



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4th / 5th February 2023**

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Office Hour: Monday—Friday 9 am—5 pm

Lunch: 1pm – 1.30pm (*Office closed*)

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Parish Priest Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have already started our RCIA program for those who are seeking to learn more about our faith. A few weeks ago, we had the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome for these candidates. This year we have got a few young men and women who are discerning their faith Journey with our RCIA Co Ordinator's and their team. If God willing, during Easter vigil this year these young men and women will receive their Baptism and other sacraments and will be ready to join us in the Eucharistic table on Sundays. You can see them below where they have shared a small story of their lives. Please find time to get to know each other and talk to them so that they will get to know you and our community. Let us continue to support and pray for them during their faith journey. As a community we wish them God's graces and blessings in their faith journey. May God guide them with wisdom and truth.

Fr. Joe Manjaly PP



RCIA CANDIDATES



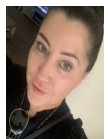
My name is **Imelda**, I'm 16 years old. I decided to become a Catholic as I have a passion about the faith through the influence and guidance from my family and also the deeper understanding I have gained through my learnings at school. I'm very excited to start this new chapter of my life, broadening my faith and getting to share my experiences with the Catholic community, in particular sharing this special journey alongside my sponsor, my grandad John Hair.



Hi I am **Tae**. Interestingly, I have been brought up in a family with a Buddhist background and I have been curious about the Catholic faith in which my fiancé and his family deeply believed. Through my RCIA journey, I have been learning to pray and ask questions to God and mother Mary which gave me comfort and encouragement. I hope I will develop further relationships with God and mother Mary and will be part of the Catholic community.



Hi, I am **Jessica**. I am a mum to two young boys (3 and 1 year old). I have a background in child protection however I am currently working within our family business alongside my husband. I am drawn to the Catholic values of community, service and love. As a mother, these are the values which I hope to instil in my boys, with the support of my faith.



My name is **Catherine**. I am a mum and a hairdresser. I am devoted to my friends and family and enjoy living a life full of joy and happiness. I am looking forward to becoming part of God's family.



I am **David** and I am 18, about to turn 19 in a week. I work in learning and Development. My faith has always been with me, through the good and the bad, it is a constant, and I was blessed to feel a calling, and blessed to find a home for my faith when I attended my first Mass at St Nicholas.



Hi, my name is **Charlton**. I live locally in Penrith. I have a strong belief in God and would like to be involved in an active faith based parish.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence this year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN OUR PARISH AND ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 10TH FEBRUARY

Congratulations to our 3 newly ordained priests to the Parramatta Diocese on 2nd February. We wish them all the best in their priestly ministry.



Fr Jack Elkazzi



Fr Matthew Dimian



Fr Adam Carlow



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Noah (Lily) O'Brien
and for their family

The funeral will be held on **16th February at 11.00am**

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Noah (Lily) O'Brien, Raymond Morabito, Jovenal Dela Torre Jnr, Audrey Mansfield and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Freddie & Carmela Fenech, Gerald Desmond Barnes, Lawrence & Rosaria Cacciottolo, Muriel Saparamadu and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, Leonardo Galon, Elisa Galon, Lino Mapa, Russell Shannon and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Michael Nolan Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Bob Hardy, Kieren Brockloff, Rita Bonello, Charles Tabone, Billy Downes, Sue Wheelahan, Heather Whitborn, Phil Thatcher, Michael Vella, Stanley Mascarenhas, Trevor Rowe, John Vella, John Wakeling, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Robin Harkin, Lisa Sperineck, Anne Maree Geagea, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Sheryl Oszust, Ting Cecila, Moises Milena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER

Children's Guardian Act 2019 & the Child Safe Standards

From 1 February 2023, the Children's Guardian now has power in law to take action to ensure organisations comply with the Child Safe Standards.

From: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-scheme/implementing-child-safe-standards/our-approach-compliance-and-enforcement>.

What can each one of us do to actively demonstrate how the 10 Child Safe Standards play a very important role in ensuring children in our Parish are cared for and safe in our community?

Our 6 points of Safeguarding Training demonstrates that each person in parish ministry is compliant in Standard 7. Our training also informs all those in parish life of their role and responsibility in ensuring each of the other Standards can be demonstrated as well.

Each Parish Ministry is very important to our faith and local community. Let us all show this by our collective commitment to this training.

