



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C
27TH FEBRUARY 2022

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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

✉ Greg Sunter

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ASH WEDNESDAY



2nd March 2022

Mass times: 6.45 am,
9.30am and 7 pm



Every Friday during
Lent at 7pm, we will
have Stations of the
Cross.

Please come and join
us to pray the Stations of the Cross
starting Friday 4th March

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Team Changes: Our Office manager Jacinta Ortiz has decided to pursue other opportunities and finished in the office on Thursday 24th February. We thank Jacinta for her work and commitment to the parish over the past 2.5 years and wish her all the best and God's blessings in her future endeavours. Rodney Howard, our Sacramental Co-ordinator will be the Acting Office Manager until a suitable replacement is employed.

Fred Keuneman has decided to retire from the position of Catechists Coordinator, a position he has held for many years. We thank Fred for his commitment and dedication to organising the SRE program and teachers so our children in State schools receive their religious instruction. Margaret Wilson will be replacing Fred in this position.

Congratulation and Thank you: Mila Svehla who after 37 years as a SRE teacher has decided to retire. We thank you for your dedication to this ministry of the Church.

Retreat for Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar and Eucharistic Ministers: There is a retreat day organised for March 26th at Mt Schoenstatt in Mulgoa starting at 9.30am and ending with Mass at 3pm. Our Parish Priests want all ministers to attend the day. It will cost \$20 each and the Parish will pay another \$20 for you. There will be a hot sit down lunch and we will have two guest speakers. You must register on the sheet in the foyer so we can have an idea of the number of people who intend to come. ✉ Craig Walsh & John Sweeney.

Legion of Mary: Our new meetings times are at 11.00am each Wednesday in PMR1. All are welcome to join. For further enquiries on Legion of Mary email Edmund Bishara at edmund.bishara@bigpond.com

Divine Mercy Chaplet has resumed: Every 2nd Friday of the month after the 12.15pm Mass.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED : Christopher Ware, Francis Dowling, Mary Lieberth, Tess Lambert and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES : Cornelio Sajonia, Baby Theo James Sajonia, George Attard, Miguel Dias, Maria Bugeja, Gregorio Sabal Sr., and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED : Tania Felice, John Nettar, Dennis Bryant, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Godfrey Gomez, Albert Thomas Palmer, Suzy & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK : Adelia Delapaz, Theresa Goh, Patricia Formosa, David Wakeling, Raymond Gale, Mel McSpadden, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

Names submitted to the Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

RCIA: NEXT WEEKS GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel – FIRST Sunday of Lent
Luke 4:1-13.

As we begin the Season of Lent, we enter the THIRD of Four periods in the RCIA process – *Purification and Enlightenment* - This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more of personal interior reflection than catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect and candidates. It is also a time of personal reflection for the parish community to focus on an ever-deepening conversion and examination of their lives in light of the Gospel. It provides an opportunity for our parish community to support and pray for those seeking the Sacraments of Initiation at the coming Easter Vigil.

This RCIA period is highlighted by the celebration of the **Scrutinies (weeks 3,4 &5 of Lent)** (*for those seeking Baptism*). During this period, we also celebrate the **Presentations** – this when the Church's most treasured possessions are presented. **The Lord's Prayer and The Creed.** We also conduct the **Preparatory Rites** – *ritual anointing with Holy Oil and prayer*, in readiness for the **Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist** - which will take place during the coming Easter Vigil.

On Sunday 6th March we will celebrate another **important occasion in the RCIA process -The RITE OF ELECTION** which will take place at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, with Bishop Vincent presiding.** This is a Diocesan celebration which is an acknowledgement on behalf of the parish priest, the RCIA team, and the sponsors, that the catechumen (*person to be baptised*) is suitably formed and ready to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. It is a formal acceptance on behalf of the Church.

For the next few weeks our intention is to keep you informed as to the different RCIA focus and activities, and we humbly ask for your continuing prayers for all involved in the RCIA process.

For more information about joining the Catholic Church:

Ina & Norman Heffernan
4732 1751 inanorm@optusnet.com.au

BECOME A CATECHIST!

