



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
7 MARCH 2021

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St Nicholas Primary Principal : Ms Anita Knezevic Ph; 4752 3300
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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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and money-changers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept

Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. This was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

Questions for Adults

- Q. In what ways is this a 'difficult' story about Jesus?
- Q. What was Jesus' dream of the way people should be able to relate to God?
- Q. Are there Church practices today that may be seen as unjust or discriminatory?
- Q. What everyday forms of injustice exist in your local community?
- Q. How can you challenge injustice?

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Liturgy Help 2021



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

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. 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.

Lenten Retreat | The Parish is hosting a Lenten Retreat on Friday the 26th of March from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Divine Retreat Centre priests from Somersby will lead the retreat.

Bishop's Appeal | 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.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED : Leslie Cleverly, Baby Theo James, Ernesto Benedicto, Mitchell Gale, Mary Camelleri, Ann Chambers, Jocelyn Powell, Gloria Joves, Bishop Bede Heather, Baby Theo James & all those who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES : Romano Garofali, Ate Salve Stuart, Tess Verbessey, Gerald Sultana, Miguel Dias, Matthew Jacka, Anthony & Carmeline Frias, Thelma McSpadden, Joseph Camilleri, Robert Ross, Evelyn Fernandez, Joseph White, Jose Martinho Ferreira, Dugue & Mudies Family & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED : Margaret Mary Sullivan, Lyn Mitrovich, John Nettar, Sr Maria Alipia Vella, Dennis Bryant, Tania Felice, Judith Field, Mark Herrick, Mike Willesse, Godfrey Gomez, Albert Palmer & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK : Soniya Wright, Suzan K. Ferreira, Bernadette Garcia, Danilo Monilla, Max Talbot, Sr Mary Joseph, Jim Gable, Bernard Swain, Fr Mick O'Callaghan, Judy Clapham, Henry Duffy, Filippa Borg, Nina Muscat, Esther Maria Biju, Jody Sloane, George Bell, Magi Gahli, Charlie Camenzuli, Carmela Dimunno, Ron Northman, Melina Lyonello, 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.

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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?

This coming Friday 12th March we will accompany James to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta to participate in the Penitential Service for baptised Candidates. Please keep James in your prayers.

The Gospel focus will be – **4th Sunday of Lent -John 3:14-21**
The glory of the Christian is the cross, for the cross points to God's love far better than any other blessing received in life. It is a universal sign of God's love.

Our gospel reflection questions to think about are:

✠ **What does the cross mean to you?** Have you ever meditated on a crucifix, seen a Passion Play, or participated in a "Way of the Cross?" describe your experience?

✠ **Consider your walk with the Lord.** How has that walk led to times of discomfort, even suffering? How has your "experience of the cross" helped you to grow spiritually?

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.

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

ROSTER

ROSTER 13/14 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: J Buttigieg	Altar Server: L & R Smee
Reader: J Hogan	Comm. Rep: C Limjap
Eucharist Minister : R De Bono, F Keuneman	
Music: Billy	AV: S Dias
[7.00 A.M] Acolyte: D Wiggins	Altar Server:
Reader: J French	Comm. Rep: Alison Johnson
Eucharist Minister : G Wiggins, L Davie	
AV: B Rees	
[8.30 A.M] Acolyte: J Simeon	Altar Servers: L & E Loughland Larsen
Reader: J Hollier	Comm. Rep: P Nematalla
Eucharist Minister : H Wakeling, P Wheller	
Music: J Mizzi	AV: O Plucinski
[10.00 A.M] Acolyte : J Relunia	Altar Server: A D'Costa, S Dias
Reader: O Kiss	Comm. Rep: P Samuelu
Eucharist Minister : D Streher, M Styne	
Music: AMDG Adult Choir	AV: M Johnson
[HALL] Acolyte: R Wood	Reader: P Samuelu
[6.00 P.M] Acolyte : M Tolentino	Altar Server: E Moniz
Reader: E Marshall	Comm. Rep: K Smith
Eucharist Minister : A Alimangohan	
Music: CFC	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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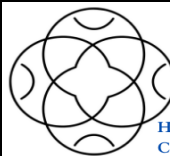


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