



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time —Year C  
3rd/4th September 2022

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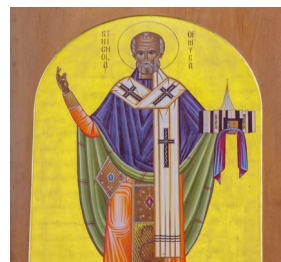
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## PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

**First, to all of you fathers: Happy Father's Day!**

I trust you know what an honour and privilege it is to be a father. Fatherhood is a tremendous gift which comes along with an awesome responsibility. Being a 'Father' in the modern world is a great gift but also a challenge and I am sure that you will all agree that there is a distinct difference between a mother's love and a father's love for their children. Father's Day can recall many wonderful memories and feelings. I lost my father who suffered a stroke 5 years ago. I was fortunate enough to fly to India and visit my father in hospital. The next day he entered eternal life. During our Indian pilgrimages some of you saw him when you all visited my home in Kerala. He was a man of few words. Today as I think of him, I miss him dearly. He worked so hard, but, he also had his imperfections.

However, he was a man of faith. He shared his faith with us and helped us to experience God's presence and His love. He was truthful and honest. I have fond memories of my dad who used to join us in our family rosary in the evenings. When I think of my dad now, I feel that the greatest gift he has given me is the gift of faith. What greater gift can you receive from a father?

Today's Gospel speaks about the importance of wisdom in life. Nothing could better express the pride and emotion that a father feels when he understands that he has handed down to his child what really matters in life, that is, a wise heart. Any father will be so happy and proud when he sees his child speak and judge with wisdom and rectitude.

Pope Francis encouraged all fathers to be the guardians of their children as they grow in age, wisdom, and grace as St. Joseph was to Jesus. According to Pope Francis, fathers should guard their children on their journey, to be educators and walk with them.


Ideally, a father's love reflects God's love – a love that is grace-filled, merciful, forgiving, patient, kind and, most importantly, unconditional.

**"Respect your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you". (Exodus 20:12)**

**St. Joseph- Patron saint of fathers protects us!**

Fr Joe Manjaly PP





### PRAYER FOR FATHERS

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands.

Kindly protect all the fathers who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them.

You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother.

Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

-St. John XXIII  
-Catholics striving for Holiness-

## PARISH NEWS



The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary occurs on Thursday 8th September, there will be rosary commencing at 9.00am followed by mass at 9.30am.



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**NO FOOD OR DRINK OTHER THAN WATER IS ALLOWED INSIDE OUR CHURCH AT ANY TIME.**



Fr Joe who celebrates the 17th anniversary of his ordination on the 8th September.

Christopher & Bernadine Buttigieg and Jake & Carina Vella for the celebration of the marriages.



We wish a very Happy Birthday to Nerissa Calub (Sept 1) Raphael Caburian (Sept. 4) Deacon Willy Limjap (Sept 7)

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



### FAMILY SESSION 1

Saturday 3rd September 4.30pm followed by 6.00pm mass

Sunday 4th September 8.30am followed by 10.00am mass

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maria Bugeja, Evaristo Ragusa, Gloria Barrett and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Ariel Castro, Terry McIlvenna, John Xiberras, Noah & Sophia Attard, Anecita & Pedro Dayaganon and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Donnelly, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Netti, Souls of Tess, Eddie, Gregorio and Carmen Evangelista, Ron Howe, Jim Fullerton Sr., and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK:** John Wakeling, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Charlie Camenzuli, Norm Heffernan, Robin Harkin, Lisa Sperneck, Anne Maree Geagea, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Ashley Sawaya, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Cheryl Clark, John Sullivan, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Georgia Sullivan, Sheryl Oszust, Ting Cecilia, Moises Milena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, Mel McSpadden, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19

## Please support our priests' dignified retirement and our clergy who are in ill-health



This Father's Day, please spare a thought for our humble priests who have cared for our faith community's spiritual nourishment and wellbeing all their lives, asking little for themselves.

