



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
31 JANUARY 2021

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### PARISH SCHOOLS

St Nicholas Primary Principal : Ms Anita Knezevic Ph; 4752 3300  
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No bookings required. We are able to accommodate 150 people in the Church. Please remember to bring your masks to Mass and observe social distancing. Read our Covid-19 Safety guidelines on Page 3.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

What's in a name? A Lot, if it is God who confers the name.

Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of God-for-us, knew the power of naming in relation to calling and destiny.

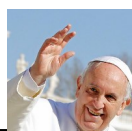
So, when Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, Jesus exercised the divine prerogative of changing Simon's name to 'Cephas' which in English is 'Peter'. Jesus gave Simon a nickname, 'rock-solid' which was the exact opposite of his character! Nevertheless, he did become the rock on which Jesus built his Church.

The tradition continues with the successor of Peter. So, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio took the name 'Francis' which indicates that he believes that the Holy Spirit inspired the Cardinals to choose him to be Pope to follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi.

Each one of us has a divinely ordained name (Rev 2:17) which we may not be aware of, but the Holy Spirit is always prompting us to live up to that name.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might so live as to reach Heaven to find that name which God has loved from and for all eternity.

✍ Fr Michael Tate;  
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*"What is God's love? It is not something vague, some generic feeling. God's love has a name and a face: Jesus Christ, Jesus. Love for God is made manifest in Jesus." - Pope Francis*

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

Reconciliation	Parent Information Session	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 7.00 pm
	Family Sessions	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> March 4.30 pm or Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> March 8.30 am
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 7.00 pm

## 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

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED** : Alan Oxlade, Maria de Carlo, Bernard Cassidy, Moveen Stuart, Margaret Mary Sullivan & all those who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES** : Romano Garofali, Anton Vujevic, John Xiberras, Carmen Sultana, Gerald Barnes, E U Kuriakose Edakkara, Conrad Marks, Primitivo Cortes, Joseph Spiteri, Tony & Joy Camilleri & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED** : John Nettare, Sr Maria Alipia, Dennis Bryant & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK** : Esther Maria Biju, Jody Sloane, Ivanka, George Bell, Magi Gahli, Charlie Camenzuli, Carmela Dimunno, Ron Northman, Melina Lyonello, Jocelyn Powell, Romas Leveris, Thomas P J, Annamma Thomas, Mildred Fitzgerald, Jaime Calero, Raymond J Keuana, Ronilo Galido, Fab Chavez, Nympha Miller, Ken Beatson, Melanie Castle, Eva Gilmour, Joanne Portelli, Daniel Varlow, Theresa Jordan, Jane & Hugh McCann, Pat McGovern and all who suffer from COVID-19.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### First Reconciliation for children in Year 3

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be in Term 1 next year. To be eligible for First Reconciliation, children must be in Year 3 or above and must be baptised. Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information meeting, here on Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 7.00pm. Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

Anyone who would like to assist by being a facilitator for the reconciliation family sessions which will be held at 4.30pm Saturday 6th, 13th, 20th March or 8.30am Sunday 7th, 14th, 21st March please contact Rodney Howard at sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au. Training will be provided if required.

### Liturgical Formation

We encourage you to consider serving the community as a Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Communion to the sick & dying or a Minister at the Altar. Courses are available starting 11th February 2021 in the Parish Hall. If you are interested please pick up an enrolment form at the Parish Office or in the Church Foyer.

## 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 \* will accommodate any overflow in the Parish Hall allowing for up to an additional 50 people to attend Mass.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

Maria & George Marabouti



## RCIA NEWS THIS WEEK

At the Vigil Mass this Saturday, we welcome **James Ranjit** into our community. **James is preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the coming Easter Vigil. Please keep him in your prayers.**

☑ In our meeting Monday 1st February we will read the Gospel for Sunday - **Week 5 Ordinary Time - Mark 1: 29-39.**

**Our gospel reflection to think about is:**

☑ *Although there are many demands being made on him by the people of Capernaum, Jesus*

a. needs time for himself to renew his spiritual energy and be in contact with his Father, **and**

b. must think of the needs of other people as well.

