



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
21 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.

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK LITURGIES



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No bookings required. No extra Masses.

Please arrive early to sign in with QR Code and secure a seat.

Palm Sunday 28th March: Masses **Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 7 am, 8.30 am, 10 am and 6 pm**

Tuesday 30th March: Second Rite of Reconciliation **7pm**

Wednesday 31st March: Mass **9.30 am**, First Rite of Reconciliation 10am—12nn, No 7pm Mass

Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral **7 pm**



Holy Thursday 1st April: No 9.30 am Mass, First Rite of Reconciliation 9.30am

Mass **7pm followed by Vigil until 10pm**

Good Friday 2nd April: Stations of the Cross led by Youth **10 am**

Passion of the Lord **3 pm**

Easter Vigil 3rd April: Vigil Mass **7 pm**

Easter Sunday 4th April: Masses **7 am, 8.30 am, 10 am and 6 pm**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Reconciliation | We remember in our prayers the 106 children of our Parish about to receive their First Reconciliation on Thursday the 25th March. Congratulations to all!

Stations of the Cross | Our last Stations will be this Friday the 26th March during our Lenten Retreat.

Project Compassion | Thank you for your donations during Lent. Please return these boxes on Palm Sunday next weekend, the 27/28 March.

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

Position Vacant | We are seeking a Housekeeper for an immediate start, 2 days a week. Please email Jacinta (manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au) for a position description or call the Parish Office to learn more.

Happy Birthday | to Jun Relunia for the 20th March. Many blessings on your special day!



Good Samaritan Appeal | Any envelopes can be returned via the collection. We thank you for your wonderful generosity.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED : Fr Mick O'Callaghan, Ann Chambers, Ernesto Benedicto, Mitchell Gale, Charles Campbell, Laura Violet & all those who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES : George Attard, Albert & Charles Grima, Mercedes Ragaza, Romano Garofali, Gerald Sultana, Ken Minney, Evelyn & Claude Fernandez, Josephine Furtado, Bro Paul Dias, Mary Cuttall, Alfred DaCosta, DaCosta Family, Moniz Family, Leonida Robillos, Anna & Assad Karam, John Troiol, Bishop John Toiol, Helen Pearce & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED : Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Xiberras, Dennis Bryant, John Nettar, Odette Bonnaire, Sr Maria Alipia Vella, Tania Felice, Eva Limbo, Anita Rejuso, Yolanda Rejuso, Francisco Rizal, Cesar Rizal, Maria Teresa Tanguiang & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK : Soniya Wright, Virgilio Cruz, Helena Armstrong, Alexander Diana, Suzan K. Ferreira, Bernadette Garcia, Danilo Monilla, Max Talbot, Sr Mary Joseph, Jim Gable, Judy Clapham, Henry Duffy, Filippa Borg, Nina Muscat, George Bell, Magi Gahli, Carmela Dimunno, Mildred Fitzgerald, Jaime Calero, Theresa Jordan, Jane McCann 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)

• Praise and Worship • Way of the Cross • Preaching Gods Word • Adoration • Healing Mass

Venue: St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church,
326 High Street, Penrith NSW

For enquiries please contact:
02 4721 2509



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No 6.45am Mass Friday 26 March | There will be no 6.45am Mass on Friday, however all are invited to attend the Healing Mass during the Lenten Retreat on Friday evening.

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 – **The Passion – Mark 15:1-39.**

Because the suffering Jesus endured fulfilled the will of the Father, Jesus' shame was transformed into his glory. He suffered for God's people and for the establishment of the Kingdom. His shame became our honour, for now we are children of God. His hopelessness became our hope.

Sometimes hope is confident anticipation. Sometimes it is the guarantee of a hidden reality - **our hope in the cross. Salvation has already come.**

Our gospel reflection questions to think about are:

- ✚ Recall a time God's love helped you when you felt you could not give any more?
- ✚ Have you ever meditated before the cross? If not try it! What did you discover?
- ✚ Have you ever considered the paradox of Christianity that the cross contains - *one man's death led to humanity's life.* How does that insight give you hope?

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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Please contact Jacinta if you wish to change your direct debit.

ROSTER

ROSTER 27/28 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: B Scott	Altar Server: G Nematic
Reader: I Bentham	Comm. Rep: J Hogan
Eucharist Minister: N Calub, R DeBono	
Music: Heart & Soul	AV: T & M Perera
[7.00 A.M.] Acolyte: D Wiggins	Altar Server:
Reader: Y Bacchan	Comm. Rep: Alison Johnson
Eucharist Minister: L Davie, G Wiggins	
AV: B Rees	
[8.30 A.M.] Acolyte: J Jordan	Altar Servers: M Tickner
Reader: N Joseph	Comm. Rep: A James
Eucharist Minister: M Nyss, B Brainwood	
Music: J Mizzi	AV: O Plucinski
[10.00 A.M.] Acolyte: R Wood	Altar Server: M Idris, M Johnson
Reader: A Johnson	Comm. Rep: O Kiss
Eucharist Minister: M Knox, M Gutierrez	
Music: Br David	AV: M Johnson
[HALL] Acolyte: C Walsh	Reader: R Walsh
[6.00 P.M.] Acolyte: M Tolentino	Altar Server: X Whalen
Reader: C Clark	Comm. Rep: K Smith
Eucharist Minister:	
Music: Volunteer needed	AV: 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 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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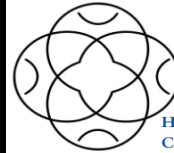
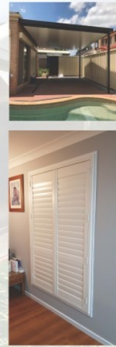


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