



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR B  
**FEAST DAY OF ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA**  
6TH DECEMBER 2020

Tel: (02) 4721 2509 | Website: [www.stnicholasofmyra.org.au](http://www.stnicholasofmyra.org.au) | P O Box 1868, Penrith 2751 |

[facebook](#) @SNOMPENRITH

## PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours 9am - 5 pm  
Lunch 1pm – 1.30pm (*Office closed*)

### PARISH STAFF

**Parish Priest:** Fr Joe Manjaly E: [joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)  
**Asst Priest:** Fr Jessie Balario E: [jessie.balario@parracatholic.org](mailto:jessie.balario@parracatholic.org)  
**Office Manager:** Jacinta Ortiz E: [enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)  
**Admin Assistant:** Mary Goh E: [reception@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:reception@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)  
**Sacramental Coordinator:** Mary Gale E: [sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)  
**Catechists:** Fred Keuneman E: [catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)  
**Volunteer Admin Support:** Margaret Cobden & Ursula Gomez E: [bulletin@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:bulletin@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

### PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER: 4732 3039

During this Pandemic time **Craig Walsh** is our Health & Safety Coordinator. Contact 0428 284 568

**Nepean Hospital Chaplain:** Fr Porathur Joy (PJ)

**Deacon:** Wilfredo (Willy) Limjap

**RCIA Coordinators:** Ina & Norm Heffernan  
[inanorm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:inanorm@optusnet.com.au) Ph: 4732 1751

### PARISH SCHOOLS

St Nicholas Primary Principal : Ms Anita Knezevic Ph; 4752 3300  
St Mary Mackillop Primary Principal : Mr Scott Buchan Ph; 4724 3200



Easing of restrictions announced 2/12 means that we are able to accommodate 250 people at Mass next weekend. Please remember to bring your masks to Mass and observe social distancing. Read our Covid-19 Safety guidelines on Page 3.

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Today it is a reminder to us each to cultivate a heart prepared to receive Christ. For we make a mistake if we restrict the references to Christ's arrival to their being a remembrance of past events (either of his birth or of his later emergence in public for his ministry) and a looking forward to his second coming at the end of time. Since we are each still being evangelized, still hearing the Good News, still growing deeper in knowledge of it, we need now to cultivate hearts that are open to receiving it, for it will come in ways unforeseen and unexpected. This means we must attend to the rough obstacles of mountains and valleys that form the metaphorical landscape of our own hearts. However, we are often blind to our own faults and so may not always identify those obstacles we make, be they mountains or hills, or rifts or rills.

How do we smooth what we do not perceive? Perhaps a way is to practise intentionally what we believe to be right and good. Following the images presented in Psalm 85(84), it is to practise compassion with truth or faithfulness, and to practice justice with peace. Christ comes as world healer, and the purgative message of John prepares the way to receive him. If we are Christ's ministers in the world, and thus participants in the work of healing, we need to be like doctors: to observe symptoms of illness, and seek compassionately to heal. In seeking to free others of debilitating conditions, which include the oppressions inflicted by others or society, we may help them to be free to receive the Christ.

✍️ Rev Dr Barry Craig - Excerpt © Liturgia 2020

## HAPPY FEAST DAY



Happy Feast Day! Unfortunately we are not able to celebrate the Feast day of our Patron Saint due to Covid-19 restrictions. **Please keep our Parish in your prayers through the intercession of St Nicholas of Myra.**

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### *The Nativity of the Lord*

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CATHOLIC CHURCH, PENRITH NSW

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER 2020

6.30pm (Family Mass)

8.30pm Mass

11.30pm (Carols) followed by Midnight Mass

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER 2020

7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am & 6.00pm Masses

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we saw his glory.  
John 1:1-18

## PARISH ANOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome Fr Jessie Balario

Please welcome our new Assistant Priest. In addition to looking after the Pastoral Care of the people of Penrith, Fr Jessie will be in charge of Legion of Mary and Youth.



### Advent Reflections

Before each weekend Mass in Advent, the community is invited to partake in a 2-minute reflection leading up to the Eucharistic celebration. This is in place of Advent groups this year.

### Anointing of the Sick

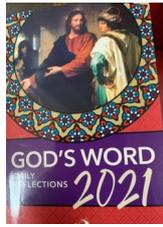
There will be a special anointing of the sick at the 9am Mass next **Saturday 12th December**.

### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Reconciliation in the 2nd Rite before Christmas will be held on Monday 21st December at 7pm. Reconciliation in the 1st Rite is available at the normal time: Saturdays from 9.30am and 5pm. Please observe social distancing.

### Ceramic Lamps for Sale

These beautiful Ceramic LED Lamps are for sale for \$25. They depict the Holy Family and are an ideal gift for Christmas. Any proceeds go to the Solar Panel Project.



### God's Word 2021 for Sale

These beautiful Daily Reflections on the Gospels of the day are available for purchase at the Piety Stall for \$17.

