



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



2ND SUNDAY IN LENT—YEAR C  
12TH / 13TH MARCH 2022

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## PROJECT COMPASSION



Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business. Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way For All Future Generations.

As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413



## BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

On the weekend of the 26/27th March our Parish is proud to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal. Funds raised through the Appeal will enable Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres to reach more of our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness in our community. While many social services have moved online due to the pandemic, Catholic Care is expanding their community activities to give people more opportunities to safely gather face-to-face for vital social interaction. Your gift will help Catholic Care expand their reach and community support. Please give generously via the giving envelopes and place them in the receptacle for the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal on 26/27th March weekend. Thank you.



**Love your neighbours  
as God loves you**

Help Catholic Care support those who  
are isolated or have nowhere to turn

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



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

Please come and join us to pray the Sta-  
tions of the Cross.

## LENTEN SYMBOL



We thank the banner committee for making our new Lenten Symbol. The symbolism of the mother pelican feeding her young with her own blood is called a "Pelican in her Piety". Christian see parallels between the mother pelican and Jesus and his followers. When food is in short supply the pelican pierces its breast with its sharp, pointed beak and the side of Jesus was pierced by a sharp, pointed lance (Jn 19:34a). Blood flowed from the pelican's breast, blooded flowed from Jesus' side (Jn 19:34b). The mother's blood is drink for her chicks, and the blood of Jesus is "true drink" (Jn 6:55b). The mother gives her life that her chicks might live, and Jesus laid down his life that we might live (Jn 15:23). The body and blood of Jesus is salvation and eternal life for those who receive it, The mother pelican and her chicks have come to represent the Eucharist, as well as redemption and salvation.

## POSITION VACANT

Our Parish of St Nicholas is seeking a suitably qualified Accountant / Bookkeeper to join our vibrant & friendly Parish team. The position is part time and flexible, working 7 hours per week. The suitable candidate should have MYOB experience, be able to process payroll and payments, complete Bank reconciliations and BAS. Applications close 4pm on Wednesday 23rd March. Email applications including CV to manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

## MEET OUR NEW CATECHIST COORDINATOR



Our new catechist Coordinator is Margaret Wilson. I began my teaching career with the Department of Education in 1968 teaching Primary grades, moved to the Diocese of Broken Bay and in 1972 took off to London. I worked and also taught in a Special School in London coming back to Australia in 1973. From then on I taught primary classes in Tasmania, the Diocese of Broken Bay and Cairns. My last 10 years of teaching were at Holy Spirit St. Clair. I then answered an advertisement in 2008 to teach in a Senior High School, Nanjing China, teaching General English and IELTS, a year stretched to over 8 years. In 2017 I was asked to go to Vientiane, Laos to teach English and IELTS from which I returned in June 2021.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Maria Moniz, Maria Margarita Samar, Patricia Formosa, Betty Joan Maiden, Edward Lee, Maria Bugeja, Barry John Blanchard, Frances Gill Daly, Joseph Camenzuli, Liala Margaret Williams

and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES :** Matthew Jacka, Gerald & Carmela Sultana, Varghese Manjaly and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED :** Tania Felice, John Nettar, Dennis Bryant, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Christopher Ware, Jim Fullerton Snr, Alfredo Robillos, Primitivo Cortes, Librada Sanoy, Beato Justina, Johnes Aycardo, Godfrey Gomez & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK :** Adelia Delapaz, Theresa Goh, 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 WEEK'S HAPPENINGS



Last Sunday we attended **The Rite of Election** at the Cathedral where Bishop Vincent received the Catechumens from the Diocese and during the ceremony declared that all Catechumens present were

"Elected" to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the coming Easter Vigil.

**Daisy Sudelic**, our parish member of "**THE ELECT**" celebrated the occasion with family and friends, Fr. Joe, and members of our RCIA Team.

