



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



6th Sunday of Easter —Year C  
21st / 22nd May 2022

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## PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Dear friends in Christ,

On 24<sup>th</sup> of May, this coming Tuesday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians. Our country Australia is dedicated to the Maternal care of Mary Help of Christians, and she is the patroness of our nation. Our parish community is specially blessed to have a grotto/ shrine in honour of Mary help of Christians.

Many times, in history the faithful gathered before the statue of the Mary Help of Christians for intercession on their behalf, especially in time of danger and war. Last few years we have been fighting to survive the Covid-19 Pandemic. We have seen and experienced hardships and difficulties due to this virus. Many lives were lost and continue to be lost. We, all have been very careful to follow the protocol for the safety of ourselves and others. But unfortunately, few of us caught Covid-19, but thankfully they are all recovered. Apart from this virus, we have seen the effects of the war between Russia and Ukraine. This war has brought immense sufferings and thousands of lives have been lost, and millions of livelihoods have been disrupted through displacement, lost homes, and lost incomes. We all sense the uncertainties of the world due to this dreadful war and virus. Our Lord is the Lord of peace and not of war. We are against war and condemn all kinds of atrocities inflicted towards human lives and the environment.



I invite all of you to come to the Grotto of Our Lady, Help of Christians this Tuesday evening. Our parish community will gather around Mary, Help of Christians on her Solemnity. We will implore her to intercede to her Son for World Peace, especially for Ukraine and Russia, through praying the Rosary. We will dedicate our families, our parish, and our nation to her maternal care for safety and protection. We also come as a parish community to seek her help to face various challenges of life and to embrace more and more God's will for us. We are in winter, and therefore it would be cold, but I think this is an opportunity for us to experience and understand the cry of the people, especially the refugees, who have lost their home and country due to war in Ukraine. In solidarity with these people, we too can gather in the grotto, even though it is cold. So, I hope many of us can make small sacrifices and offer our sufferings to our Lord in our Eucharistic Celebration outdoors on that day.

May you be all richly blessed for the goodness of your heart.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us!

Rosary and Holy Mass at the grotto- this Tuesday 6.30 pm Rosary, followed by Holy Mass.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



We wish Anthony Ruzgas a very Happy 80th Birthday for Sunday 22nd May.

**Memorial Mass:** A Memorial Mass for the late Victoria Vella will be held at St Nicholas of Myra Penrith on Friday 3rd June at 7pm.

**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 12.10 pm Mass.

**St Nicholas of Myra Prayer Group:** invites everyone to come and listen to God's reflection on the Sunday's liturgy every 2nd

## GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is carrying out its mission to prepare men who have been called by God to be good shepherds and beacons of Christ's light.

Will you be their extended formation community and support seminarians on their important spiritual journey to be formed as priests after the heart of Christ?

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or in the envelopes on the pews on the weekend of 28th and 29th May.



Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their journeys.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



Family Session 2  
Saturday 28th May 4.30pm  
or  
Sunday 29th May 8.30am

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Nenad Fetahi, Helen Mourin, Joel Duverge, Vickie Vella, and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, George Attard, Maurie McInerney, Patrick & Ann Heaton, James Gill, Wilfred Whitten, Kumaride Saipath, Tania Felice, Frank Felice, Melba Merlino, Ken Minney, Sandra McSpadden, Terry Axisa, Rite & Rina Borg, Joseph Vella, Louie Neri, Nimfa Relunia, Edward Brock, Josephine Furtado, Alejandro Santos, Agapita Calub and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Donnelly, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Edward Lim, Joseph Goh & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK:** Sharon Agustin, Karen Cashel, Danielle Kazare, Georgia Sullivan, Sheryl Oszust, Ting Cecilia, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Ursula Gomez, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, 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.**

## ST NIC'S FLICKS MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK



St. Nic's Flicks Movie night will be showing 'Seraphine' (PG). Friday the 28th of May at 7 pm in Parish Hall. The moving true story of a simple housemaid who painted to appease the voice of heaven. Please come along with your friends and family. It is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners and friends. The movie is free, and drinks and popcorn will be served. You may also bring your own food and have a relaxing evening.