If you are still to finalise your Safeguarding Training, please take advantage of the upcoming face to face opportunities around the Diocese. Next week the 'New Year's Dash Training' begins at: Glenbrook, Rooty Hill, Springwood and Quakers Hill. Check with your Parish Office for dates and time. You are welcome to register for any of these training sessions by contacting: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would like to complete the training independently on our online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace.

Sign up onto the platform by clicking on this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

Let's get this done and show our Parishes are committed to building safe communities!

Message from Emu Plains Parish

WHO IS JESUS in St Matthew's Gospel? You are invited to an **ENQUIRY SESSION on TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY** about fortnightly facilitated small groups in Emu Plains, to explore this question. **Day and Evening groups (just 2) start the week beginning 27 February. Enquiries:** Jim Potts 0421 125 722 (We can discuss your preferences for a time on both 14 Feb and a day/ time for the ongoing meetings)

SAVE THE DATE: Dr Laurie Woods, Scripture Scholar - on Matthew's Gospel: Saturday 25th February, 9am-12.30 pm Emu Plains.
RSVP 18 February to Jim Potts 0421 125 722

PLANNED GIVING

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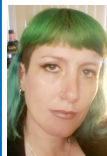
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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 11th / 12th February 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Sirach 15: 16—21
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 118: 1 -2, 4 - 5, 17- 18, 33 - 34
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10
Gospel	Matthew 5: 17 -37

MEET OUT NEWEST STAFF MEMBER



We welcome Michelle Zolt as our new Admin Assistant. Michelle started on Friday 3rd February and will be in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.00am - 5.00pm.

Please make her feel welcomed.

Sacramental Program

Confirmation

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation are
Close on 8th February

The website contains the requirements and commitments for parents and children and the dates of the Parent Information Evening, Commitment masses, Family sessions, Practice afternoon and Reconciliation

To be eligible for Confirmation,
Children must be in Year 5 or above, must be baptised, have made their First Reconciliation, and received First Holy Communion

All enquiries to Rodney Howard at
St Nicholas Parish

Ph:4721 2509

Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Ministers Roster

The Roster for February to April was emailed on Friday, copies are available in the sacristy if you did not receive.



On Sunday 5th February, 11.00am - 12.30pm (just after the 10.00am mass), we are having a cyber security awareness session to be held in the Parish Hall. This event is an opportunity to learn and discuss the challenges of today's cyber security and what we can do to prevent being a victim of cyber crime. You are all invited in this awareness campaign especially those who feel vulnerable, anxious and overwhelmed with all the news of cyber attacks on big and well-known Australian companies.



Parishioners are reminded that the carpark off Higgins Lane is a private carpark for patrons of the New Fortune Palace Chinese restaurant and **SHOULD NOT** be used for parking during mass times.

Procedural Changes from this weekend



We will be resuming our offertory procession at all masses.

Our collection will now take place as follows:

1st Collection after the Homily.

2nd Collection after Prayers of Intercession.



22nd February 2022

**Mass times: 6.45 am, 9.30am
and 7 pm**

SAVE THE DATE

The Parish will be holding a Lenten Reflection for all Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Readers, Commentators, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Choir members, AV operators, Pastoral Council member, Finance Council members and volunteers on

SATURDAY March 25th

At Winbourne

From 10.00am - 3.00pm

Further details to follow in coming weeks.

CALENDAR

Monday 6/2 St Paul Miki and companions Memorial	Tuesday 7/2	Wednesday 8/2	Thursday 9/2	Friday 10/2 St Scholastica Memorial	Saturday 11/2	Sunday 12/2 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am SNOM Opening School mass 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 11th / 12th FEBRUARY

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	R Howard D Wellfare	S Dias	S Falleiro	J Hogan	R Debono L Scully	D' Souza Brother	Samara Dias
7.00am	J French D Wiggins		S Paterson	C Bonus	L Davie R Bru	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	M Tolentino R Wood	G Peters	M Prendeville	O Plucinski	Y Bacchan U Gomez	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gill
10.00am	J Jordan J Tabone	M Credo M Credo	D Dawson	P Samuelu	C Vella A Kosman	AMDG Adult Christine	Volunteer Needed
6.00pm	R Esteban C Clark	J Esteban R Esteban	D Whalen	K Smith	C D'Mello D Streher	CFC Janet	CFC

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