



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**21 FEBRUARY 2021**

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**Deacon:** Wilfredo (Willy) Limjap

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

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



No bookings required to attend Mass. We are able to accommodate 1 person per 2 square meters in the Church. We encourage you to bring your Mass and observe social distancing. Read our Covid-19 Safety guidelines on Page 3.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

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As part of our commitment to almsgiving this Lenten season, please consider taking home a Project Compassion box and support Caritas Australia. The theme is "Be More". As Saint Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Through your generosity and by aspiring to "Be More", you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. Thank you for being more!

You can donate through Parish boxes in the Church, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

All three readings today remind us of the desire of God leading us to "aspire not to have more, but to be more." The rainbow in the sky, the covenant, the baptism of Jesus and his temptation in the wilderness all remind us of the salvation that God wants for us and for our world. In the Gospel Jesus proclaims: "This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As John baptises Jesus, his true identity as the Son of God is revealed. "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Immediately following this we are told that Jesus was driven into the wilderness for forty days. We have all experienced being in a wilderness in our lives. Sometimes there is more than one experience of wilderness in our lives where we are lost, confused and searching.

The first Project Compassion story is of Jamila, a Rohingya woman, living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. A single mother, she fled armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and eight-month-old baby.

Thanks to the generosity of Caritas Australia's supporters and through our partnership with Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila had access to emergency food and shelter. Then, as her stay in the camp stretched on, Jamila joined the Women Friendly Spaces project where she received counselling and emotional support. She learnt about health and hygiene, and participated in a parenting program. She also learnt to sew, which enables her to fulfil her dream of supporting her now four-year old daughter and having what they need for a bright future.

Through the Women's Friendly Spaces program, Jamila has found a family to support her through times of wilderness. Project Compassion invites us to 'be more' as we continue to show our love and compassion for our global family.

How can we be more for others when they experience times of wilderness?



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

Reconciliation	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

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Stations of the Cross

As part of our commitment to pray during this Lenten season, we will have Stations of the Cross inside the Church each Friday at 7pm. All are encouraged and welcome to join us.

### Altar Servers Recruitment

We are seeking the support of our boys and girls who have completed the sacrament of Eucharist to consider being an Altar Server. Altar serving is an important Ministry in the Catholic Church. It is such a humble and reverent way of contributing to the Mass. The first training session will be conducted on February 25th at 3:30 to 4:30 pm on Thursday. Please call the Parish office or email [sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au) to register your interest

### 2022 St Nicholas of Myra Kindergarten Enrolments and Catholic Schools Week Twilight Tours

Each year in Catholic Schools Week (CSW), we hold two twilights tours one at 4 pm and the other at 6 pm. This year it will be held on Monday 1 March 2021. COVID and social distancing practices are in place. There is a limit of 30 people per tour and you will be required to sign-in via a QR code, masks are highly recommended and if you are unwell or have any symptoms we ask you to keep everyone safe by refraining from attending. Enrolments are accepted at any time, however you will be able to make appointments for an enrolment interview at this tour. Current families who have a child commencing in 2020 are encouraged to complete an enrolment form as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. *Forms can be found online at - <https://ceoweb.parra.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/02-Form-A-Enrolment-Application.pdf> or in the school office.* Any enquiries please phone 4752 3300

### Our Condolences

We offer condolences to the BNP group who lost the founder of their movement and leader Ate Salve Stuart.

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Victor Volkeine, Gloria Joves, Margaret Mary Sullivan & all those who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES :** George Attard, John Xiberras, Romano Garofali, Colleen Schneider, Fausta Da Costa, Nuelima Da Costa, Leonarda Da Costa, Enno Celeste, Onofre Muriel, Gautom Murkurjee, Judith Field, Patrick & Ann Heaton, Phylliss Simmons, Noel Macrae, Anunziata Russo, Dante Cuevas & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED :** John Nettare, Sr Maria Alipia Vella, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Sam & Maria Amditis, Carmen Catubigan & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

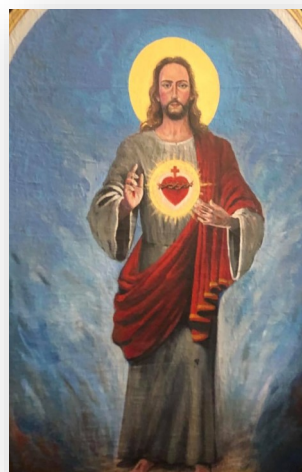
**SICK :** Jim Gable, Judy Clapham, Herry Duffy, Filippa Borg, Nina Muscat, Esther Maria Biju, Jody Sloane, Ivanka, George Bell, Magi Gahli, Charlie Camenzuli, Carmela Dimunno, Ron Northman, Melina Lyonello, Jocelyn Powell, Romas Leveris, Thomas P J, Annamma Thomas, Mildred Fitzgerald, Jaime Calero, 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.

