



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



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KING OF THE UNIVERSE—YEAR A
22ND NOVEMBER 2020

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Easing of restrictions announced 23/10 means that we are able to accommodate 150-175 people at Mass this weekend. Please remember to bring your masks to Mass and observe social distancing. Read our

GOSPEL REFLECTION | MT 25: 31-46

Tradition Connection

When Jesus comes at the end of the world, he will sit on the judgment seat to judge humankind. In his presence, the truth will be known and revealed. The good that individuals have done or have failed to do throughout their earthly lives will be made known. Their fate will hinge on how well they have served their neighbours, especially the disadvantaged (see CCC, number 1932).

These good deeds that Christians perform in service to their neighbours are known as charity, or works of mercy. More specifically, the spiritual works of mercy assist others in their spiritual development, and the corporal works of mercy assist others in their physical sustenance, that is, maintaining their physical well-being. Out of charity, Christians give what they can to improve the lives of the disadvantaged, who are usually those whom society selfishly ignores. These acts of charity are infinite. Each of us can find a uniquely effective way of being charitable (see CCC, number 2447).

Our commitment to the poor is part of our profession of faith in Jesus Christ. When we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, we encounter those whom he loves the most: the poor, the disadvantaged. We will never know Jesus if we cannot recognise him in the poor of our world.

The hope of every Catholic who gathers for the Eucharist is that Jesus will come to us in his body and blood on the altar. It is the Eucharist that provides spiritual nourishment as well as an antidote to death. The Eucharist makes it possible to live forever in Jesus, to enter the Kingdom of heaven.

Wisdom Connection

The Final Judgment is just that, final judgment. We better get it right. There's no excuse; the rules are clear and simple. Those who do good deeds in their lives will be rewarded by being invited into the Kingdom of heaven, but those who fail to do good will be condemned. These good deeds are far from mysterious: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving shelter to the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and giving drink to the thirsty. According to Matthew, all humanity will be judged; acts of kindness performed for the poor and suffering will be the focal point of the Final Judgment. Those who will be rewarded with eternal life are those who have responded to those in need.



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PARISH ANOUNCEMENTS

Thank you & Congratulations!

A heartfelt thanks to the Sacramental Team, Choirs, Banner Ministry, AV Operators, Acolytes, and the Parish Team for their assistance at all the Confirmation Masses this week. It was certainly a time of great grace for the 75 children and their families. We congratulate these children and continue to pray for all children in their faith journey.

Advent Reflections

Instead of Advent groups this year, we will have a 2-minute reflection and/or Lectio Divina before each weekend Mass. Advent begins next weekend and we will run this during all weekends in Advent.

Farewell Fr Jobi Payyappilly

We will farewell Fr Jobi on Sunday 29th November at the 10am Mass. Please take some time to write in his farewell cards which are located in the Church Foyer.

Solar Panel Project Update

1 of 2 meters have been changed to reflect the Solar power, We are working with Catholic Church Insurance to include the Panels on our Building Insurance. We are in the initial stages of additional panels on the Parish House to power the Church. If you wish to donate to this project, please call the Parish Office.

Lamps for Sale—Solar Panel Fundraiser

We are selling beautiful ceramic lamps that feature four different holy images that you can choose from; the Holy Family, Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Crucifixion, and Mary. They are the perfect Christmas gift or addition to your prayer space at home. There are selling for \$25ea at all Masses or the Parish Office. By purchasing one you will help to support the Solar Panel Project.

November Mass Intentions & prayer cards

November Mass intention envelopes are at the entrance of the Church Please insert your offering and write the names of your deceased loved ones clearly on the back of the envelope. It can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. All Masses in November are offered for those listed in the 'Book of Remembrance'.

Prayer cards are available at the entrance of the Church. Please write the names of your dearly departed on the cards and place them in the basket at the Sanctuary for remembrance prayer.

Admin Employment Opportunity - Emu Plains Parish

A part-time parish secretarial role is available in the parish - 15 hours spread over three short days. This person will work closely with the priest and for two of the days with a continuing, experienced co-worker - along with key volunteers - together building a sense of team, welcome, encouragement, and caring service. See the role description and application details in the 19th November entry at <https://catholicparishemuplains.org.au/category/parishblog/>

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Next weekend, our Parish is proud to support the Bishop's Christmas Appeal through the Parramatta Catholic Foundation. Funds raised will enable CatholicCare's 'Project Elizabeth' to support vulnerable families in their efforts to give their children a positive start in life and be the best people they can be. We invite you to be united in demonstrating God's unconditional love by helping Project Elizabeth keep families together. Your gift will provide care and support to people so they can build strong, loving relationships and rejoice in a life of hope and joy. Please give generously via the giving envelopes next week. Thank you

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

Mass marked with an Asterisk * is live streamed on Facebook and will be held simultaneously in the Church and Hall allowing for up to 70 people in the Hall.