### Thank you—Catholic Mission

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Parish Appeal. Catholic Mission pass on their sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed to the appeal. With their help, Bishop Kike can continue to reach out and help rebuild the lives of those who are suffering from trauma and depression brought on through illness and injury caused by landmines in Cambodia. Alan Wedesweiler, our CM speaker really enjoyed meeting you and sharing the story of Bishop Kike & Chen at the parish over the weekend. Total amount raised: \$2065.80

### The Bishops Christmas Appeal supporting Project Elizabeth

The Bishop's Christmas Appeal is an important opportunity for us to actively reach out to the most vulnerable and show the compassionate face of Christ to all. The Appeal highlights the important work of CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth, a comprehensive pregnancy-related counselling and support service run by CatholicCare for women and their families. Any envelopes can be returned in a collection basket at Mass or to the Parish Office. Alternatively you can donate at <https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/>



## 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 Asterix \* is live streamed on Facebook and will be held simultaneously in the Church and Hall allowing for up to 100 people in the Hall.

## SPECIAL FEASTS THIS WEEK

**DEC 8 TUES** THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

## PRAYERS SAID AT MASS

### The Angelus

Jesus loved us enough to die for us so that we might live with Him eternally! When we pray the Angelus with humility and love, we are emulating Mary's faith in His goodness. We are blessed in that we can ask both God and His Blessed Mother for their assistance on our journey towards Eternal Life!

### Hail Holy Queen

In the past, when the world has gone through enormous suffering due to war, epidemics, false teaching etc... Catholics have turned to God through our Blessed Mother, who is our protector and intercessor. Therefore, after every Mass, our parish community will recite the 'Hail Holy Queen' prayer and through this prayer we offer ourselves to God through the intercession of Mother Mary. I hope you will all join with the priests to pray for the suffering world.—Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED** : Maria & Bertie Tatrai, Sonia Alfonso Forrest, Hector Bodre, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Norma Woswiche, Colleen Shetty, Rita Attard, Norma Rochfort & all those who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES** : Joan Cassidy, Trevor Ross, John Netar, Jack McKnight, Terry Cuttall, Paul & Gino Vassallo, Vicki O'Connor, Heather McCreesh, Lillian Sheedy and Stanislaw Gwiazda and Alfonso Guballa & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED** : Tania Felice, Bernard & Norah Wilding, Dennis Bryant, Sr Maria Alipia, Tess Verbesej.

**SICK** : Charlie Camenzuli, Carmela Dimunno, Ron Northman, Melina Lyonello, Jocelyn Powell, Romas Leveris, 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, Joanne Portelli, Daniel Varlow, Theresa Jordan, Jane McCann, Mark McSpadden, Pat McGovern and all who suffer from COVID-19.

## SVDP CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

### THANK YOU

to all Parishioners who have prepared a Christmas hamper for the disadvantaged in Penrith.

Hampers will need to be dropped off to the Parish Meeting Room 1 this weekend, 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.



## COVID-19 SAFETY

- New easing of restrictions allow places of worship to observe a 2square meter social distance.
- The number of people inside the church is now limited to 250, which allows for social distancing of 2square meter. This number excludes essential persons to the Liturgy.
- There is one extra Mass in the Parish Hall with maximum of 100 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.
- 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.
- Wardens have resumed taking up the 1st and 2nd collection. The collection baskets now have long handles to minimise contact. Thank you for your stewardship.
- 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.

## RCIA NEWS

### What is happening in RCIA this week - Advent 3

✠ We will read the Gospel for the coming Sunday - John 1: 6-8. 19-28.

#### Our gospel reflection question to think about is:

✠ *Due to our egos, our selfish insecure selves, we are often caught in identity crises. Because we often don't like who we are we try to pretend to be someone else - we wear masks to protect our vulnerability and hide from who we really are. We began advent with Christ's words: Keep awake! It is in being awake we open ourselves to transformation, to change, to being the light of Christ in the world. Being awake allows us to recognise our gift and to use that gift to bring light into darkness.* **What is my gift? How can my gift help me to be a transforming presence in the lives of others?**

For more information: Ina & Norman Heffernan  
4732 1751 inanorm@optusnet.com.au

### ROSTER 12/13 DECEMBER 2020

*Please Note: December Rosters will be emailed out to all those who have indicated that they wish to be rostered during the next 3 months. If you are unable to attend Mass please find a replacement. Thankyou*