Please contact us if you wish to teach Catechesis in our local primary public schools, classes are from Kindergarten to Year 6. This voluntary teaching in our parish assists the spreading of the Word of God to the children. You will be required to attend Catechists training and obtain a Working with Children Check. Please email Margaret Wilson on catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or phone the Parish 4721 2509

To "be" catechists!
Not to "work" as catechists.
Catechesis is a vocation:
"being a catechist",
this is the vocation,
not "working" as a catechist.

Pope Francis,
Congress on Catechesis



PARISH ROSTER 5TH/6TH MARCH

You are unable to attend Mass please find a replacement.

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	D Welfare D Wheelahan	L Perera A Perera	K Smith	J Doman	R De Bono L Scully	AMDG Youth	Atonio
7.00am	R Sajonia D Wiggins		Y Baccan	E Marshall	R Bru M Scicluna		Volunteer need- ed
8.30am	M Cobden C Walsh	G Peters	R Walsh	O Plucinski	B Brainwood C Wright	J Mizzi	Tuckers
10.00am	G Isaaks J Jordan	S Dias	P Samuelu	Alan Johnson	C Gillaus P Samuelu	Jane Chifley	S Clarke
6.00pm	S Aish C Nepomuceno	A Aish	S Paterson	M Prendeville	C D'Mello K Wrightson	BNP Youth	Donnie

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday

Monday	9.30am	
Tuesday	6.45am	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30am	
	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 Asterisk * is live streamed through our Facebook @SNOMPenrith

Safeguarding Training

Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held onsite in the Parish Hall.

The dates for the 2022 face-to-face sessions are:

- Module 1 – Introduction to Safeguarding: Tuesday 15th March at 7.00pm (60 min)
- Module 2 – Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct: Tuesday 22nd March at 7.00pm (90 min)
- Module 3 – Safeguarding Adults at Risk: Tuesday 29th March at 7.00pm (90 min)

Please sign up on the sheets in the Church foyer.

If you wish to complete the training independently you can use the **online training platform**. You can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace.

To register for the online modules please email Maria Kervin at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

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Planned Giving Envelopes are available in the Foyer of the Church for pick up.

COVID-19 SAFETY



- ⇒ Our Church doors are open for all regardless of vaccination status.
- ⇒ Please do not attend Mass if you have any signs of cold or flu symptoms. Our 10am Mass is live steamed on our Facebook page. Mass for You at Home airs on Channel 10 at 6am each Sunday, and also on Aurora (Foxtel Channel 173) at 10am. It can also be accessed on this [website](#) from 7am on Sunday.
- ⇒ Please socially distance whilst seated for your own safety.
- ⇒ The Holy Eucharist will be given only in the hand.
- ⇒ Eucharistic Ministers may not give formal blessings for those who cannot take communion, please go to a priest or deacon for a blessing during communion.
- ⇒ As of Friday the 25th of February, masks will no longer be mandatory for places of worship. **However, masks are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.**
- ⇒ As of Friday the 25th of February, both the choir and congregation are able to sing at religious services in our church.

2023/2024 St Nic's Primary Kindergarten Enrolments & Catholic Schools Week Twilight Tours

We would like to warmly invite you to our Catholic Schools Week Twilight Group Tours on Monday 7 March 2022 at 4:00 - 4:30 and the next time is a repeated session at 6:00 - 6:30 pm.

COVID practices will be put in place and we recommend the wearing of masks during this tour. This will allow the Principal and Assistant Principal to be protected and speak without a mask making it easier for you to hear our tour. However, depending on the numbers of mask wearers we may still opt to wear one as we also have families to keep safe and protect. Each person will be required to sign in and we are limited to a size of 30 people. You will be required to register via a QR code and show proof of vaccination. If you are unwell or have any symptoms we ask you to keep everyone safe by refraining from attending.

We accept enrolment applications at any time. However it is after our Twilight Tours, when we begin making appointments for the 2023 Kindergarten Enrolment Interviews. The School Enrolment Officer will contact you to make an interview time with one or both parents and the enrolling child attends. COVID check ins and practices are in place. Enrolment forms can be found [online](#) or collected from the school office. We also have left some A5 pamphlets in the Church's Foyer which have a QR code on the back for further information. I hope to see you there!

Kind regards Anita Knezevic (School Principal)

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