



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**3rd Sunday of Easter  
22nd / 23rd April 2023**

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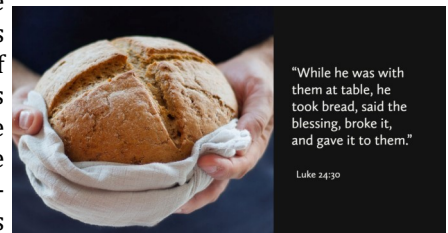
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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.



It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

### Gospel Focus – Hearts on Fire

The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. However, they remind each other that their hearts had been set on fire by Jesus as he spoke to them along the road. It is an extraordinarily powerful image; to set hearts on fire. Yet, that experience is not locked in the pages of the gospel; Jesus continues to set hearts of fire, inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.

### Have you thought? – Recognising Jesus

These two disciples, although not any of the Twelve, would have considered themselves close followers of Jesus. They are devastated by his death and so must have known Jesus quite well. However, they fail to recognise him when he joins them on the road. Whether they were prevented from recognising him or whether he was somehow transformed through the resurrection we don't know. But two close followers were unable to recognise him walking beside them. Perhaps we shouldn't feel too bad, two millennia later, when we fail to recognise Jesus as he continues to walk beside us.

✉ Greg Sunter

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## DIOSCEAN NEWS / COURSES

### Diocesan Synod

A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, religious, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life.

**Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023.**

Our Synod will gather clergy, religious, and the laity across our Diocese to listen, discern, and respond to the Holy Spirit through voices of the People of God in Western Sydney and The Blue Mountains.

From May to July 2023, in the lead up to the Synod, all are invited to participate in deanery and parish listening consultations, organising time to discuss with family and friends, and engaging in opportunities to dialogue.

There are information and prayer cards in the foyer and at the doors of the Church, please take one home with you. Scan the QR code on the card for more information or visit [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023)



**CCD St Matthew's Gospel Series: Starting 28 April**  
CCD is hosting Dr Laurie Woods presenting A Study of St Matthew's Gospel - April 28; May 5, 12, 19 & 26. 10 am to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To book please email Maree Collis [ccd.training@parracatholic.org](mailto:ccd.training@parracatholic.org)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen

### RECENTLY DCEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Mary Hendry**

and for her family

Her funeral will be held on  
**Friday 28th April at 10.00am**

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

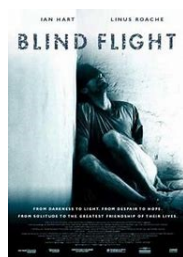
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mercedita Catalan, Eve Turner, Jane Wurtenberger, Mary Hendry and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Alice Nematalla, Stuart Knox, Federico Simeon, Maria Theresa Saguin, Alexander Bunders, Kristine-Anne Bernadette Ragaza, Ben Demano and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettar, Godfrey Gomez and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK:** Daryle Young, Todd Soden, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Ivan Topic, Michelle Zotz, Lyn De Vos-Brockhoff, Ricardo Limjap, Nympha Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Michael Nolan, Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Bob Hardy, Charles Tabone, Billy Downes, Sue Wheelahan, Heather Whitborn, Phil Thatcher, Michael Vella, Stanley Mascarenhas, Trevor Rowe, John Wakeling, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Robin Harkin, Lisa Sperneck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecila, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

## ST NICK'S FLICKS MOVIE NIGHT



**On Friday 28th April at 7.00pm  
we will be showing "Blind Flight"**

It stars Ian Hart and Linus Roache.

It is the true account of the kidnapping of Brian Keenan, an Irish man who went to Lebanon as a teacher, and his subsequent captivity with John McCarthy, a journalist who was there covering Brian's captivity.

**Please come along with your family and friends.**

**Popcorn and snacks will be provided.**

## CPR COURSE

You are invited to attend an accredited CPR training session hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on behalf of FirstCPR. The training will be conducted by Surf Life Saving NSW.

