



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
14 MARCH 2021

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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 WEEK 4

ARSAD FROM INDONESIA

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet in his home, so he had to walk into the forest to the open defecation area, even at night or in the rain.

Around 17 percent of Indonesia's rural population practice open defecation , with many unaware that it contributes to spreading diseases.

Arsad's family was often sick and open defecation caused neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, he took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He decided to fund the building of a toilet in his house and facilitated others in his neighbourhood to save up for toilets.

Now, Arsad and his family are healthier and have reduced their medical expenses. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. A community event, called 'Declaration of Open Defecation-Free' was even held to acknowledge their achievements.

Improved hygiene practices helped Arsad's community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Caritas Australia, through Laz Harfa, also shared prevention measures and distributing soap and masks.

Arsad has inspired his neighbourhood to 'Be More'

"We help each other, the 'togetherness' is growing. Our solidarity had increased," Arsad says.

"Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible"
St Francis of Assisi



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

Reconciliation	Family Sessions	Saturday 6 th , 13 th , 20 th March 4.30 pm or Sunday 7 th , 14 th , 21 st March 8.30 am
	1 st Reconciliation	Thursday 25 th March 7.00 pm

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal This Weekend | Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal by completing an envelope and returning it next weekend. Thank you.

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

Project Compassion | As part of our commitment to almsgiving this Lenten season, please consider taking home a Project Compassion box (located at the sanctuary steps) and support Caritas Australia.

Second Rite of Reconciliation | Reconciliation before Easter will be available on Tuesday the 30th March at 7.00pm.

Funeral of Charles Campbell | Our sincerest condolences to Joy & the Campbell family. Parishioners are welcome to attend on Tues 16th March at 12.30pm.

HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY
MICHAEL OSTREA



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED : Fr Mick O'Callaghan, Charles Campbell, Leslie Cleverly, Baby Theo James, Ernesto Benedicto, Mitchell Gale, Ann Chambers, Jocelyn Powell, Bernard Swain, & all those who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES : Francisco Sarmiento, Romano Garofali, Gerald Sultana, Matthew Jacka, Neville Isaaks, Esperanza Gan, Pat Bourke, Laurie Williams, Balbino Porteria, N J Philip, Mary Cuttall, Anthony Wilson Perera & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED : Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Sr Maria Alipia Vella, Tania Felice & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK : Soniya Wright, Helena Armstrong, Alexander Diana, Clarel Dumas, Suzan K. Ferreira, Bernadette Garcia, Danilo Monilla, Max Talbot, Sr Mary Joseph, Jim Gable, Judy Clapham, Henry Duffy, Filippa Borg, Nina Muscat, Esther Maria Biju, George Bell, Magi Gahli, Charlie Camenzuli, Carmela Dimunno, Ron Northman, Melina Lyonello, Romas Leveris, Mildred Fitzgerald, Jaime Calero, Raymond J Keuana, Ronilo Galido, Fab Chavez, Nymphia Miller, Ken Beatson, Melanie Castle, Eva Gilmour, Joanne Portelli, Theresa Jordan, Jane & Hugh McCann, Pat McGovern and all who suffer from COVID-19.

LENTEN RETREAT

"Those who abide in me and I in them
bear much fruit"

John 15:5



LENTEN RETREAT

IN PENRITH



with Fr. Roni George VC & Fr. Joby George VC



Friday, 26th March 2021
(6.00pm to 9.30pm)

**Help bring comfort,
faith and hope to the
sick and isolated**



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Bishop Vincent Long OPM Conv.

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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?

The Gospel focus will be – 5th Sunday of Lent - John 12:20-30.

As we approach the 5th Sunday in Lent the readings direct us to the events of Holy Week and the crucifixion of Jesus.

In this gospel many people had heard of Jesus and wanted to see him, but we cannot see Jesus fully unless we look at the crucified Lord. We cannot see Jesus or understand fully unless we appreciate the purpose and meaning of his death and resurrection.

A “grain of wheat must die in order to produce fruit”. It must ‘fall into the earth’. We achieve nothing on our own, and need the nourishment which Jesus provides, for he is our life. Jesus surrendered his life through suffering and death on the cross only to rise again in new life.

Our gospel reflection questions to think about are:

- ✚ What are some ways we can prepare appropriately to have the right “disposition” for the Holy Week liturgies?
- ✚ Is my faith life dormant? Or am I nourishing it so that it will yield an abundant harvest?
- ✚ Where is “new life” possible in my life today?
- ✚ God always works to bring good out of what is less than good in our life. Ask to allow him to work unimpeded in you.

For more information about joining the Catholic Church:

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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

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ROSTER

ROSTER 20/21 MARCH 2021

Please Note: A printed copy for March & April are available in the Sacristy. If you are unable to attend Mass please find a replacement. Thankyou

[VIGIL] Acolyte: R Howard **Altar Server:** L & A Perera
Reader: P Sequeria **Comm. Rep:** L Alimangohan

Eucharist Minister: A Linga, A Calub **AV:** T & M Perera

Music: AMEN Choir **[7.00 A.M.] Acolyte:** A Ruzgas
Reader: S Paterson **Altar Server:**
Eucharist Minister: J McSpadden, G Wiggins **Comm. Rep:** Y Baccan

AV: N Davie

[8.30 A.M.] Acolyte: C Walsh **Altar Servers:** B Payyappilly
Reader: O Plucinski **Comm. Rep:** R Walsh

Eucharist Minister: H Wakeling, P Wheller **AV:** Tuckers

Music: J Mizzi **[10.00 A.M.] Acolyte:** J Tabone
Reader: L Gal **Altar Server:** H & J Jacobs
Comm. Rep: D Dawson

Eucharist Minister: J Vella, C Vella **AV:** J Kosman

Music: BNP Chapter **[HALL] Acolyte:** J Relunia
Reader: Alan Johnson

[6.00 P.M.] Acolyte: S Aish **Altar Server:** A Aish
Reader: Br Gordon **Comm. Rep:** M Prenderville

Eucharist Minister: K Wrightson **AV Nicole**

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 use the Service NSW QR Code located outside the Church to sign in and show the door volunteer that you have signed in this way before entering the Church. If you are unable to use the QR Code please see the door volunteer to sign in electronically.

•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 75 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.

•Money Wardens will use collection baskets that 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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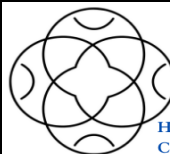
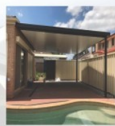


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