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>[VIGIL] Acolyte:</b>        | J Buttigieg                      |
| <b>Reader:</b> C Limjap        | <b>Comm. Rep:</b> S Sequeira     |
| <b>Eucharist Minister :</b>    | A Linga                          |
| <b>Music:</b> Billy            | <b>AV:</b> Volunteer needed      |
| <b>[7.00 A.M] Acolyte :</b>    | J Sweeney                        |
| <b>Reader:</b> Alison Johnson  | <b>Comm. Rep:</b> S Paterson     |
| <b>Eucharist Minister :</b>    | S Sweeney                        |
| <b>AV :</b> B Rees             |                                  |
| <b>[8.30 A.M] Acolyte :</b>    | M Tolentino                      |
| <b>Reader:</b> E Isaaks        | <b>Comm. Rep:</b> O Plucinski    |
| <b>Eucharist Minister :</b>    | B Keavy                          |
| <b>Music:</b> J Mizzi          | <b>AV:</b> Tuckers               |
| <b>[10.00 A.M] Acolyte :</b>   | H McCann                         |
| <b>Reader:</b> Dawson          | <b>Comm. Rep:</b> L Alimangohan  |
| <b>Eucharist Minister :</b>    | M Nyss                           |
| <b>Music:</b> AMDG Adult choir | <b>AV:</b> Zamanda               |
|                                | <b>[HALL] Acolyte:</b> J Relunia |
|                                | <b>Reader:</b> O Kiss            |
| <b>[6.00 P.M] Acolyte :</b>    | R Wood                           |
| <b>Reader:</b> C D'Mello       | <b>Comm. Rep:</b> N Joseph       |
| <b>Eucharist Minister :</b>    | K Wrightson                      |
| <b>Music:</b> C F C            | <b>AV :</b> S Shahoud            |

## 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.



# ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

**FIRST AID COURSES**



Nationally Accredited & Workcover approved training.  
Senior First Aid – CPR  
-Defibrillation  
Asthma –Anaphylaxis  
Contact **Kevin Silvy** on 47222471  
[www.5startraining.com.au](http://www.5startraining.com.au)



**Dave's Home Improvements**  
PLANTATION SHUTTERS, CARPORTS AND PATIO AWNINGS, SCREEN AND GLASS ENCLOSURES

**Dave Williams**  
Email: [dave@davehi.com](mailto:dave@davehi.com)  
Phone: 0403011058  
Facebook: Daves Home Improvements  
Address: 67 Ladbury Ave Penrith 2750  
ABN #45694859807 / Lic 121977C




**CAITLIN NEPOMUCENO**  
Heart and Mind Alignment Coach  
Time Line Therapy® & Hypnosis

**Make 2020 the BEST year of your life**

Release the weight of your past  
Rebuild the opportunities of your present  
Reinforce the dreams of your future  
Discover actionable intelligence to unburden your soul & transform your life now

[caitlin@caitlinnepomuceno.com](mailto:caitlin@caitlinnepomuceno.com)  
[www.caitlinnepomuceno.online](http://www.caitlinnepomuceno.online)  
0411 965 292



**LIGHTWATER**  
Plumbing & Electrical

**LIGHTWATER**  
Plumbing Pty Ltd  
Joey Buttigieg  
0432 147 251

**LIGHTWATER**  
Electrical Pty Ltd  
Chris Buttigieg  
0412 569 739

**York**  
JEWELLERS Est. 1974

- Engagement & Wedding rings
- Professional Designs & Remodels
- Fine Hand-made jewellery manufacture
- Watch & Jewellery Repairs
- Insurance claims and Valuations
- Passion & Diamonds Exclusive to York Jewellers In Penrith



**PASSION 8**  
DIAMONDS PERFECT FOREVER  
Shop 51A Penrith Plaza (02) 47 210 780  
[www.yorkjewellers.com.au](http://www.yorkjewellers.com.au)



**WHALE BATHROOMS**

Licence # 180584C

**Quality Bathroom Renovations**  
Trustworthy & Friendly Service  
25 Years' experience  
Portable Bathroom Hire

**0407417553**      **Free**  
**47738700**      **Quotes**

**NEED A HANDYMAN?**

**S. Dane Bonus Carpenter**

Call to arrange a free quote  
**0433 382 372**  
[sdane.bonus@gmail.com](mailto:sdane.bonus@gmail.com)  
Licence no. 285266C  
ABN 98 874 664 402  
Fully insured NPC WWCC

**Bateman Battersby**  
LAWYERS

We invite members of the parish to take advantage of our legal services specialising in:

- Property Law
- Family Law
- Business Law
- Negligence Law
- Wills & Estates
- Court Appearances

**Ph: 02 47315899**  
[www.batemanbattersby.com.au](http://www.batemanbattersby.com.au)  
[enquiries@batemanbattersby.com.au](mailto:enquiries@batemanbattersby.com.au)

**Monaghan & Gleeson**

**"CARING IS OUR DUTY"**

**Funeral Directors**

Phone 4736 3883

**Australian & Family Owned**



**NEPEAN VALLEY FUNERALS**

Traditional Care with Dignity & Respect

**Tel: 4722 8222**

Local family owned and operated.  
**24hrs / 7 days**



Shop 4  
2-6 Castlereagh St  
Penrith



Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria  
Care, Compassion, Choice

**BEAUTIFUL  
SIMPLE  
FAREWELLS**

☎ 4735 6900    💻 [gracefunerals.com.au](http://gracefunerals.com.au)

PENRITH | BLUE MOUNTAINS | WESTERN SYDNEY

**GRACE FUNERALS**

Formerly Lady of Grace Funerals



20 years  
FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED  
PERSONALISED AND UNIQUE

**Reflections Funerals**



John and Sue Hibbert

**For Family By Family**

Locally Owned  
**02 4732 4440**  
[www.reflectionsfunerals.com.au](http://www.reflectionsfunerals.com.au)



Caring Industry Professionals