**NEXT WEEKEND** we celebrate the first of the **THREE RCIA SCRUTINIES**

Beginning with the *Rite of Election*, the *Elect* enter a period of *Purification and Enlightenment, in preparation for their Easter baptism, confirmation and union with Christ in the Eucharist. The scrutinies are celebrated over the last three Sundays of Lent*, to gradually enlighten the Elect about the mystery of sin, and enable their spirit to be filled with Christ. *Scrutinies and exorcisms are special ritual prayers which strengthen the Elect in preparation for baptism.*

**Each of the three Scrutinies** is intended to bring growth in holiness to those who would become Catholics and for the Parish community. *The Scrutinies are celebrated with the parish community so that those seeking the Sacraments of Initiation may be introduced and made to feel welcome.*

*During these last three weeks of Lent when we have an adult for baptism RCIA use the Readings from Lectionary Year A.*

*We invite those seeking answers to their questions or want to find out more about the process in becoming a Catholic to contact: Ina & Norman Heffernan 02 4732 1751 inanorm@optusnet.com.au*

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm (60 min)
- Module 2 – Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00pm (90 min)
- Module 3 – Safeguarding Adults at Risk: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

## RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the reposed soul of Patricia Formosa a much loved parishioner. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will be held on Friday 18th March at 10.30am



Please pray for the reposed soul of Liala Margaret Williams a much loved parishioner. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will be held on Thursday 17th March at 11.00am

## PARISH ROSTER 19/20TH MARCH

*You are unable to attend Mass please find a replacement.*

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	R Esteban R Limjap	L & A Perera	I Bentham	E Marshall	F Keuneman L Scully	CD	T & M Perera
7.00am	A Ruzgas R Sajonia		C Bonus	S Paterson	R Bru M Scicluna		Volunteer Needed
8.30am	C Walsh R Wood	G Borg	P Nematalla	R Walsh	E Isaaks	J Mizzi	Tuckers
10.00am	M Cobden M Tolentino		O Kiss	L Alimangohan	M Nyss P Samuelsu	BNP Chapter	U Gomez
6.00pm	C Clark M Gutierrez	J Esteban	N Joseph	M Prenderville	D Streher K Wrightson	A Catt	Atonio

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***A Spiritual Day for the Extraordinary Ministers- Ministers at the Altar, Readers, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Music groups***

**When:** Saturday 26th March

**Time:** 9.30—4.00pm **Place:** Mt Schoenstatt in Mulgoa

**Registration:** on sheet in Church Foyer

**Cost :** \$20 payable at the parish office

If you have any dietary requirements please email either John (jps1244@bigpond.net.au) or Craig (mamreintaid@gmail.com)

**Catechists Required:** 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

**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.

**Stations of the Cross Youth Meeting:** Are you between the ages of 12 and 35? **WE NEED YOU!** The St Nicholas Youth Group FIAT is re-enacting the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10am. Rehearsals for the re-enactment start on **Sunday 13/3/22 at 7pm in PMR1**. We need actors, singers, musicians, AV operators, readers, light controllers and more! So come join us to support the parish, deepen your faith, meet like minded young people and have a bunch of fun along the way. If you have any questions please contact Gabrielle on 0425348667.

**LIFTED Sports Day:** The St Nicholas FIAT youth team are gearing up to take back the trophy at the next LIFTED Sports Day on 27th March. We are looking for people aged 16 - 30 of all abilities to join a round robin competition between 16 parishes in touch football, basketball, soccer and volleyball. If you are interested in helping bring back the victory to Penrith please contact Gabrielle on 0425348667.

**St Nicholas of Myra Prayer Group:** invites everyone to come and listen to God's reflection on the Sunday's liturgy every 2nd and last Tuesday of month at 7.00pm in the Parish hall.

### PLANNED GIVING

*We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times*  
**FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy**

<b>BSB</b>	067 950
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<b>Acct Name</b>	Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
<b>Reference</b>	<b>6029 [SURNAME DONATION]</b>

**SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish**

<b>BSB</b>	067 950
<b>Acct No</b>	000000487
<b>Acct Name</b>	Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
<b>Reference</b>	<b>[ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]</b>

**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 streamed 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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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