



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 5th / 6th August 2023 Vocations Awareness Week

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus’ life and ministry brings to fulfilment. It is fitting that Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus, as the three figures combined represent the fullness of Jewish tradition – the Law of Moses; the challenge and promise of the Prophets; and the compassion of Jesus that completes the other two.

Sadly, the disciples don’t really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the ‘mountaintop’ as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives.



Have you thought? Transfigured / Transformed

Jesus’ transfiguration was a physical transformation that was able to be witnessed by his disciples. In our lives we have many transforming moments but they are rarely as physically obvious to others as Jesus’ transfiguration. Sometimes we fail to recognise a transformative event until

well after the fact – sometimes years later. It might be nice if our clothes began to shine white whenever something significant and transformative was happening to us! It might help us to pay attention to the important and life-changing moments of our lives instead of letting them slip by!

Living the Gospel – Down from the mountain

Sometimes we experience powerful moments of connection with God or with other people. Sometimes this might be through a special experience of nature; a meaningful retreat experience; a powerful sense of being ‘in tune’ with another person; a reflective prayer experience; or some other significant experience. The temptation when we have these experiences is to wish that we could remain in the experience. The challenge, however, is to take that experience back into the everyday of our lives – changed by it without remaining in it.

✍ Greg Sunter

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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.

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

Bob Rideout

and for his family

His funeral service will be held on
9th August at 11.00am

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Keith D'Mellow

and for his family

His funeral service will be held on
9th August at 1.30pm

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bob Rideout, Keith D'Mellow, Filonena Bugeja, Felicita Cutajar, Helena Harrison, Jacobe Padama, Raymond Yunus Kelana, Klaudia Matinac and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Lolita Declaro, Angelo Muscat, Robyn Symons, Justin Dwyer, Pauline Margerison, Nazarena Cauchi, Rodolfo Calub, Indahsari Pranato, Mauro Mariano, Rosela Porteria and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnolley, John Nettare, Grant McLean, Godfrey Gomez, Faaiu, Vilo & Ioane Tuliatu and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: 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 Hefferman, Lisa Sperneck, 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.



We wish a very happy 101st Birthday
to

Joan Renshaw

for the **6th August**

Pauline Morton would like to thank all the parishioner for their prayers during her recent illness.



We welcome the following children to
our parish community who were bap-
tised during July

Sienna Acosta, Nicolas Stafurik, Thomas Ellis, Arkie Cox, Aila Bocasan, Allyrah & Ryder Thomas, Amelia Denison, Ashton Darbyshire, Koa Bochynski, Ethan Taylor, Anastasia Day, Aaliyah Bonus, Xander Duxbury, Mia Chambers, Kiarra Jackson-Roth, Ariella Rogers, Harper & Ellie Catto.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Penrith Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers who can help on Mondays and Tuesday from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Please contact Cathy on 0412 623 723 if you can help.

DEFIBRILLATOR



Our new defibrillator has been installed in the Sacristy of the Church.

We sincerely thank the parishioner who generously donated to support this purchase.

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

PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 12th / 13th August 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	1 Kings 19: 9, 11 - 13
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 84: 9 - 14
2nd Reading	Romans 9: 1 - 5
Gospel	Matthew 14: 22 - 33

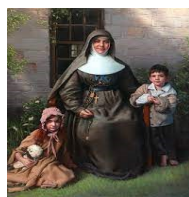


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On the **8th of August**, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of **St. Mary of the Cross**, the Patron Saint of Australia. Please come and join us for either the **6.45am** or **9.30 am Mass**.

THANKSGIVING MASS

Psalm 95:2

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"

The more we thank Him, the more we see Him working in us and around us. Gratitude helps us sense God's presence, His personal care, and His love.

The first of our Thanksgiving masses is on the **24th of September at the 10am Mass** for milestone birthdays, for those who celebrate their 21st, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th or 90th and above birthdays this year.

If you or any of your family members are celebrating one of these milestones birthdays this year, please contact the Parish office to register your name. either by email to

enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au
or phone 4721 2509



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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.

Sacramental Program

Reconciliation

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Reconciliation **ARE OPEN** on our website, stnicholasofmyra.org.au

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*

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



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 7/8	Tue 8/8 St Mary of the Cross Solemnity	Wed 9/8	Thu 10/8 St Lawrence Feast	Fri 11/8 St Clare Memorial	Sat 12/8	Sun 13/8 19th Sunday of Ordinary time
9.30am Mass 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Hall	6.45am Mass 9.00 Mass SMM 9.30am Mass 2.30pm SNOM Liturgy	9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral: Bob Rideout 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 1.30pm Funeral Keith D'Mellow 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Finance Meeting 7.00pm SVDP Regional Mtg PMR1	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Adoration	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 12th / 13th 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	Jenny Hogan Dennis Wellfare	Sreya Dias	Sharon Falleiro	Connie Limjap	Mila Svehla Allan Linga	CD	Samara Dias
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia		Yvonne Baccan	Margaret Scicluna	Ramon Bru Luisa Davie	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Michael Tolentino Caitlin Nepomuceno	Michael Ostrea	Marie Prendeville	Sue Von Bock	Lyn Olander Helen Wakeling	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gillaus
10.00am	Cheryl Clark Joe Tabone	Manuel Credo Marco Credo	Dominic Dawson	Margaret Wilson	Andrew Kosman Carmen Vella	AMDG Adult	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Cedric Giraldez Jose-Elmer Simeon	Irene Gobin	Daniel Whalen	Kathleen Smith	Carolyn D'Mello Darlene Streher	CFC	CFC

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