



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**The Ascension of the Lord
20th / 21st May 2023**

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PARISH PRIEST'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings of Peace!

This coming week, we are entering into a period of two major liturgical feasts:

- 24th May, the Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians- the Patroness of Australia.
- 28th May, Pentecost Sunday.

Our nation is dedicated to the maternal care of **Mary Help of Christians**, as she is the Patroness of our beautiful nation. Our parish community is blessed to have a grotto/shrine in honour of Mary Help of Christians outside the church in the walkway. So, in the evening, this Wednesday, the 24th, we will celebrate the feast at our grotto. I invite all of you to come to the grotto at 6.30 pm to pray the Rosary, followed by the Eucharist Celebration at the grotto. During this Mass, there will be white flower offerings to Our Blessed Mother and the **Consecration and Entrustment to the Virgin Mary when we will dedicate our families, our parish, and our nation to her maternal care for safety and protection. This will also help us to seek her help and intercession to face our daily challenges in life and to embrace God's will for us.**

As we celebrate Pentecost, we can be proud that, for many decades our parish community has been a vital part of Penrith. Our parish has been a beacon of light and hope for many people of different races and languages. People come here to experience God's love, compassion, and forgiveness. Many consider this as their second home. Thanks to our forebears, who opened the doors of this church to everyone who loves God and one another. I thank everyone for the love and dedication that you have displayed in this parish community. Every time, as I celebrate Mass in this parish, I am so pleased to see many people of different cultures and race praise God together. In fact, this is what happened at Pentecost, as then people of every nation and race were able to worship and praise God.

This year, on Pentecost Sunday at the 10 am Mass, we will celebrate a multicultural Mass, in which we will listen to the Word of God and pray in different languages. This will highlight our diversity and unity in Spirit. Let these celebrations reignite our faith and unity.

If you are new to this parish, we would like you to call the Parish Office so we can welcome you formally at the 10 am Pentecost Mass. At the end of the Mass, I invite you all to our Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and finger food. Please bring along a plate of food which represents your culture and wear your cultural dress or, something Red as you come for the Mass.

I am looking forward to meeting as many of you after the Mass for our social gathering. I pray that, we all experience the Power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our community.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Manjaly MS,



BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Be the face of
Christ to our
First Nations
people



Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton on 20th / 21st May

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share their culture and knowledge within our community, access practical support and development opportunities, and make social connections. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.



Thank you for being a Good Samaritan to our First Nations people.

ST NICK'S FLICKS MOVIE NIGHT



On Friday 26th May at 7.00pm
we will be showing
"Mrs Harris goes to Paris"

In 1957 London, Mrs. Ada **Harris**, a widowed cleaning lady, becomes obsessed with one client's haute couture Dior dress, which triggers longing for her to buy her own Dior dress. After unexpectedly receiving a war-widow's pension, she travels to Paris to do so.

**Please come along with your family and friends.
Popcorn and snacks will be provided.**

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mercedes Catalan, Joseph Bugeja, Bill Grima and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Nimfa Relunia, Louie Neri, Tania & Frank Felice, Victoria & Laurie Vella, Josephine Foutado, Wilfred Stanly Whitten, Agapita Calub Ted Brock, Joseph Vella and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, Johanna Gutwein, Leonardo Ragaza Snr, Kristine Anne Bernadette Ragaza, Godfrey Gomez, Rex Fernandez, Luis Snr & Julia Gutiza Ching, Jose, Vidal, Loretta & Cordovilla Descalzo and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Ivan Bracar, Baby Ema De-Gioga, Daryle Young, Todd Soden, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Ivan Topic, Michelle Zotz, Lyn De Vos-Brockhoff, Ricardo Limjap, Nympha Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, 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 Hefferman, Robin Harkin, Lisa Sperineck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecilia, 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.

DIOCESAN COURSES / EVENTS

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.

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>

Building Safe Parishes Together in 2023 Safe Parishes Week 5th - 9th June 2023 Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now!