## RCIA: NEXT WEEK GOSPEL REFLECTION

**The Gospel – The Ascension of The Lord** Luke 24: 46-53. The **Ascension of the Lord** celebrates two aspects of the resurrection, namely *Jesus' exaltation* and the *commissioning of his followers to carry on his mission*.

**The Christian community has a duty to evangelise:**

To convey the life image revealed in the Gospel and in our Christian tradition. This is not just the responsibility of the clergy or of religious men and women, but is the duty of every Christian, and evolves from the character of being a disciple.

**The Christian community does not act alone:**

Jesus promised "I will be with you always, to the very end of time" Matthew 28:20. **He is 'God-with-us'**. Through his Spirit, Jesus continues to work with and through his people, and he is to be found in every one of us. In every person we meet, we either come face to face with the presence of Jesus, because of that person's *goodness, love, generosity, compassion, courage, and concern for others*: **OR** meet someone who needs the healing touch of Jesus because of their brokenness. **In response to Jesus' call, we must be, generous, compassionate, non-judgemental, caring and loving as we live out our daily lives.** "As often as you did (or did not do) it to one of the least of my brothers, you did (or did not do) it to ME." Matthew 25:35-46.

### OUR GOSPEL REFLECTION AND QUESTIONS:

- ◇ Where in your life do you find genuine 'self-emptying' love?
- ◇ Pray for the grace to offer such love to others.
- ◇ How do you fulfil the commission, given by Jesus at the time of his Ascension, to proclaim the Gospel.

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

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## PLANNED GIVING

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## PARISH ROSTER 28th / 29TH MAY

*If you are unable to attend Mass please find a replacement.*

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	R Howard R Limjap	J Joseph	C Bonus	N Joseph	D Scott L Scully	Vic & Alana	Joshua & Jordan
7.00am	A Ruzgas J French		S Paterson	Y Bacchan	R Bru M Scicluna		Volunteer Needed
8.30am	M Cobden C Walsh	G Borg	R Walsh	P Nematalla	K Pemberton C Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Tuckers
10.00am	J Relunia J Tabone	S Dias A Joseph	M Varua	O Kiss	A Kosman P Samuelu	Volunteer Needed	Rachael Wilson
6.00pm	S Aish R Esteban	A Aish J Esteban	K Smith	D Whalen	C D'Mello K Wrightson	CFC Youth	Olivia

## CALENDAR

Monday 23/5	Tuesday 24/5	Wednesday 25/5	Thursday 26/5	Friday 27/5	Saturday 28/5	Sunday 29/5
	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>		<b>St Philip Neri</b>			<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>9.30am Mass 6.30pm Rosary followed by Mass at the grotto</b>	<b>9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass</b>	<b>9.00am Mass and Adoration 6.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass</b>
7.30pm RCIA Mtg PMR1		11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1 11.00am Funeral Nenad Fetahi	10.30am Mass at Thornton	10.00am Funeral Helen Mourin 7.00pm St Nick's Flicks Movie Night Hall	<b>9.30am Reconciliation</b> 4.30pm: Holy Communion Family S2 various rooms <b>5.00pm Reconciliation</b>	8.30am: Holy Communion Family S2 various rooms <b>11.45 Baptisms</b>

### OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Our Lady, Help of Christians Feast day is Tuesday 24th May. We will be saying the rosary from 6.30pm followed by mass at the Grotto which is dedicated to her. Please bring your own chair or rug and join us for this special celebration. **There will be no 6.45 am mass on that day.**



### PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

**Multi-cultural Mass and 'Welcome'  
to New Parishioners on '  
Pentecost Sunday June 5th  
at 10.00am.**

**We invite all parishioners to wear  
your **cultural attire** or the colour  
**red****

**New Parishioners** We wish to welcome all new parishioners who have started attending Mass here within the last 2 years at our 10am Pentecost mass. Please call the parish office to give your name and details for us to prepare your welcome.



## 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.
- ⇒ Please socially distance whilst seated for your own safety
- ⇒ Please sanitise your hands as you enter the Church.
- ⇒ The wearing of a face mask, while not mandatory is strongly encouraged.

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