

## St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

## 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 16th / 17th September 2023

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Principal: Mr. Scott Buchan

### **PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE**

# <u>Feast of Our Lady of La Salette, September 19th -</u> A Celebration of Faith and Reconciliation

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast of Our Lady of La Salette!

As we approach the 177th Apparition Feast of Our Lady of La Salette, we come together in joy and gratitude for the profound significance this day holds for the Church and for all devoted La Salette missionaries. In the Parramatta Diocese, we are blessed to have five dedicated La Salette priests tirelessly serving our community.

It is with deep appreciation, that we recall Penrith Parish as being one of the first communities to receive the invaluable service of La Salette priests. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the talented banner ladies who crafted the beautiful banner of Our Lady of La Salette, that now graces our church, a testament to their love and devotion.



I was so very privileged to take many of our parishioners on a pilgrimage to the sacred apparition site in France, experiencing firsthand the profound spiritual presence of La Salette. This pilgrimage has undoubtedly deepened your love for La Salette and your connection to the Blessed Mother.

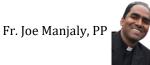
In over 30 countries, La Salette missionaries selflessly serve as ambassadors of Christ's message of reconciliation, touching lives and hearts in diverse fields. Their unwavering dedication and the Charism of reconciliation they carry with them are a beacon of hope for those in need.

In today's world, the La Salette Charism of reconciliation is more vital than ever. It serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of healing, forgiveness, and unity in a world that often feels divided.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your steadfast support of the La Salette Missionaries, especially the love and care you show to me as your Parish Priest and Fr. PJ as the hospital Chaplain.

As we celebrate this sacred feast, I entrust each of you to the maternal care of Our Lady of La Salette. May her guiding light continue to inspire and protect us all, as we strive for reconciliation and peace in our hearts and in the world.

In faith and gratitude



#### **SAFEGUARDING NEWS**

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that children and vulnerable adults in our community are safe.

Therefore 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.

For further information or help please contact Rodney Howard the Parish Safeguarding Champion at the Parish office on

4721 2509 or manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

## \*\*\*\*\* ST NICK'S FLICK MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday 29th September at 7.00pm

we will be showing

#### Whale Rider



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A 2002 New Zealand drama film written and directed by Niki Caro. Based on the 1987 novel The Whale Rider by Witi Ihimaera, the film stars Keisha Castle-Hughes as Kahu Paikea Apirana, a twelve -year-old Māori girl whose ambition is to

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become the chief of the tribe. Her koro Apirana believes that this is a role reserved for males only.

Please come along with your family and friends.

Popcorn and soup will be provided. \*\*\*\*\*\*

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: all who have died from COVID-

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Ena Minter, Tomas Sajonia, Joseph & Maria Bugeja, Carmela & Gerald Sultana, Neville Isaaks, Polly Melder, John Pollechira, Soby Zacharia, Denise McManus, Lesnie Pinto, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

SICK: Fr David Catteral, 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 Brcar, 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 Millena, 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 23rd / 24th September 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading Isaiah 55: 6-9

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 144: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

2nd Reading Philippians 1: 20 - 24, 27

Gospel Matthew 20: 1-16

#### GOSPEL REFLECTION

This gospel passage follows directly from last week's passage. It concludes the whole of Matthew Chapter 18 that deals with sin, forgiveness and reconciliation. Peter's question to Jesus and suggested answer is a reflection of the view that there is a limit to the number of times we should forgive someone. Seven is a significant number in scripture and implies a 'perfect' amount.

Even though by his use of seven, Peter is suggesting that he should forgive someone many, many times, Jesus quickly corrects Peter and says not seven, but seventyseven times (or seventy times seven). Jesus plays on the use of the number seven and multiplies it to indicate that one should forgive as many times as is required without keeping count; without keeping score.

The story of the unforgiving servant is a familiar one of forgiveness and mercy being shown but not passed on. The sting in the tail of this parable is Jesus' final warning that, 'So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.' This is an unsettling statement, as we believe God's forgiveness to be without measure and without end. Jesus warns that unless we seek to imitate God's forgiveness and forgive others 'from our heart' (with compassion) then we are not going to recognise the forgiveness of God and will cut ourselves off from it.

The whole idea of forgiving from the heart is a powerful contradiction of a popular concept: 'I can forgive, but not forget.' Is it really possible to forgive but refuse to forget? Surely holding on to a memory of hurt is holding on to the hurt itself and does not display that any forgiveness has occurred at all. To forgive but not forget is to keep count. How many times should I forgive the one who has hurt me? As many times as it takes!

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#### **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**

#### Visit to Penafrancia Basilica, Philippines

Please continue to keep the following pilgrims in your prayer as they continue their journey.

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

#### **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 12.10

mass. This will be followed by a get together in PMR1. Margaret, our 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 you have served in this ministry.

SAVE THE DATE

The Parish will be holding a BBQ followed by a COMPULSORY MEETING

of all Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Readers, Commentators, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick, on

Tuesday 24th October at the Church commencing at 6.00pm

#### MOTHER WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN



The first meeting of this group will be held on Tuesday 19th September at 7.00pm in PMR1. All welcome.

### 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 . 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!"- John1:39

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 web-

CALENDAR											
Mon 18/9	Tue 19/9	Wed 20/9 Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & companions Memorial	Thu 21/9 St Matthew Feast	Fri 22/9	Sat 23/9 St Pius of Pietrelcina Memorial	Sun 24/9 25th Sunday of Ordinary time					
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass New- march House	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 10.30 Mass The Royce	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Milestone birth- days, Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass					

### PARISH ROSTER 23rd / 24th September

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

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	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV			
Vigil	Jenny Hogan Dennis Wellfare	Sreya Dias	Natasha Joseph	Sharon Falleiro	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	Heart & Soul	Samara Dias			
7.00am	Jacob French John Sweeney		Stuart Paterson	Margaret Scicluna	Luisa Davie Sue Sweeney	No Music	Volunteer Needed			
8.30am	Michael Tolentino Remy Wood	Michael Ostrea	Carol Wright	Peter Nematalla	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gillaus			
10.00am	Cedric Geraldez Jun Relunia	Manuel Credo Marco Credo	Maria Varua	Dominic Dawson	Arnel Alimangohan Mary Knox	Br David & Marian Choir	Mark Johnson			
6.00pm	Cheryl Clark Rey Esteban	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Kathleen Smith	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello Kathryn Wrightson	Sound of Worship	Jedd Kosman			

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