



# St Nicholas of Myra



**21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**26th / 27th August 2023**  
**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

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## PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Warm greetings to each and everyone of you. As we journey together through the seasons of faith and life, I am excited to bring you some updates on two significant Parish projects I presented to you last year in June. These projects have the potential to enrich our community in profound ways.

**Plaque Memorial Garden for Our Loved ones:** We find solace and strength in remembering those who have shaped our lives and have found their eternal rest in the embrace of our parish. With a heart full of reverence, I was happy to introduce the concept of a plaque memorial garden last year, nestled near the resting place of our former three Parish Priests at the side of our church's front exit. This plaque memorial garden will be a place of quiet reflection, a connection to our past, and a celebration of the lives that have touched ours. The dreams we share for this space are becoming tangible as the initial plans and quotes are taking shape. With your unwavering prayers and support, we can honour their memory in a lasting and beautiful way. The details of this memorial garden and its final look will be ready soon.

**Patio of Community Connections:** A welcoming extension near the car park door, creating a hub for social connections in rain or shine. I presented this concept also last year, and now the time has come to slowly breathe life into it. At present our parish does not have a place near the church where we can continue our social connections after Mass. I have also noticed when it rains, all of us are huddled at the doors of the church because of the lack of such an extension. This space will help us to gather after Mass and to foster stronger connections within our parish family as well as, offering a warm embrace to all who come to our church.

These dreams are taking shape, with plans and quotes underway. Undoubtedly, these projects hold great promise, but we are also mindful of the challenges that lay before us. While we express our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing stewardship, we must also acknowledge the steady decline we've experienced in our collections. The changing tides of life may have led to these tough times but let us remember, that even the smallest sacrifices can usher in remarkable changes. Our missions remain steadfast, and we must continue to support it in innovative ways.

## We offer various giving methods-

- ◆ Planned Giving Envelopes, Direct Debit, or credit card payments,
- ◆ Tap and Go, and
- ◆ Loose collections

All these methods are designed to allow stewardship giving, both conveniently and accessibly. We ask you to contemplate your role in this shared mission, for through your contributions, we can make the dreams we hold for our parish a reality. If you wish to support your community through this method of giving, please contact the parish office.

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In closing, I humbly ask for your prayers. Pray for these projects to come to fruition, for their impact to reverberate through our parish for generations to come. Let us dream together, for when our collective aspirations converge, the impossible becomes attainable.

Thank you for your unwavering support, your sacrifices, and your enduring faith in our parish's future.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and dedication.

Fr. Joe Manjaly  
Parish Priest



### FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - 2nd / 3rd SEPTEMBER



#### Bishop's Father's Day Appeal caring for those who have cared for us

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carry-

ing out God's ministry for as long as they are able.

This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this QR code.

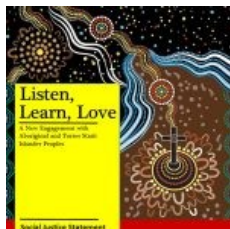
Thank you.



### Mass Readings for 2nd / 3rd September 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

<b>1st Reading</b>	Jeremiah 20: 7 - 9
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 62: 2 - 6, 8 - 9
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 12: 1 - 2
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 16: 21 - 27

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



In their Social Justice Statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*, they join with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) to call on us to develop relationships of humility and love with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

The statement tells us about the painful experiences of many First Nations people. It is very challenging reading in parts. We are followers of Christ whose central message is that love is the way. Prominent Aboriginal lawyer, Noel Pearson, is quoted in the statement as saying that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel unloved. How difficult must that be? We can't just turn a blind eye to this.

We are going to vote in the Voice referendum before the end of the year. NATSICC supports a Yes vote, but the Bishops will not tell us how to vote. However, they do urge us to inform ourselves about the issues and to engage in respectful dialogue about the issues, especially with First Nations People. This is one moment when we can try harder to listen to First Nations People and learn from them about their experiences and hopes.

You can view the full statement at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Donald Coyle and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Benita Azores, Ken Howard, Dorothy Elsie Taylor, Narcisa Paanod, Egmedio Nierras, Joseph & Maria Bugeja, Carmela & Gerald Sultana and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettar, Kay Lawrence 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 Masca-renhas, Trevor Rowe, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melissa 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 Cecilia, 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.

