytes :	H McCann
Reader : S Sequeira	Comm. Rep: E Sicam
Eucharist Ministers :	M Nyss
Music: Br David	AV: J Kossman
[(10.00 AM HALL)]	Acolyte : J Relunia
	Reader : O KIss
[6.00 P.M] Acolytes :	M Tolentino
Reader: N Joseph	Comm. Rep : F Jackson
Eucharist Minsters :	K Wrightson
Music : Volunteer Needed	AV : S Shahoud

COVID-19 SAFETY

- The number of people inside the church are limited to 100, which excludes essential persons to the Liturgy
- 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. Please only sit where it is marked with a number on the pews.
- Please leave your name and contact details on the sign on sheet - 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 health and well being of our parishioners. Therefore, those who are feeling ill, or who have symptoms of fever, cold, dry cough or sore throat should not come out to attend Mass but watch our live stream Mass at 10am on Sundays.

PLANNED GIVING & DONATIONS

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.

FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Support

BSB 067 950 (Commonwealth Bank)
Acct No 00004265
Acct Name Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
Reference 6029 [SURNAME]

SECOND COLLECTION goes to the Parish Support

BSB 067 950 (Commonwealth Bank)
Acct No 00000487
Acct Name Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
Reference [ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME] **or**
Solar Panels [Surname]' to contribute to our Solar Panel Project.

•**IF YOU WISH TO CHANGE YOUR DIRECT DEBIT** please contact Jacinta for a form.

•**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** Please collect your Planned Giving Envelopes from the foyer of the church. These are to be used from August 2020 till July 2021.

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