



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**9th / 10th September 2023**  
**Safeguarding Sunday**

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Principal : Mr. Tim Vane -Tempest

**St Mary Mackillop Primary** Ph; 4724 3200

Principal: Mr. Scott Buchan

## PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

### Celebrating Milestones Birthdays- A Thanksgiving Mass!

Dear Parishioners,

We are thrilled to extend again the invitation to our special Thanksgiving Mass for Milestone Birthdays, a day dedicated to celebrating the wonderful lives of our cherished community members.

We are delighted to share that so many parishioners have already registered for this memorable event. If you have forgotten to register, don't worry, there is still time! The deadline for registration is **Wednesday, September 13th**. This will give us ample time to plan the celebration. Please make sure to reach out to the Parish Office by this date to register.

For those with parents or grandparents who are 90 years or above, we strongly encourage you to make arrangements to bring them for this extraordinary celebration if their health permits. It's a unique opportunity to thank God for their presence in our lives and to unite them with their faith and faith community.

We gladly await coming together in gratitude and joy on this special occasion. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

I will be travelling to Philippines this coming Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of September to participate in the Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia with 8 devotees of Penafrancia from our Parish. We are invited to participate in the Fluvial Procession with the State of Our Lady. Please keep us in your prayers. I will be back on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

I entrust you and your families to the maternal protection of Our Mother Mary and St. Joseph.

Fr. Joe Manjaly.



**Mass Readings for 16th / 17th September  
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

<b>1st Reading</b>	Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27: 30 - 28:7
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 102: 1- 4, 9 - 12
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 14: 7 - 9
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 18: 21 - 35

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL**

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



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to donate you can donate at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this QR code or use the envelopes at the doors of our church.



**Sacramental Program**

**Reconciliation**

**Family Session 3**

Saturday 16th September 4.30pm  
Sunday 17th September 8.30am

**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK**



The Spring Edition of Catholic Outlook will be available at the church doors after each mass this weekend. Please take one home and read with your family.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joseph Pereira, Rosalind Vincent and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Teodora Racelis, Joseph & Maria Bugeja, Carmela & Gerald Sultana, John Xiberras, Ron Howe, Bennie Sultana, George Xiberras, June Gale, Mira Jakob and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

**SICK:** Kyla Agar, George Try, AJ, Charlie Spiteri, Val Sonter, 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 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.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.



You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

[www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)



It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that children and vulnerable adults in our community are safe. Hence all volunteers in our parish need to complete the mandatory Safeguarding Training Modules 1, 2, 3. It can be complete online or at face to face meetings. The diocese is planning face to face training in our deanery early in 2024. Online training can be completed at any time by going to:

[learning.safeguarding.org.au](http://learning.safeguarding.org.au).

For further information or help please contact Rodney Howard the Parish Safeguarding Champion at the Parish office or [manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

**FORMATION SESSION ON 'The profession of faith in healthcare'**

All High School students interested in becoming health professionals are invited to attend a formation session on 'The profession of faith in healthcare'.



The details are:  
Date: Saturday 16th September 2023  
Venue: St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
RSVP to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

**PLANNED GIVING**

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## PARISH NEWS

### Visit to Penafrancia Basilica, Philippines

Please keep the following pilgrims in your prayer as we begin our journey on 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.

**Jun Relunia, Fr Joe Manjaly PP, Ernesto Aaron, Ding Alano, Susan Alamo, Ben Bongat, Edith Inton, Joy Guerrero, Jennifer Guerrero, Norma Evans, Evelyn Datoc.**

I assure you all, of my prayers, as I visit the Basilica in Philippines. I will be back on 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

Fr Joe Manjaly

### 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 Margaret at

catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

before the 16th October to register your name and the number of years served in this ministry.



A big thank you to Couples for Christ for the wonderful Father's Day breakfast last weekend.

### DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

There will be defibrillator training on Tuesday 12th September at 11.00am in the Church for anyone who wishes to attend.

### ALTAR SERVER COMMISSIONING

Congratulation to our new altar servers who will be commissioned at the 8.30am mass this Sunday, 10th September, Zachary Christie, Jostick Joseph, Luca Besa and Isaac Spiteri. We express our gratitude and thanks to Dennis Wellfare and Marie Prendeville who gave up their time to train them.

## 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

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 11/9	Tue 12/9	Wed 13/9	Thu 14/9	Fri 15/9	Sat 16/9	Sun 17/9
		St John Chrysostom Memorial	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast	Our Lady of Sorrows Memorial	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian Memorial	24th Sunday of Ordinary time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Prayer Group Hall	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.00am SMM Kindergarten Liturgy 9.30am Mass 7.00pm SVDPP Regional Mtg	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.30pm Mass BNP	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 4.30pm Reconciliation Family Session 3 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 8.30am Reconciliation Family Session 3 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass



## PARISH ROSTER 16th / 17th 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	Ric Limjap Damien Wheelahan		Kathleen Smith	Connie Limjap	Mila Svehla Lee Scully	AMEN Choir	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Jacob French Denis Wiggins		Evette Isaaks	Yvonne Baccan	Ramon Bru Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Carol Gillaus
8.30am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Michael Tickner	Marie Prendeville	Maria Varua	Helen O'Connor Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	John Jordan Joe Tabone	Elidie Gal Nathan McWhirter	Louise Gal	Liza Alimangohan	Arnel Alimangohan Carol Gillaus	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Rey Esteban	Angelo Aish	Carolyn D'Mello	Natasha Joseph	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	Br David & Marian Choir	Sharon Shahoud

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