### LOST AND FOUND

The following items have been found in our Church.

1. Costco Card
2. Set of Rosary Beads
3. 2 pairs of sunglasses
4. 2 pairs of reading glasses
5. Black ladies jumper
6. Puffer jacket
7. Puma hoodie

If you have lost one of these items please come to the Parish office to claim.

### PLANNED GIVING

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

<b>BSB</b>	067 950
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<b>Acct Name</b>	Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
<b>Reference</b>	<b>6029 [SURNAME DONATION]</b>

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

<b>BSB</b>	067 950
<b>Acct No</b>	00000487
<b>Acct Name</b>	Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
<b>Reference</b>	<b>[ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]</b>

## PARISH NEWS

### Sacramental Program

### Reconciliation

#### Family Session 1

Saturday 2nd September 4.30pm  
Sunday 3rd September 8.30am

Please welcome **Carolina Cetenaeski**, Coordinator Australia, to our community to share information about "A Prayer Moment for Mother's who pray for their Children". Please come for this workshop.

**Workshop:** This Sunday the 27th of August

**Time:** 11.15am (after 10.00am mass)

**Place:** Parish Hall

### Discover the Path to Catholic Faith with (RCIA)

Are you an adult who is curious about the Catholic faith? Have you been considering joining the Catholic Church and deepening your spiritual journey? We invite you to embark on this meaningful and enlightening journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).



#### What is RCIA?

RCIA is a guided process designed for adults who are interested in exploring and embracing the Catholic faith. Whether you are completely new to Catholicism or have some prior knowledge, RCIA offers a supportive and informative environment where you can learn, ask questions, and in grow in your spiritual understanding.

#### Why Choose RCIA?

- \* **Learn about Catholic beliefs:** Explore into the core teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church in a welcoming and open atmosphere.
- \* **Connect with a Community:** Engage with like-minded individuals who are also on a journey of faith, fostering connections that can last a lifetime.
- \* **Personal Growth:** RCIA isn't just about faith; it's about personal growth, self-discovery, and a deeper understanding of your spiritual belief.

#### How to Get Started:

To embark on this transformative journey, please reach out to our dedicated RCIA Coordinators, **Alan and Josephine- [allan.linga@gmail.com](mailto:allan.linga@gmail.com)**. They are here to guide you, answer your questions, and provide all the information you need to take the next step.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to explore the Catholic faith and join our parish community. We look forward to welcoming you into our midst and sharing this meaningful journey together.

"Come and See!" - John 1:39

### St Nicholas of Myra Penrith

The Parish and Couples for Christ would like to extend a fund raising invitation to all families to join us in celebrating

## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

SUNDAY - 3rd September 2023 from 7.00am - 11.00am

St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith  
326 High Street, Penrith NSW 2750  
Parish Meeting Room

Ticket \$5.00



We wish a very happy 90th Birthday to

**Clemence Samuels**

for the **26th August**



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 28/8 St Augustine Memorial	Tue 29/8 The Passion of John the Baptist Memorial	Wed 30/8	Thu 31/8	Fri 1/9	Sat 2/9	Sun 3/9 21st 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 & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.15am: Mass SMM Father's Day 9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30 Mass SNOM Father's Day 10.00am Mass Mountainview 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm Salsa - Dine Night for Young adults (18 - 40) Hall	9.00am Healing Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 4.30pm Reconciliation Family Session 1 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am - 11.00am Father's Day Breakfast PMR1 7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 8.30am Reconciliation Family Session 1 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms

## PARISH ROSTER 2nd / 3rd September

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Brian Scott Dennis Wellfare		Del Conejar	Connie Limjap	Allan Linga Lee Scully	AMDG Youth	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia		Yvonne Baccan	Margaret Scicluna	Evette Isaaks Carol Gillaus	No Music	Carol Gillaus
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Craig Walsh	Grace Peters	Sue Von Bock	Rose Walsh	Helen O'Connor Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	John Jordan Joe Tabone	Alison Joseph	Olga Kiss	Dominic Dawson	Mary Knox Carmen Vella	Jane Chifley	Jedd Kosman
6.00pm	Cedric Geraldez Ninea Nepomuceno	Jonathan Joseph	Janet Esteban	Margaret Wilson	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	BNP Youth	BNP

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