When their time comes to retire, many are without family to support them and assist with the everyday essentials for a comfortable retirement. **With your generosity, the Clergy Support Foundation can help them with the personal, professional, and practical care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and well-deserved retirement.** Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this QR

Code or by placing your donation in the envelope on the pews and handing in at the special collection. **Thank you**



## OUR LADY OF PENAFRANCIA

**Our Lady of Penafancia will visit three parishes in Diocese of Parramatta starting Saturday 27th August 2022**

Our Lady of Penafancia and El Divino Rostro will visit three parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta this Saturday 27th August for the triduum novena and masses. First Triduum will be at St Aidan's Church, Rooty Hill; Second Triduum Sat 3rd Sept will be at St Michael's Church, Baulkham Hills and Third Triduum will be Sat 10th Sept at St Bernadette Church, Lalor Park. Our Lady of Penafancia and El Divino Rostro will stay for a week in each parish. Our Lady of Penafancia will return to St Nicholas of Myra on Sat 17th Sept for her Feast Day Celebration. Viva El Divino Rostro Viva La Virgen

## GOOD NEWS SHARING

Dear friends, the celebration of the Eucharist is not a private devotion but rather a communal gathering much like a family meal. The actual partaking of the food is referred to as "communion," a joining together of the members of the community, not only with our God but also with each other. The Gospel itself is Good News. Too many of us, because of all the bad news, forget to share the Good News! So as a parish family we will resume our 'Good News' sharing after the announcement. It is important to share all that is good in our life. People need to hear, see, and experience the Good News. People need our witness and conviction in a world filled with doubt and suspicion. They need to see our joy in a world filled with sadness and numbness. Following Jesus is living live abundantly! By sharing the good news, we in fact thank our Lord, who is author of all that is good. This good news can be your birthday or your friend's birthday, marriage anniversary, a new job, a newborn child, a healing experience, a special faith experience, etc...

Fr Joe Manjaly



## PARISH ROSTER 10th/11th SEPTEMBER

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	B Scott D Wellfare		S Perera	J Doman	A Linga J Fullerton	Billy	Samara Dias
7.00am	A Ruzgas R Sajonia		S Paterson	M Scicluna	R Bru E Sajonia		B Rees
8.30am	R Wood M Tolentino	M Tickner	P Nematalla	M Prenderville	M Nyss H Wakeling	J Mizzi	C Gill
10.00am	C Nepomuceno J Tabone	A Joseph	D Dawson	P Samuelu	C Vella J Vella	AMDG Adult	M Johnson
6.00pm	R Esteban C Clark	J Esteban	N Joseph	K Smith	L D'Lima K Wrightson	C F C	S Shahoud

## CALENDAR

Monday 5/9	Tuesday 6/9	Wednesday 7/9	Thursday 8/9 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Friday 9/9	Saturday 10/9	Sunday 11/9 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass 7.00pm Baptism Preparation PMR1	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 4.00pm Altar Server Training 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.00am SMM Yr 6 Mass 9.00am Rosary followed by Mass 7.00pm SVDP Regional Meeting PMR1	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Adoration 6.30pm Mass SVDP	9.00am Mass & Adoration 9.30am Reconciliation 4.30pm Confirmation Family Session 2 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 8.30am Confirmation Family Session 2 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

## PLANNED GIVING

*We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times*

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## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Glenmore Park Parish St Padre Pio Feast Day Celebrations

Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for their parochial feast of St. Padre Pio. The parish will be holding a Triduum Novena and Mass to St Padre Pio from 22 – 24 September. On 25 September at 10am, there will be a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Solemn Feast Mass, Blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio and other festivities. For enquiries, please call the parish office on (02) 4789 2232 or email [glenmorepark@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenmorepark@parracatholic.org).

### The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon



Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org) and register their expression of interest. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

### Pastoral Formation Mission and Evangelisation Short Course: Starts 8 September

Looking for confidence to share your faith? Want to evangelise through life-giving faith conversations? On 3 Thursday nights (Sept 8, 15, 22) journey together with Maddy Forde, a life and faith leader in our Australian Church and representative to the Vatican in the area of youth. Face-to-face from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by August 21 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

### Pastoral Formation Sacraments Short Course: Starts 6 October

Are you passionate about deepening your appreciation of the sacraments? Want to enhance your sacramental vision of life? Over two Thursday nights (6 and 13 October), discover more with Sr Mary Louise Walsh from the Diocese of Parramatta's Worship team. Face-to-face from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by September 21 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

## Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr. Joe's 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Land & Jordan Pilgrimage together with La Salette Holy Mountain will be taking place next year in the middle of November 2023. This trip will give you a unique, unforgettable, and most memorable experience of your life. More information will come shortly. If you are interested please register at [joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)




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