



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Pentecost Sunday —Year C
4th / 5th June 2022

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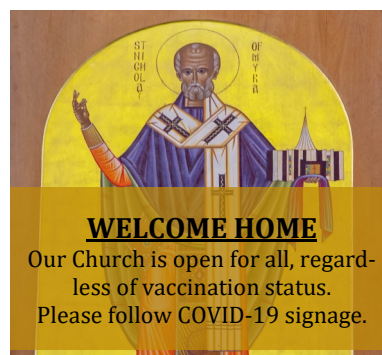
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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

As we celebrate Pentecost, we can be proud that for many decades our parish community is been a vital part and continue to play a major role to bring light and hope for many people of different race and languages to experience God's love, compassion and forgiveness around the Nepean Valley. Thanks to our ancestors, who opened this parish and their hearts to every people who love God and one another. Every time, as I celebrate Mass in this community I am so pleased to see many people of different culture and race worship God together as in first Pentecost. As members of the Body of Christ we participate in this experience in every Sunday as we come together to worship One God.

This year as we celebrate Pentecost, let us pray for each other that our hearts will be open to the renewing and strengthening power of the Holy Spirit. We have many challenges to address as a faith community - as our community is aging, we find it hard to find new committed volunteers, we need more SRE teachers to teach scripture in public schools, need volunteers to begin Children's Lit-

urgies on Sundays at 10 am Mass etc... Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guide this parish and work through the members of this community.

At the 10 am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate our unity in diversity in a special Liturgical celebrations followed by social gathering. I invite all of you to see this as an opportunity to get to know one another, to share and affirm our cultural identity and richness in our celebrations. Let this celebrations reignite our faith

and unity. Your presence and support is vital for the continued growth of this parish community. I am looking forward to meet as many of you after the Mass for our social gathering.

I pray that, we all experience the Power of Holy Spirit in our life and in our community.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Manjaly MS,

Parish Priest.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Closure: The Church and PMR1 will be closed after the 9.30am mass for the carpet to be steam cleaned.

Children's Liturgy: We are looking to recommence our Children's liturgy at the 10am mass from 10th July and are looking for volunteers to run. If you are interested please contact the parish office.

BNP Mass: BNP masses will now be held on the 3rd Friday of each month commencing at 7.30pm (note changed from 7.00pm)

HOLY SPIRIT DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Commencing Monday June 6, after Pentecost Sunday, join people across the country and around the world for a short, practical, and inspiring Daily Devotional video that you will receive in your inbox every morning to help you live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Presented by Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, you will be inspired, refreshed, and renewed through these powerful and prayer daily reflections.

The Daily Devotionals are FREE, and you can sign up here: BruceDownes.org/HolySpiritDaily or go to our website BruceDownes.org

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

We thank you for your generous support of our Holy Spirit Seminarians through the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal last weekend., we have so far raised \$2645.00 and we are short of 10k for our quota.

For those who may not have had a chance to support these faithful young men in their vocation as good shepherds of Christ's flock, please complete the giving envelope and place in the collection basket this weekend. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and will be receipted.

Your generous gift will help provide for the education and training of our 14 Holy Spirit Seminarians. Thank you.



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: David Patrick Grant, Lynnette Hinshelwood, Andy Leonello, Vickie Vella, Paulose Nelisser, Flo Oxley, Sofia, Renesmae & Alvin Jnr Del Rosario and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Edward Brock, Melba Merlino, Roger Varca, Paul Chambers, Francisco Osorio, McIlvenna Lahood, Faaiu, Ioane & Vilo Tuliati, Noel & Evelyn Haddad, Michael (Mick) Ryan and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Donnelly, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettare, Clothide Bastoli, Isaac Nazal, Albert Goh, Leonila Varca, Ron Howe, Margarita Aspera, Narciso Aspera Snr, Helen Huang, Cheng Xu Huring & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Tadeus Gwiazda, Louise Goderie, 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

INVITATION

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

Pentecost Sunday June 5th at 10.00am.

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



We wish Juan and Edie Caceres a very happy 50th Wedding anniversary for Friday 3rd June.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Dear Parishioners

Members of the PPC gathered on 31st May to discuss and discern how we could assist in the faith journey of our parish. Led by the Spirit, we discussed the impacts that Covid has had on our parish life and as we all return as a community what are some things that we can do to return vibrancy and belonging in our parish here at St Nicholas. Some of our ideas included the recommencement of the Children's Liturgy at the 10 am Sunday Mass, exploring ways of creating a welcoming community (e.g., door welcomers, monthly morning tea), enhancing liturgical celebrations especially through music and engagement of our youth. We are keen to continue to progress these ideas in the months ahead and would be very interested if you had ideas or can contribute in any way.

