



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
12th / 13th August 2023**

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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Celebrating Milestone Birthdays - Let's Give Thanks Together!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Over the last few weeks, you have been hearing of our plans to celebrate the milestone birthdays of our parishioners. As we journey through life, we are blessed with moments that hold a special significance. Milestone birthdays are one such occasion - they mark not only the passage of time but also the abundance of blessings that God bestows upon us.

In our community, we believe in celebrating these milestones with gratitude and joy. Each year is a gift, and every day is an opportunity to give thanks for the countless blessings that surrounds us. We are thrilled to invite all those who are celebrating a milestone birthday this year- **21st, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th and anyone above 90** to join us in a special Thanksgiving Mass.

This Mass will be a time of reflection, celebration, and unity. As we come together as a community before the altar of Our Lord, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving, we amplify the blessings in and around us. Your presence and participation will not only enrich your own life but also contribute to the sense of togetherness that defines our parish family.

If you or a loved one are celebrating a milestone birthday this year, we kindly ask you to contact our Parish Office before **19th of September**. This will help us ensure that we can include your celebration in our plans and prayers. Please reach out to the Parish Office on 02 4721 2509 or

manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au.

Date of Thanksgiving Mass: 24th September at the 10 am Mass.

Let us remember that gratitude is the key that opens the door to even greater blessings. As we gather to give thanks, let us also pray for the continual guidance, protection, and abundance that God showers upon us all.

We look forward to celebrating with you and your loved ones at this Thanksgiving Mass.

May the love and grace of our Lord be with you always.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Joe Manjaly- Parish Priest.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Adult Confirmation 2023

Adult Confirmation 2023 will be held on Tuesday 5 September at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 2 September at 9:30am – 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

Mandatory Safeguarding Face-to-Face Training Opportunities

Mandatory Modules 1-3: St Canice's Church, Katoomba on Saturday 28 October, 10am-3pm.

Renewal Mandatory Safeguarding Training (4 points)

Tuesday 22nd August 2023: Renewal Module 4 - Understanding the Child Safe Standards & Working With Vulnerable People,

Tuesday 29th August 2023: Renewal Module 5 - Legal Compliance – Risk of Significant Harm & Mandatory Reporting

Venue: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes

Time: 10.00am-11.30am

Renewal Modules will soon be available on our online training platform.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH?

Become a Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying or Minister at the Altar.

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Course is running again starting on 4th of September in Blacktown. Application forms are available from the Parish Office or the foyer of the Church and must be returned to the Office by

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anita Bowden, Filonena Bugeja, Felicita Cutajar and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Cockcroft, Helen Wojciechowicz, Manuela Uy, Tibor Kiss, Joseph Xiberras, Angelo Muscat, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

SICK: Eric Nepomuceno, Peter Gale, Janice Cannon, Sabbir Siddique, Thomas Zotz, Olive Gyford, Vince Hardy, Peter Gill, Isabella Agius, Karan Bradburn, Aiden Burke, Elwyn Geerin, Helen Wakeling, Susan Wheelahan, Gregory Hurney, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Bracar, Baby Ema De-Gioga, Daryle Young, Todd Soden, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Ivan Topic, Lyn De Vos-Brocktoff, Nympha Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Charles Tabone, Billy Downes, Heather Whitborn, Michael Vella, Stanley Mascarenhas, Trevor Rowe, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Lisa Sperineck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, 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.

Mass Readings for 19th / 20th August 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Isaiah 56: 1, 6 - 7
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 66: 2 - 3, 5 - 6, 8
2nd Reading	Romans 11: 13 - 15, 29 - 32
Gospel	Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Centenary Celebrations of Don Bosco's presence in Australia: 1923-2023

First class Relic of
Saint John Bosco
is coming to St Marys

**Wednesday August 23 to
Sunday August 27 at
Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
Cnr Mamre Rd and Swanston St, St Marys**

- All welcome to visit the church and to venerate the Relic any time the church is open.

- School group bookings available:

Ring parish office (96231962) during office hours.

- Friday August 25, 7pm Mass with Bishop Vincent Long.

