



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**2nd / 3rd September 2023**

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## PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

### First, to all of you fathers: Happy Father's Day!

I trust you know what an honour and privilege it is to be a father. Fatherhood is a tremendous gift which comes along with an awesome responsibility. Being a 'Father' in the modern world is a great gift but also a challenge and I am sure that you will all agree that there is a distinct difference between a mother's love and a father's love for their children. Father's Day can recall many wonderful memories and feelings.

I have fond memories of my dad who would join us in our family rosary in the evenings. When I think of my dad now, I feel that the greatest gift he has given me is the gift of faith. What greater gift can you receive from a father?

Today's Gospel speaks about the importance of renouncing self and taking up the cross, losing our lives for the sake of love. Our dads are called to follow the path of Christ - the path of love! May the father's love continue to touch the lives of their children. Nothing could better express the pride and emotion that a father feels when he understands that he has handed down to his child what really matters in life, that is, a wise heart. Any father will be so happy and proud when he sees his child speak and judge with wisdom and rectitude.


Pope Francis encouraged all fathers to be the guardians of their children as they grow in age, wisdom, and grace as St. Joseph was to Jesus. According to Pope Francis, fathers should guard their children on their journey, to be educators and walk with them.

Ideally, a father's love reflects God's love - a love that is grace-filled, merciful, forgiving, patient, kind and, most importantly, unconditional.

***"Respect your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you". (Exodus 20:12)***  
***St. Joseph- Patron saint of fathers protects us!***



Fr Joe Manjaly PP



**PRAYER FOR FATHERS**

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands.

Kindly protect all the fathers who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them.

You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother.

Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

-St. John XXIII  
-Catholics striving for Holiness-

**Mass Readings for 9th / 10th September  
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

<b>1st Reading</b>	Ezekial 33: 7 - 9
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 94: 1- 2, 6 - 9
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 13: 8 - 10
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 18: 15 - 20

**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 carrying 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.



**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

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

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Ariel Castro, John Xiberras, Joseph D'Costa, Joesph & Salvina Borg, Ron Howe, Angela Grskovich and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, James Lang, Jim Fullerton Snr and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK:** 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, Nymphia 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.

**Sacramental Program  
Reconciliation**

**Family Session 2**  
Saturday 9th September 4.30pm  
Sunday 10th September 8.30am

*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 Birthday to  
**Nerissa Calub**  
for the **1st September**  
**Deacon Willy Limjap**  
for the **7th September**



The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary occurs on **Friday 8th September**, there will be rosary commencing at 11.40am followed by mass at 12.10pm.



**Fr Joe** celebrates the 18th anniversary of his ordination on the **8th September**.

**PLANNED GIVING**

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

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<b>Acct No</b>	00004265
<b>Acct Name</b>	Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
<b>Reference</b>	6029 [SURNAME DONATION]

**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>	[ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]



## PARISH NEWS

### Visit to Penafrancia Basilica, Philippines

This year the celebration of Our Lady of Penafrancia feast will take place in our parish on Saturday, 9th September with the Rosary at 9.30 am, followed by the Novena and Festive Mass. This celebration continues with the Fluvial procession at the Nepean River with the rosary in the boat. The Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia is an important feast for many of us, especially our Filipino community. Our Parish is blessed to have the statue and devotion to our Lady of Penafrancia for the last 17 years. We thank everyone, especially our Filipino community who have worked hard to foster this devotion.

This year some of the devotees of Our Lady of Penafrancia from Penrith are going to the Basilica of Our Lady of Penafrancia for the feast day celebration on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September in Naga City, Bicol Region, Philippines. It is one of the largest Marian Pilgrimages sites in Asia. I have been invited to join this group to celebrate the Feast of Penafrancia. I consider this as a grace and privilege, being able to participate in the feast and in the Fluvial Procession. 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 Dato.**

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

The Australian Devotees of Our Lady of Penafrancia invites all parishioners of St Nicholas of Myra to please join us as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia.



**WHEN:** Saturday 9th Sept  
**WHERE :** St Nicholas of Myra Church  
**TIME :** 9.30am Rosary and Novena followed by Mass

**WHERE :** Along Tench Reserve  
**TIME :** 12.00pm Fluvial Procession on the Nepean River followed by free Lunch, Program and Entertainment  
 Please join us.

Viva El Divino Rostro, Viva La Virgen

### 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 4/9	Tue 5/9	Wed 6/9	Thu 7/9	Fri 8/9 <small>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast</small>	Sat 9/9	Sun 10/9 <small>23rd Sunday of Ordinary time</small>
9.30am Mass 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Hall	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 2.00pm Mass Governor Phillip Manor 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Liturgy Committee Mtg	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass	9.30am Our Lady of Penafrancia Rosary, Novena and Mass 4.30pm Reconciliation Family Session 2 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 8.30am Reconciliation Family Session 2 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

## PARISH ROSTER 9th / 10th 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	Joe Buttigieg Damien Wheelahan	Sreya Dias	Connie Limjap	Sharon Falleiro	Jim Fullerton Debbie Scott	Sound of Worship	Samara Dias
7.00am	Anthony Ruzgas John Sweeney		Margaret Scicluna	Evette Isaaks	Luisa Davie Sue Sweeney	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Craig Walsh Remy Wood	Michael Ostrea	Rose Walsh	Carol Wright	Helen Wakeling Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gillaus
10.00am	John Jordan Jun Relunia	Mark Johnson	Olga Kiss	Allan Johnson	Andrew Kosman Kathleen Pemberton	AMDG Adult	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Cheryl Clark Jose-Elmer Simeon	Ethan Moniz	Daniel Whalen	Margaret Wilson	Carolyn D'Mello Kathryn Wrightson	CFC	CFC

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