Please reach out to any member of the PPC, we will have a name tag to help you identify us. We welcome your ideas, suggestions or willingness to support us in any way. You are also welcome to write to me at

dominic.dawson@hotmail.com and we will discuss your feedback at our next meeting on 29th June 22.

Dominic Dawson, Chair, PPC

RCIA NEWS

This past Monday we gathered together for our last formal meeting with the current RCIA group. As fully initiated Catholics we are confident they will continue to grow in faith and find their 'place' in our welcoming community. **There will be no RCIA meetings for the next few weeks as the RCIA Team take a short break then re-group ready to welcome the next Inquirers seeking to join The Church.**

The Holy Spirit is the empowering and creative gift of God.

It is the Spirit that shapes the inner life of the Catholic community and is the catalyst for the community to reach outwards in mission, and so forms a church that is inclusive and far-reaching. There are two qualities that always accompany the presence of Jesus in our lives - **PEACE** and **LOVE**, and **from peace and love come kindness and truth, and kindness and truth meet in love. The Holy Spirit leads us to love and hope.** Love and hope do not have a dark side, as both begin with forgiveness. The Holy Spirit sparks within us the strength to forgive, and the Holy Spirit we worship, *the Holy Spirit we possess*, is the Spirit of divine forgiveness. When we forgive someone, or we are forgiven, we are allowing the Holy Spirit to rebuild the bridge between us.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PARISH ROSTER 11th / 12th June

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	J Hogan R Limjap		C Limjap	M Prendeville	A Calub N Calub	Billy	Samara Dias
7.00am	J French J Sweeney		Y Bacchan	M Scicluna	R Bru S Sweeney		Brian Rees
8.30am	M Cobden C Walsh	G Peters	J Doman	R Walsh	O Nugpo M Nyss	Jeffrey Mizzi	Olivia Plucinski
10.00am	R Wood J Jordan	A Joseph	M Varua	P Samuelu	M Knox A Kosman	AMDG Adult Choir	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	S Aish R Esteban	A Aish J Esteban	S Paterson	D Whalen	C D'Mello D Streher	CFC	Sharon Shahoud

CALENDAR

Monday 6/6	Tuesday 7/6	Wednesday 8/6	Thursday 9/6	Friday 10/6	Saturday 11/6	Sunday 12/6
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial)					St Barnabas— Apostle (Memorial)	The Most Holy Trinity
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet	9.00am Mass & Adoration 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass
10.00am Carpet Cleaning Church & PMR1	10.30am Funeral of Andy Leonello at Luddenham	11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1	7.00pm St Vincent de Paul Regional Mtg PMR1		9.30am Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation	

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

BSB 067 950
Acct No 00004265
Acct Name Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
Reference 6029 [SURNAME DONATION]

SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish

BSB 067 950
Acct No 00000487
Acct Name Penrith St Nicholas Catholic
Church
Reference [ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]

Every year we buy the Planned Giving Envelopes which is an expense to the Parish. If you have not collected your envelopes for this year but you wish to remain on the Planned Giving envelope system, please phone, or email the Parish office.

If we have not had any contact from you by the end of June no further envelopes will be issued and you will be removed from the Parish Planned Giving.

If you would like to alter your way of giving or join the Parish Planned Giving, please phone the Parish office to make arrangements.

Please continue to support your parish community through stewardship as this is the only way the parish can meet its expenses. You can see below how Covid affected our Planned Giving and other collections.

Before Covid-19 the average weekly collections

First collection \$ 2400.00
2nd collection Loose \$ 1800.00
2nd collection Envelopes- \$2200.00
Direct debit and direct credit monthly \$ 6500.00

Average weekly collections in the month of April & May 2022

First collection \$ 1600.00
2nd collection loose \$1500.00
2nd collection Envelopes \$ 1250.00
Tab & Go average \$450.00
Direct debit and direct credit monthly \$ 4500.00

Planned Giving Envelopes:

Dear friends in Christ,

The 2022/2023 Planned Giving envelopes period will commence on the weekend of 2/3 August. We thank all those who give so generously through the envelopes and we also thank the many parishioners who have taken up the option to give to the St. Nicholas of Myra, Parish Planned Giving via Credit/Debit Card payments or Direct Debit/ Credit. Over the last 2 ½ years we have had a number of Planned Giving envelopes issued with many of them not being collected. A few of you shifted to direct debit/ direct credit to support which is also very good for the Stewardship of the parish and no longer use the Planned Giving Envelopes.

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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