See notice in Foyer for full details of other masses and adoration times.

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

On Sunday 20th August at the 7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am and 6.00pm Masses, BNP will be holding a bake sale. Please support this event.



LEGION OF MARY

Our meetings time is 11.00am each Wednesday in PMR1. All are welcome to join. For further enquiries on Legion of Mary email Edmund Bishara at edmund.bishara@bigpond.com

PLANNED GIVING

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

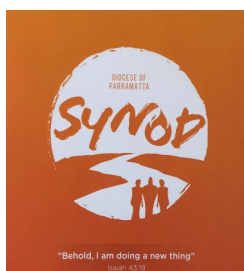
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PARISH NEWS

SYNOD NOVENA



During next 9 weekends Masses, we will be praying a special Novena for wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin the process of discernment and planning for the Synod. This Novena will take place after the good news sharing.



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On the **15th of August** we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a Holy Day of obligation. We have Masses at **6.45am, 9.30am & 7pm**. We encourage you to bring the statues and icons of Our Lady from your home to the 7.00pm Mass to be blessed.

Join Our Finance Council and Make a difference in Our Parish

We are reaching out to you with a special invitation to join **the Finance Council of our Parish**. Your expertise and experience in areas such as accounting, property or real estate, fundraising events, and financial management make you an ideal candidate to contribute to our council's important work. Our Finance Council plays a crucial role in ensuring the financial health and sustainability of our parish. The Parish Finance Council meets every 2 or three months in the evenings for around one and half hours.

If you are interested in accepting this role or learning more about it, please feel free to reach out to me at joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au.

Fr. Joe Manjaly

LOST BRACELET

A child's bracelet was lost as the family came to the Church for the child's Baptism on Sunday 30th July. If you found that bracelet could you please hand into the Parish office.

Sacramental Program

Reconciliation

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Reconciliation **ARE OPEN** on our website, stnicholasofmyra.org.au **AND CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 16th AUGUST**

THE PARENT INFORMATION EVENING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH.

The website contains the requirements and commitments for parents and children and the dates for all activities.

To be eligible for Reconciliation

Children must be in Year 3 or above and must be baptised.

All enquiries to Rodney Howard at sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or Ph:4721 2509

CATECHIST THANKSGIVING MASS

A Thanksgiving mass to celebrate the special ministry of teaching about Jesus and understanding his message by all past and present Catechists in our parish, will be held on Friday 20th October at the 12.10mass. This will be followed by a get together in PMR1, Margaret, Catechist Coordinator, is looking forward to having as many past Catechists to share their stories. Please contact the Margaret on catechisto register your name and the number of years you were part of this ministry.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy will take place at the 10.00am mass each week.

The Parish will be taking photos during major liturgical celebrations and other events to promote the Parish mission and may use these photos in the Parish Bulletin, Facebook page or website. If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Office.

CALENDAR

Mon 14/8 St Maximilian Kolbe Memorial	Tue 15/8 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity	Wed 16/8	Thu 17/8	Fri 18/8	Sat 19/8	Sun 20/8 20th Sunday of Ordinary time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.00 Mass SMM 9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass New-march 7.00pm Mass	9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Summit Care 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass The Royce	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.30pm Mass BNP	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 19th / 20th AUGUST

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Rodney Howard Damien Wheelahan		Connie Limjap	Marie Prendeville	Jim Fullerton Mila Svehla	AMEN Choir	Josephine Linga
7.00am	John Sweeney Denis Wiggins		Yvonne Baccan	Stuart Paterson	Luisa Davie Sue Sweeney	No Music	Carol Gillaus
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Craig Walsh	Grace Peters	Rose Walsh	Carol Wright	Orlan Nugpo Helen Wakeling	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Jun Relunia Jose-Elmer Simeon	Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Allan Johnson	Olga Kiss	Mary Knox Andrew Kosman	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Cheryl Clark	Angelo Aish	Kathleen Smith	Natasha Joseph	Lynda D'Lima Kathryn Wrightson	Br David & Marian Choir	Sharon Shahoud

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