**Are you new to Parish Ministry this year and have not completed your Safeguarding Training?
Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed your 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training?**

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training. The Office of the Children's Guardian expects all volunteers in parish ministry have now met this Standard. In the Diocese of Parramatta we have a zero tolerance of abuse. We therefore commit to keeping children safe as well as all adults at risk.

You are now required to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1: Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on:

**Friday 9th June at 9.30am - 2.30pm
at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street Blacktown**

Please register for this mandatory training at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would like to complete your 6 points online, 'sign up' NOW at: <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.

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

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Acct Name	Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
Reference	[ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]

PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 27th / 28th May Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading	Acts 2: 1 - 11
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 103: 1, 24, 29 - 31, 34
2nd Reading	Corinthians 12: 3 - 7, 12 - 13
Gospel	John 20: 19 - 23

Our Lady, Help of Christians Feast day is Wednesday 24th May.

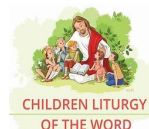
We will be saying the Rosary from 6.30pm followed by mass at 7.00pm outside, at the Grotto which is dedicated to her.



Please bring your own chair or rug and join us for this special celebration.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children liturgy will resume at the 10.00am mass on Sunday 4th June.



Sacramental Program

Holy Communion

Family Session 2

Saturday 27th May 4.30pm
Sunday 28th May 8.30am



A big thank you everyone who purchases flowers last weekend for Mother's Day to support our youth going to World Youth day. We were sold out before the 10.00am mass.



We wish a very Happy 80th
Birthday to

Ina Heffernan

for the 26th May

New Parishioners

We wish to welcome all new parishioners who have started attending Mass here within the last 12 months on Pentecost Sunday the 28th of May at our 10.00am mass. Please call the parish office to give your name and details for us to prepare your welcome.



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.

Correction to last week's bulletin

The 60th Wedding anniversary should have been **Valerie and Holland D'Souza**
And the 95th Birthday was **Holland D'Souza**

Eucharist Ministers Required.

Nepean Hospital has given permission for the return of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Persons who are interested in volunteering on a rotating roster to provide the Eucharist to Catholics in our Hospital each Sunday as required, and have a Certificate as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, are encouraged to contact Michael Turner in the Nepean Hospital Pastoral Care Department via email: Michael.turner3@health.nsw.gov.au
A requirement of this role is the completion of an Application, which includes a Police Check, Working with Children's Check, and Proof of Covid Vaccination.

Multi-cultural Mass and 'Welcome' to New Parishioners on Pentecost Sunday May 28th at 10.00am.

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

Please bring along a plate to share
after the mass

CALENDAR

Monday 22/5	Tuesday 23/3	Wednesday 24/5 Our Lady Help of Christians Solemnity	Thursday 25/5	Friday 26/5 St Philip Neri Memorial	Saturday 27/5	Sunday 28/5 Pentecost Sunday
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in Hall 6.30pm Rosary followed by Mass at the grotto	9.00am SMM Year 5 Liturgy 9.30am Mass 10.30 Mass Thornton Park	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 4.30pm Holy Communion Family Session 2 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 8.30am Holy Communion Family Session 2 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Parish Roster 27th / 28th May

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Joe Buttigieg Jenny Hogan	Sreya Dias	Marie Prendeville	Sharon Falleiro	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	Heart & Soul Arts	Samara Dias
7.00am	Jacob French Anthony Ruzgas		Stuart Paterson	Evette Isaaks	Ramon Bru Luisa Davie	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Caitlin Nepomuceno Craig Walsh	Michael Tickner	Peter Nematalla	Rose Walsh	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Joe Tabone Remy Wood	Elidie Gal Nicholas McWhirter	Liza Alimangohan	Louise Gal	Kathleen Pemberton Puleiala Samuelu	Br David	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Rey Esteban Jose Simeon	Jonathan Joseph Ethan Moniz	Carolyn D'Mello	Daniel Whalen	Darlene Streher Kathryn Wrightson	Adrian Catt	Sharon Shahoud

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