SPECIAL FEASTS THIS WEEK

NOV 22 MON	ST CECILIA (VIRGIN, MARTYR)
NOV 24 WED	STS ANDREW DUNG-LAC (PRIEST) AND COMPANIONS (MARTYRS)

PRAYERS

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 worthy of the promises of Christ.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED

All those who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES & DECEASED

Prudencia Randla, Panayoti Grippalas and, Guzepp Xibberras; and for all those who have died from COVID-19. All those listed in the 'Book of Remembrance' and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK

Jocelyn Powell, Romas Leveris, Ray Wiggins, Olga Kiss, Thomas P J, Annamma Thomas, Mildred Fitzgerald, Jaime Calero, Raymond J Keuana, Moveen Stewart, Ronilo Galido, Fab Chavez, Nymphia Miller, Ken Beatson, Melanie Castle, Eva Gilmour, Peter Gale, Joanne Portelli, Daniel Varlow, Theresa Jordan, Jane McCann, Mark McSpadden, Pat McGovern and all who suffer from COVID-19.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Penrith Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners to prepare Christmas hampers for the poor and disadvantaged families in the Penrith Area. Please see the Notice board for all details of Hamper categories, stickers and suggested items.

If you are watching Mass online, you do not have to pick up a sticker. You may prepare a hamper for a single, couple or a family with some of the suggested items: Tinned food, Long Life Milk, Biscuits, Cereal, Fruit cups, Chips, Soft drinks, Cup of soup, Tea/ Coffee, Spreads (Vegemite, Jam etc), Christmas Bon bons, Paper plates, Napkins, Paper Towel, Toilet Paper, Rice or Pasta, Stir-fry or Pasta sauces. Etc. *This is a guide only. If you would like to include other food items, please ensure they do not contain nuts or perishable items. Please ensure that food items are well within the expiry date and NO liquor is included in the hamper.*

HAMPER RETURN: Hampers will need to be returned to the Parish Meeting Room 1 on Saturday 5th Dec or Sunday 6th December, approximately 1 hour before or after each mass.

HAMPER DELIVERIES: Once again, we ask for your generous help in the distribution of hampers. If you can spare an hour on: **Saturday the 12th Dec**, between 8am and 11:30am in PMR1. We will provide face masks, gloves, sanitiser etc, and we have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place to ensure the safety of our parishioners. If you have any enquiries, please contact Brian Brainwood on 0433 256 518 or Joe Tabone on 0412 234 651. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.



RCIA NEWS

What is happening in RCIA this week—YR B

✠ We will read the Gospel for the coming Sunday - Mark 13: 33-37.

Our gospel reflection question to think about is:

✠ Readiness is not only for the end, but also for the things we experience as part of our everyday lives. Jesus is there – do not pull against Him. Let him mould you into His likeness - into the likeness of God; to become someone of integrity and truth – of love and compassion, of freedom and peace. **What does 'readiness' in matters of faith mean to you?**

It is never too late to join us.

For more information: Ina & Norman Heffernan 4732 1751
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ROSTER 28/29TH NOVEMBER 2020

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

[VIGIL] Acolytes : R Howard
Reader : S Falleiro **Comm. Rep :** J Hogan
Eucharist Minister: F Keuneman
Music: Vic & Alana **AV:** Joshua

[(7.00 A.M)] Acolytes : D Wiggins
Reader: Y Baccan **Comm. Rep:** J French
Eucharist Ministers: J McSpadden
AV: Natasha

[8.30 A.M.] Acolytes : J Simeon
Reader : P Nematalla **Comm. Rep:** E Isaaks
Eucharist Ministers : B Brainwood
Music: J Mizzi **AV:** Tuckers

[10.00 A.M.] Acolytes : J Jordan
Reader : Alan Johnson **Comm. Rep:** M Varua
Eucharist Ministers : P Samuolu
Music: **Volunteer needed** **AV:** Zamanda
[(10.00 AM HALL)] Acolyte : J Tabone
Reader : L Gal

[6.00 P.M.] Acolytes : S Aish
Reader: C D'Mello **Comm. Rep :** S Sequeira
Eucharist Minsters : C Clark
Music : CFC Youth **AV :** **Volunteer needed**

COVID-19 SAFETY

• **New easing of restrictions allows places of worship to have up to 300 people, however funerals are still 100 and weddings 150.**

• **The number of people inside the church are limited to 150- 175, which allows for social distancing of 4 sm. This number excludes essential persons to the Liturgy**

• There is now only one extra Mass in the Parish Hall with maximum of 70 parishioners on Sundays at 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. Groups to sit in smaller pews. There is no standing permitted.

• 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.



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