*This scene brings up the importance for us of accessibility. We do need to be available to all those who are in genuine need, but at the same time, there is what we might call the 'poverty of time'. No matter how generous and self-giving we are we can only give so much. We need to find a balance between people's needs and our own limited resources. We do not help people by working ourselves to the point of 'burnout'. We also need 'quality time' to be with God; to pray and to reflect and act on our priorities. Jesus gives us an excellent example here.*

**In what ways might you need to adjust your lifestyle to create a balance between your prayer life and service to others?**

**For more information about joining the Catholic Church:**

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

## 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.

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## ROSTER

### ROSTER 6/7 FEBRUARY 2021

*Please Note: January & February Rosters have been emailed. A printed copy is in the Sacristy for pick up if you wish. The Music & AV Rosters for Feb-April have been emailed. If you are unable to attend Mass please find a replacement. Thankyou*

**[VIGIL] Acolyte:** D Wellfare

**Altar Server:** D & J Lestal

**Reader:** M Prenderville

**Comm. Rep:** I Bentham

**Eucharist Minister:** A Caleb, N Caleb

**Music:** AMDG Choir

**AV:** J Linga

**[HALL] Acolyte:** R Howard

**Reader:** *Volunteer needed*

**[7.00 A.M.] Acolyte:** D Wiggins

**Altar Server:**

**Reader:** S Paterson

**Comm. Rep:** Y Baccan

**Eucharist Minister:** L Davie

**AV:** N Davie

**[8.30 A.M.] Acolyte:** R Wood

**Altar Servers:** M Tickner,

E Benny

**Reader:** O Plucinski

**Comm. Rep:** E Isaaks

**Eucharist Minister:** P Wheller, B Brainwood

**Music:** J Mizzi

**AV:** The Tuckers

**[10.00 A.M.] Acolyte:** C Walsh

**Altar Server:** M Johnson,

Aleena Joseph

**Reader:** R Walsh

**Comm. Rep:** M Varua

**Eucharist Minister:** M Stynes, J Vella

**Music:** CD

**AV:** U Gomez

**[HALL] Acolyte:** H McCann

**Reader:** D Dawson

**[6.00 P.M.] Acolyte:** S Aish

**Altar Server:** A Aish

**Reader:** K Smith

**Comm. Rep:** N Joseph

**Eucharist Minister:** K Pemberton

**Music:** BNP Youth

**AV:** Donnie

## COVID-19 SAFETY

• **The number of people inside the church is limited to 150 people, which allows for social distancing of 4 square meters. This number excludes essential persons to the Liturgy.**

• Please scan the Service NSW QR code outside the church *or* 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.

• There are now 2 extra Masses in the Parish Hall if the Church has reached maximum capacity. The hall allows a maximum of 50 parishioners on Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm or Sundays at 10 am.

• Once we have reached maximum capacity, or the Mass has started, there will be no entry into the Church. Parishioners will be redirected to Mass in the Hall if available or can choose to remain socially distanced outside whilst listening to Mass and receive communion outside.

• 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 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.

• The congregation should not participate in any singing or chanting

• Altar Servers are now rostered on

• The sign of peace will be exchanged without physical contact.

• During the communion, 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.

• There is a separate QR Code for the Church, Hall and Parish Office. You must sign in to those areas, each time you enter,





Happy New Year 2021!  
From Fr Jessie, Fr PJ, Fr  
Joe, Deacon Willy and all  
the Parish Staff!

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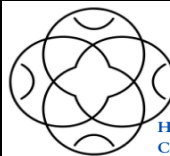
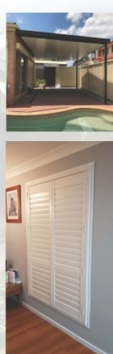
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