




# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**  
**27 JUNE 2021**

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### PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER: 4732 3039

During this Pandemic time **Craig Walsh** is our Health & Safety Coordinator. Contact 0428 284 568

**Nepean Hospital Chaplain:** Fr Porathur Joy (PJ)

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**RCIA Coordinators:** Ina & Norm Heffernan  
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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. Please observe social distancing. Read our Covid-19 Safety guidelines on Page 3.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION © Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage presents two miracle accounts, one, in effect, 'interrupting' or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone. The story of the woman with a haemorrhage is a story of social and religious isolation as much as it is a story of illness and pain. Because of the Jewish prohibitions against blood, the woman would have been regarded as permanently impure and unclean. She would have been unable to engage in any worship; she could not touch another person without also making them unclean; she was effectively outcast for the 12 years of her illness. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd – she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her. Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her (a feature of healing stories in the Gospel of Mark). His actions also made it clear to the crowd that she was now healed and should not be shunned any longer; she was publicly declared fit to re-enter society and religious participation. After 12 years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again.

The delay, however, meant that Jairus' daughter was dead by the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus performs another miracle and raises the girl from death. The girl was 12 years old – the same 12 years the woman suffered with a haemorrhage – and now she too was able to begin her life again. There is a neatness and a completeness about the two stories.

### Questions for Adults

- Q. What is the common link between the two miracles in this gospel passage?
- Q. What do you imagine life would have been like for the woman with the haemorrhage?
- Q. What image of the disciples is presented in this passage?
- Q. What do we learn about the importance of faith?

*Altar Server Training* 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 training sessions will be conducted on **Thursday 22 July, 29 July & 5 Aug from 4pm to 5pm** at the Church. All enquiries to **Rodney Howard at the Parish Office Ph:4721 2509 (Wed & Fri)** [sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)



## WHATS HAPPENING IN RCIA

The Gospel – The 14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Mark 6:1-6.

**(Note: The RCIA will not be meeting for the next 2 weeks, but we invite you to share the gospel reflection we will reflect on privately during the break).**

Jesus went back to Nazareth accompanied by his disciples. Jesus came home, but he wasn't **AT** home. When he taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath, the people are amazed; astonished at the wisdom with which he spoke, and at the power of the miracles they had heard he was performing. He may have expected that those closest to him would be the first to want to share good things with him - *but it was not to be*. **He tried** - but their lack of vision, intolerance and disbelief stifled even his ability to preach and to heal. **This Gospel is more than a story of rejection, it is a story about how we ignore and reject God.** It is a story about our reluctance to be helped by God, or by anyone else; reluctance which stems from our own perceptions, our own knowledge, our own strength our stubbornness.

**Spiritual wholeness is not achieved by exercising our own human power, but in acknowledging our human weakness, and allowing God to affect his power in us.** When we acknowledge our weakness and our need, and turn to God and ask for help, instead of relying on our own ability, perceived wisdom, and strength to save us, then something profound happens - **we discover that God's grace is sufficient for us. God's power is made perfect in our weakness, and generally in ways we do not expect.**

**OUR GOSPEL REFLECTION - QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:**

- ✠ In what ways have you been snubbed by those closest to you?
- ✠ What impact does their opinion have on you?
- ✠ If you have ever treated old friends or family in the same way, how did that make you feel?
- ✠ How have your opinions and acts against others affected you and those around you?
- ✠ Focus on the feelings you are experiencing. *How can God help you in these areas?*

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

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED** : Elisabetta Catanea, Heather Hort, Luzmilda Ponce-De-Leon & all those who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES** : Pablo Mallari, Magda Tatrai, Antonio Leone, Susan Waitoa, Tim Carey, Anne Corigan, Thresiamma Kuriakose, Olga Moniz, Theresa Chua, Graham Dimming, Fausta Da Costa, James Cobden, Constance Enright, Darryl Enright, Lino V Mapa, Michael Bartley, Paul & Gino Vassallo all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED** : Tania Felice, John Nettar, Dennis Bryant, Ron Howe, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Barry Wilson, Anesia Catubigan, Albert Thomas Palmer, Deceased members of Sabal family, Rolando Ostrea, Ben, Delfin & Lue Cabatingan, Aurora Luna, Armow Alo, Theresa & Cornelius Felix, Lena D'Souza, Deceased members of the Duque & Mudie families & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK** : Natasha Sullivan, Juan Garate, Easter Kalotay, Lyn O'Hare, Chris Ropati, Daryl Young, Jose Catubigan Sr., Gail Beevor, Tu Tran, Elenita & Lolyn Velayo, Ann & Raymond Thompson, Suzan K. Ferreira, Rebecca Hackney, Terry Donnolley, Olivia Evans, McEwen Pereira, Georgina Rastegorac, Baby William Martines, Ricardo Azores, Romas Levers, Yvonne Kore, Allen & Jackie Cullen, Flor-deliza Villanueva, Charlie Camenzuli, Virgilio Cruz, Alexander Diana, Suzan K. Ferreira, Bernadette Garcia, Danilo Monilla, Henry Duffy, Filippa Borg, Nina Muscat, George Bell, Magi Gahli, Carmela Dimunno, Mildred Fitzgerald, Jaime Calero, Theresa Jordan, Jane McCann, Lauren and all who suffer from COVID-19.