## SACRED HEART ICON

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

I have often thought of how the Church may express more clearly her mission to be a witness to Mercy. In 2016, during the Jubilee year of Mercy, we reflected on the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful (LK 6:36). Last year, some one has graciously donated a painting of the Sacred Heart of Mercy to me and I think this painting will perfectly fit in our parish alcove. The painting will help us to feel Jesus' compassionate gaze upon us as we enter this beautiful church. This icon will remind us to look beyond, to focus on the heart in order to see how much generosity we can find in our hearts. This icon speaks to us of the great love that Jesus' has for all of us. So much mercy!

The parish of St. Nicholas has a reputation of welcoming everyone warmly into our community. This icon will remind us each day that everyone has a place in Jesus's heart and that everyone is welcomed to our parish community. No one is rejected. Her doors remain wide open, so that those who are touched by grace may find the assurance of forgiveness. Let us always look to this painting of the Divine heart of Jesus who gazing upon us as we enter the church and pray that He may watch over our journey: our penitential journey, that we started this Ash Wednesday. May the Sacred heart of Jesus bless us abundantly. SACRED HEART OF JESUS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU! (NB: The blessing of the icon will be after 10am Mass on this Sunday)



Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Joe Manjaly,  
Parish Priest

## 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 additional people to attend Mass. Mass is also live streamed through our Facebook @SNOMPenrith

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RCIA THIS WEEK?

On the mountain Peter, James and John saw that there was more to Jesus than met the eye: much more than they could see and hear and touch. Here the true identity of Jesus is revealed to the disciples and subsequently to us through the eyes of faith.

In our meeting **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** we will read the Gospel for – **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent -Mark 9:2-10.**

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

**Our gospel reflection questions to think about are:**

- ✠ As you look forward to Easter, what expectations do you have regarding your Spiritual growth?
- ✠ Have your Lenten exercises helped you to anticipate the resurrection? In what way?
- ✠ Take a few moments to reread the gospel. Imagine you are before the Lord as he speaks to you in his glory.  
*What is his word to you?*
- ✠ How will that word help you this week on your Lenten journey?

**For more information about joining the Catholic Church:**  
Ina & Norman Heffernan Ph. 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 27/28 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*

<b>[VIGIL] Acolyte:</b> B Scott	<b>Altar Server:</b> L & A Perera
<b>Reader:</b> S Falleiro	<b>Comm. Rep:</b> C Limjap
<b>Eucharist Minister:</b> A Linga, M Svehla	
<b>Music:</b> Heart & Soul	<b>AV:</b> T & M Perera
<b>[7.00 A.M.] Acolyte:</b> D Wiggins	<b>Altar Server:</b>
<b>Reader:</b> Y Baccan	<b>Comm. Rep:</b> S Paterson
<b>Eucharist Minister:</b> L Davie	
<b>AV:</b> B Rees	
<b>[8.30 A.M.] Acolyte:</b> J Simeon	<b>Altar Servers:</b> P & M Lufe
<b>Reader:</b> Volunteer needed	<b>Comm. Rep:</b> O Plucinski
<b>Eucharist Minister:</b> M Nyss, Volunteer needed	
<b>Music:</b> J Mizzi	<b>AV:</b> U Gomez
<b>[10.00 A.M.] Acolyte:</b> J Jordan	<b>Altar Server:</b> L & J Whelehan
<b>Reader:</b> L Alimangohan	<b>Comm. Rep:</b> D Dawson
<b>Eucharist Minister:</b> J Vella, M Knox	
<b>Music:</b> Br David	<b>AV:</b> M Johnson
<b>[HALL] Acolyte:</b> J Relunia	<b>Reader:</b> O Kiss
<b>[6.00 P.M.] Acolyte:</b> S Aish	<b>Altar Server:</b> X Whalen
<b>Reader:</b> C D'Mello	<b>Comm. Rep:</b> K Smith
<b>Eucharist Minister:</b> Volunteer needed	
<b>Music:</b> Volunteer needed	<b>AV:</b> S Shahoud

## COVID-19 SAFETY

•We are now able to accommodate more people in the Church using the social distance of 2square meters. This 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.

•Ministers/volunteers who are essential to the Liturgy must arrive and sign on at least 15 minutes prior to Mass starting.

•Please sanitize your hands as soon as you enter the church.

•There will be one extra Mass at 10 am in the Parish Hall on Sunday if there is an overflow in the Church. The hall allows a 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 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

•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 is 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.

•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.

•The obligation to participate in Sunday Mass is still lifted.





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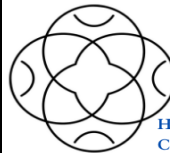


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