Details of the session are as follows:

Time: **10:00am – 12:30pm**

Date: **Saturday, 13 May 2023**

Venue: **St Thomas Aquinas Parish, 168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood NSW**

**or**

Time: **4:00pm – 6:30pm**

Date: **Monday, 5 June 2023**

Venue: **Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown NSW**

Please arrive at least 15 minutes earlier. Places are limited, if you wish to attend kindly register your interest here, <https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=CA84KKR7PLE83WNE>

## INVITATION

**Information Night at St Finbars on Substance Use in the Blue Mountain Area**



As you may already know, drug addiction can have devastating effects on personal life. While the Blue Mountains Area enjoys many "protective factors" mitigating the consumption of illicit drugs, young people in our local communities are still exposed to the risks and dangers of substance use.

Jim McLoughlin, parishioner and member of the Police Force Parramatta, will present a talk on **"Life is precious gift, don't waste it on drugs!"** on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

## PLANNED GIVING

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

**FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation**

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

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Acct No	00000487
Acct Name	Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
Reference	<b>[ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]</b>

## PARISH NEWS

### Mass Readings for 29th / 30th April 4th Sunday of Easter

<b>1st Reading</b>	Acts 2: 14, 36 - 41
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 22: 1 - 6
<b>2nd Reading</b>	1 Peter 2: 20 - 25
<b>Gospel</b>	John 10: 1 - 10



### **ANZAC Day Mass on 25th April is at 9.30 am (there is NO 6.45am mass on this day)**

In this special Mass, we commemorate the fallen and we encourage ex-servicemen and women to attend our Mass in your service uniform with medals.

*We pray for all airmen, sailors and soldiers who served and bravely lost their lives in battle during times of conflict, especially members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory on the last day.  
Amen.*

### **Church of St Nicholas of Myra Foundation Day**



Next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> of April is the Anniversary of the dedication of our Parish Church. Our Church was dedicated on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1967.

Please remember in your prayers the hard work and sacrifices of many founding parishioners, especially the architect Brian Curtin and Fr. John Grady.

**We invite you all for morning tea after  
10 am Mass on the 30th of April.**



We wish a very Happy 90th Birthday to

**Jerry Apisa**

### **Sacramental Program**

#### **Holy Communion**

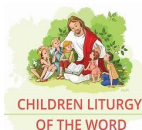
Enrolments for the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion are open on our Website .

To be eligible your child must be in Year 4 or above and have made their 1st Reconciliation.

The Parent Information session will be held on Tuesday 9th May at 7.00pm in our Church

All other information regarding dates is on the website.

### **Children's Liturgy**



We are going to resume our Children's Liturgy every Sunday during the 10 am Mass. If you can help us to facilitate the children's Liturgy, please contact the parish office as early as possible. We are looking for a few volunteers for this ministry.

### **Attention Parish Youth**



If you are registered to go for World Youth Day in Lisbon in August this year, please contact the parish office with you name and contact details.

A special thank to the Divine Mercy team for the very special celebration and prayer last Sunday.



Thank you to the Hospitality team who provided an afternoon tea for all present.

### **Parish Office**

The Parish office will be closed on Tuesday 25th April. In an emergency please ring 4732 3039 or contact the priests.

### **Refurbishment of Our Lady Help of Christians Grotto**



We give a big thank Gilberto Concio who last week repainted our grotto and to Eva Lusch for her support and help.

## CALENDAR

Monday 24/4	Tuesday 25/4 ANZAC Day Office Closed	Wednesday 26/4 St Mark Feast	Thursday 27/4	Friday 28/4 St Peter Chanel Memorial	Saturday 29/4 St Catherine of Siena Memorial	Sunday 30/4 4th Sunday of Easter
9.30am Mass	<b>NO 6.45AM MASS</b> 9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in Hall 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.00am Priest's Mtg 10.30am Mass Thornton Park	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm Movie Night	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

## Parish Roster 28th / 29th April

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	J Simeon D Welfare		C Limjap	M Prendeville	L Scully M Svehla	Victor	Joshua & Jordan
7.00am	C Nepocumeno A Ruzgas		S Paterson	Y Baccan	R Bru L Davie	No Music	Volunteer Needed
8.30am	M Cobden R Wood	M Tickner	R Walsh	J Doman	H Wakeling P Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula
10.00am	J Jordan M Tolentino	E Gal N McWhirter	P Samuelu	M Varua	C Gillaus M Knox	Billy	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	S Aish C Clark	A Aish I Jobin	D Whalen	C D'Mello	L D'Lima K Wrightson	CFC Youth Janet	CFC

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