

St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

Easter Sunday 8th / 9th April 2023



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PARISH PRIEST'S MESSAGE

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The peace of the Risen Lord be with you! Happy Easter.

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors who are here to worship with us. Thank you for your presence and prayers as we celebrate this special feast. While the Easter mystery does not deny the reality of suffering and pain, Easter brings so many promises of God to us, life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil, eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny. The Easter miracle enables us, even in the most difficult and desperate of times, to live our lives in hope. I pray that Jesus may live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude.

Over the last six weeks of Lent we have seen such wonderful dedication by many people who have selflessly given their time and talents. I thank our Parish staff, Liturgy team, especially Arts and Nerissa, the Banner team, altar ladies, musicians, AV operators, Acolytes, altar servers, Extra-Ordinary ministers of Communion, Ministers of the Word, and many other volunteers for their dedicated and loving service to our parish. We are indeed blessed with such selfless and loving followers of Christ. I am sure your efforts will be rewarded with a greater understanding of the meaning of Easter. Thank you for showing your love for God and Church.

At this Easter Vigil Mass, **Imelda, Tae Young, Jessica, Rikki, and Riley Ellis**, will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. **Charlton Ryan and Michelle Ellis** will join them for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We have been praying and supporting them in their faith journey during this Lent. Please make them feel welcome to our community as they will be our newest parish, community members. In this regard, if you or your loved ones would like more information about becoming a Catholic or wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, please feel free to speak with one of the Priests or Allan & Josephine Linga, who are our RCIA Coordinators. We have such a great team in RCIA to support anyone who is searching and discerning. I thank the RCIA team for their dedication and commitment. Please welcome these newest members to our community.



I pray that you and your loved ones have a joyous time in your family gatherings.

From all of us here at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Priests, Deacon, and our entire staff, we wish you and your families A BLESSED AND HOPE- FILLED EASTER.

With Easter Prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP





GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Support our Seminarians to humbly serve our faith community.

Thank you so much for your generous support of our Holy Spirit Seminarians through the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal last weekend. We continue to seek your generosity if you have not contributed to this charity appeal. Envelopes are at the doors of the church. Every donation over \$2 are tax deductable.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at **yourcatholicfoundation.org.au**/



Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to become priests.



appeal or scan this QR code.

RECENTLY DCECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Craig Prior**

and for his family

His funeral will be held on **Tuesday 11th April at 10.30am**

The 40 day memorial mass for

John Vella

will be held on the

14th of April at 7.00pm in our Church.

All are welcome to attend.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Corazon Cauilan and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Alice Bacus, Dominic Tavares, Helena Mary Armstrong, Sue Herbert, Theresa & Cornliks D'Souza, Grace DeBono, Josef Lusch, Quriaqos & Maryam Jejou, Edreas & Anees Quriagos, Jarjeas & Jamila Fatohi and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnolley, John Nettar, Nicamor Caiilan Snr and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Ivan Topic, Michelle Zotz, Lyn De Vos-Brocktoff, 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 Sperineck, 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.



Happy Easter

May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you! Wishing each and every one of you a Happy & Holy Easter from the Parish Team - Margaret C, Margaret W, Michelle, Rodney, Deacon Willy, Fr PJ, Fr Chinonye, and Fr Joe.



We wish a very Happy Birthday to Mary Knox for 9th April.

BISHOP VINCENT'S EASTER MESSAGE

You can view Bishop Vincent's Easter message at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33lB11hZSWo



Easter is a special time when we come together as a parish family to remember the death and Resurrection of our saviour, Jesus Christ. Our parish relies on the generosity of our faith community to sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and charitable ministries and we are ever grateful for your support. Please consider giving an Easter Offertory gift via parracatholic.org/easter-offertory or the envelopes provided in the pews.

Your gift will nurture the spiritual vitality of our parish and will ensure that we can continue to provide Christian pastoral care that brings hope and joy to our community.

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

| BSB | 067 950 |
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| Acct No | 00004265 |
| Acct Name | Parramatta Diocesan Clergy |
| Reference | 6029 [SURNAME DONATION] |
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 SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish

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PARISH NEWS

| Mass Readings for 15th / 16th April |
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| Divine Mercy Sunday |

| 1st Reading | Acts 2: 42 - 47 |
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| Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 117: 2 - 4, 13 - 15, 22 - 24 |
| 2nd Reading | 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9 |
| Gospel | John 20: 19 - 31 |
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Easter Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 8th April Sunday 9th April EASTER VIGIL 7.00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 6.00 pm



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

COME & CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY WITH OUR PARISH AT

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH, 326 HIGH ST, PENRITH

2:30PM on 16th APRIL 2023

Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 Stations of the Cross
 Homily and Benediction
 Reconciliation till SPM
 Afternoon Tea from 4:15PM – 5:15PM
 Divine Mercy Mass 6PM

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Jesus Promised – "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." *Diary* 1109

Parish Office

The Parish office will be closed on Friday 7th April and Monday 10th April and will reopen on Tuesday 11th April at 9.00 am.

In an emergency please ring 4732 3039 or contact the priests.

La Salette Seminarians Collection

Dear friends, On Holy Thursday, we had a special collection for the La Salette seminarians in India. As you know Fr. Joe, Fr. PJ, and Fr. Matthew belongs to the congregation of La Salette. They have got more than 30 seminarians who are studying for

priesthood. They are being educated and formed in the seminary to become like Christ the Good Shepherd in order to serve the Church. We thank you so much for your generous support. If you wish to donate to this fund, please bring your donation to the Parish Office or give to Fr Joe.



Good Friday Holy Land Appeal



We thank you for your generous support of the annual collection for the Holy Land .This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to

local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing as well as parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

Thank you for bring in your Project compassion boxes.



If you have not returned yours please bring to the Parish office during the week or to mass next weekend.

| CALENDAR | | | | | | | |
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| Monday 10/4 Parish Office Closed | Tuesday 11/4 | Wednesday 12/4 | Thursday 13/4 | Friday 14/4 | Saturday 15/4 | Sunday 16/4 Divine Mercy Sunday | |
| 9.30am Mass | 6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.30am Funeral Craig Prior | 9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in Hall 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena | 9.30am Mass | 6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass and Divine Mercy Adoration 7.00pm 40 day memorial mass for John Vella | 9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass | 7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 10.00am Mass 2.30pm Divine Mercy Prayers 6.00pm Mass | |

| Parish Roster 15th / 16th April | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 Wheelahan | | C Limjap | N Joseph | M Svehla J Fullerton | Amen Choir Eric | J Linga | |
| 7.00am | J French J Sweeney | | M Scicluna | S Paterson | R Bru S Sweeney | No Music | Volunteer Needed | |
| 8.30am | J Jordan M Cobden | M Ostrea | J Doman | M Prendeville | Y Baccan U Gomez | Jeffrey Mizzi | Olivia | |
| 10.00am | J Relunia R Wood | M Credo M Credo | D Dawson | P Samuelu | M Nyss M Knox | BNP Chapter Cary | BNP | |
| 6.00pm | C Clark N Nepomuceno | J Joseph | C D'Mello | K Smith | L D'Lima D Streher | Adrian Catt | Volunteer Needed | |

