



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



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8TH 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 Covid-19 Safety guidelines on Page 3.

GOSPEL REFLECTION | MT 25:1-13

Tradition Connection

As Catholics, we believe Jesus died, rose, and will come again. This Sunday's Gospel emphasizes the importance of being ready for Jesus's return. Spiritual readiness is the personal responsibility of every believer. Jesus, through his earthly ministry, ushered in the Kingdom of God, but it is not yet complete. Therefore we must stand ready to carry on the work whenever the Master calls. (see CCC, number 2612).

Before his Ascension, Jesus reveals to his disciples that the fullness of the messianic Kingdom will be realized in the future at a time chosen by God alone. However, Jesus clearly points out to his followers that the in-between time in which we live is under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the gift he promises. The Holy Spirit has empowered and emboldened disciples in every generation to be credible witnesses in a world that still struggles with evil and injustice.

The Kingdom of God is already present within the Church, which is to serve as the transformative agent of change in the world. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be builders of the Kingdom of heaven on earth through our watchfulness in faith.

Wisdom Connection

Many humans are on a lifelong quest for wisdom, and that quest calls for a high level of vigilance or spiritual readiness. As Christians, we believe God personifies true wisdom. In seeking wisdom, therefore, we are seeking God. Through the biblical Book of Wisdom, we come to understand that God's wisdom possesses a radiance, which makes it easy to find. In embracing this wisdom, one gains an inner radiance. When we first read this story, we may have been struck by the bridesmaids' unwillingness to share their oil. This precious oil, however, represents that which keeps faith alive for the believer. One person cannot give this to another. Each individual must cultivate faith within his or her own heart. Matthew knows this task to be difficult at times. The cares of everyday life can create tremendous pressures and burdens. But in seeking God's wisdom, we will be gifted with the interior strength of grace, which will let our light of faith shine. Matthew also reminds us that Christ comes amid history, in the ordinariness of our daily lives, and for this reason we must undertake the spiritual work to stand ready. © Copyright Liturgy Brisbane 2020



PARISH ANOUNCEMENTS

New Diocesan Appointments

Fr Jobi Payyappilly will be transferred to Castle Hill Parish, his last Mass will be celebrated here on Sunday 29th November at 10am. We will welcome Fr Jesse Balario as the new Assistant Priest here at St Nicholas of Myra from Wednesday 2nd December.

New Sacramental Coordinator

Congratulations to Rodney Howard who will be the new Sacramental Coordinator in 2021. Please make Rodney welcome in this Ministry and as a part of the Parish Team.

Prayer for our children preparing for Confirmation

Please keep in your prayers the children and families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray that their hearts are open to the Holy Spirit and that it may bring to fulfilment the good work that the Lord has begun in them.

Solar Panel Project Update

The Solar Panels for the Catholic Care Centre, Parish Meeting Rooms and Parish Hall, is due to be completed on Monday. You can donate to this project by calling the Parish Office.

Thank you to the Liturgy Committee

A heartfelt thanks to our hardworking Liturgy Group who helped the priests organise the October Rosary Triduum and the November Mass for All Souls' and Remembrance. They were both occasions of great grace for the whole community. Well done!

Thank you from Juan Caceres

A heartfelt thanks to all our community for praying for Juan's daughter Charlene Mikhael who is now recovering well from a life threatening illness.

Happy Birthday

Birthday blessings to our young parishioner Puluno Aaron Lufe who turned 18 on the 5/11 and to our older parishioner Pierre De Maudave who turns 79 on the 10/11.

Thank you for donating to Catholic Mission

We thank Alan Wedesweiler the Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission who came to speak to us during the Sunday Masses last weekend and to all of you for your generosity and support of the Catholic Mission Appeal. Any left over envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets.

NOV REMEMBRANCE PRAYER CARD

Prayer Cards are available this weekend at the doors 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.

NOV MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes for the masses for holy souls in November are now available. Please print names clearly with a donation, so that they can be transferred to our Book of Remembrance, which will be kept on the Sanctuary throughout the month of November and updated each week. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or in the office mail box on front veranda of the Presbytery.

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 9 MON THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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

Mercedes Ramos, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Elizabeth Anne Davis & all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES & DECEASED

All those listed in the 'Book of Remembrance' and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK

Ray Wiggins, Olga Kiss, Thomas P J, Annamma Thomas, Mildred Fitzgerald, Jaime Calero, Raymond J Keuana, Moveen Stewart, Ronilo Galido, Fab Chavez, Nympha 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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

We remember Elizabeth Anne Davis nee Inzitari who passed away recently on the 15th September. She leaves behind her mother Linda and daughters Bella and Emma. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



FAITH & FORMATION

BRINGING THE ADVENT GOSPELS ALIVE

The Institute for Mission invites you ONLINE! Scripture presenter Dr Michele Connolly rsj will energise your Advent on 10 November at 7pm.

Register via www.ifm.org.au/scripturenight.

Please feel free to speak to any of the IFM Team on (02) 9296 6369 if you require any further information or send us an email to connect@ifm.org.au.

WHAT HAPPENS IN RCIA MEETINGS?

- ✦ We meet together once a week.
- ✦ We pray together.
- ✦ We share the Gospel message for the coming weekend and what that means as to how we should live our life.
- ✦ We explore aspects of our Catholic faith and answer any questions.

It is never too late to join us.

For more information:

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FORMATION FOR READERS

We strongly recommend all our readers to enroll in this formation course. The Office For Worship will be running a Short Formation Course for Readers with guest presenter Br Michael Dredge cfc. This workshop focuses on the practicalities of Reading at Mass. This workshop is held at three different venues with the following times: **Thursday evenings 7-9pm on 12th November (St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith)**. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org. Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing will be practiced.

ROSTER 14/15TH NOVEMBER 2020

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

[VIGIL] Acolytes : J Buttigieg
Reader : J Hogan
Eucharist Minister: M Svelha
Music: Amen Choir
Comm. Rep : C Limjap
AV: T & M Perera

[(7.00 A.M)] Acolytes : A Ruzgas
Reader : Alison Johnson
Eucharist Ministers: L. Davie
AV : N Davie
Comm. Rep : J French

[8.30 A.M.] Acolytes : M Tolentino
Reader : E Isaaks
Eucharist Ministers : H O'Connor
Music: J Mizzi
Comm. Rep: O Plucinski
AV: Nicole

[10.00 A.M.] Acolytes : J Relunia
Reader : M Varua
Eucharist Ministers : M Stynes
Music: BNP Chapter
AV: U Gomez
[(10.00 AM HALL)]
Acolyte : H McCann
Reader : L Alimangohan

[6.00 P.M.] Acolytes : R Wood
Reader: C Clark
Eucharist Ministers : D Streher
Music : A Catt
Comm. Rep : K Smith
AV : V Rodrigues

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]

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BSB 067 950 (Commonwealth Bank)
Acct No 00000487
Acct Name Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
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