## PARISH PICNIC TO MUDGEES (27-28 JULY)

Fr. Joe is arranging a tour to Beautiful Mudgee on July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave at 8.30 am on 27<sup>th</sup> July and will be back at 4.30 pm on 28<sup>th</sup> July. The trip includes breakfast, drinks, snacks. Lunch and dinner is not included as part of the package.

The trip will cost in twin share basis :  
 group of 30-39 people- \$175.00;  
 group of 40-47 people- \$160.00 and  
 group of 48-53 people- 150.00 ;  
 single room supplement-\$250.00.

There are currently 32 people attending. Please pay a deposit of \$100 at the Parish Office at the time of the booking.



## GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Thank you very much for your valued support of our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal raising funds to support our seminarians prepare for the priesthood. We have raised \$5, 152.00 out of our quota of \$13000.00. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you have not been able to donate yet, please take an appeal envelope located at the church door and consider helping with your donation before the end of financial year.

## 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 \* is live streamed through our Facebook @SNOMPenrith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

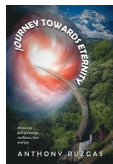
*Holy Hour for Vocations* with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth is on the 1st July from 7 pm at St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith.

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*St Nicholas Festa* An event by St Nicholas Festa Committee of Plumpton Parish is on Sunday 4th JULY starting at 8.30 am. For more information contact Emmanuel Vella on 0405 677 064.

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*A Journey Towards Eternity* A parishioner Anthony Ruzgas has written and published a book titled 'Journey Towards Eternity' - it is a journey of life. The book is available for purchase by order or online through Amazon. If you wish to purchase a copy, there are some available through Stuart Pater-son, who will take orders. If you wish to contact Anthony, his number is 0419693597.



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*Alive in the Spirit* is an innovative virtual conference, from 8 to 10 July 2021, with access till end of December:

[www.aliveinthespirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthespirit.com.au). This conference seeks to enliven and inspire the Church in Oceania through a variety of keynotes, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences, and calls us to new vision, new energy, and new life in our efforts to become the community Christ calls us to be. Bishop Vincent invites the participation of individuals and faith communities, saying, "I fully support the Alive in the Spirit Conference, and warmly encourage you to take full advantage of this excellent initiative." His full message can be found on the website. **A**

**group discount is available for parishes who wish to run a group. If you have a number of people interested, please contact the parish.**



### ROSTER 3/4 JULY 2021

*Please Note: **The July—August roster is now available** for pick up in the Sacristy. You will notice that a Minister at the Altar will scaffold an experienced Acolyte/Senior Server for the next few months. The roster has also been emailed to all who have provided their email address. If you are unable to fill your roster, please organise a replacement. Thankyou*

**[VIGIL] Acolyte:** J Buttigieg, R Esteban **Altar Server:** D & J Lestal  
**Reader:** I Bentham **Comm. Rep:** C Clark

**Eucharist Minister:** A & N Calub, L Scully

**Music:** AMDG choir **AV:** J Linga

**[7.00 A.M.] Acolyte:** A Ruzgas, J French

**Reader:** Y Baccan **Comm. Rep:** F Jackson

**Eucharist Minister:** L Davie, R Bru

**AV:**

**[8.30 A.M.] Acolyte:** G Isaaks, M Cobden **Altar Servers:** A & L Joseph

**Reader:** S Falleiro **Comm. Rep:** J Doman

**Eucharist Minister:** B Brainwood, U Gomez, O Nugpo

**Music:** J Mizzi **AV:** Tuckers

**[10.00 A.M.] Acolyte:** J Jordan. **Altar Server:** A D'Costa  
C Nepomuceno S Dias

**Reader:** L Alimangohan **Comm. Rep:** D Dawson

**Eucharist Minister:** M Nyss, A Kosman, M Knox

**Music:** J Chifley **AV:** S Clarke

**[6.00 P.M.] Acolyte:** S Aish, M Gutierrez **Altar Server:** E Moniz, X  
Whalen

**Reader:** C D'Mello **Comm. Rep:** M Joseph

**Eucharist Minister:** D Lee, D Streher

**Music:** BNP Youth **AV:** Donnie

## COVID-19 SAFETY

- Masks are mandatory in places of worship
- Singing by the congregation is not permitted.
- We are currently using the social distance of one person per 4 square meters. This excludes essential persons to the Liturgy.
- Those who have visited a recent hotspot, 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 Facebook live stream Mass at 10am on Sundays. (@SNOMPenrith)
- Upon arrival please scan the Service NSW QR code outside the church or see the Door Volunteers who will take your details electronically - 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 before Mass starting.
- Please sanitize your hands as soon as you enter the church.
- Once we have reached maximum capacity or the Mass has started, there will be no entry into the Church. Parishioners can choose to remain socially distanced outside whilst listening to Mass and receive communion outside.
- Groups of 5 or more are to sit in the smaller pews, please follow the directions of the volunteers to socially distance. There is no standing permitted.
- Those who enter a pew first should occupy the central seat, 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 sign of peace will be exchanged without physical contact.
- A Eucharistic Minister or Priest will come to your pew to distribute Holy Communion. Please remain in your pew and stand as the Blessed Sacrament approaches.
- 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.
- Please do not congregate in large groups outside the Church.
- 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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