



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
18th / 19th November 2023
World Day of the Poor

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Lunch: 1pm – 1.30pm (*Office closed*)

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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the season of giving and reflection, I write to you on behalf of Catholic Care Chaplains. The Bishop's Christmas Appeal is swiftly approaching on November 25th and 26th, and we are in need of your generous support to continue the invaluable work of our 15 Catholic Care chaplains.

These dedicated individuals tirelessly provide care, solace, and spiritual support to the isolated, sick, elderly, and those nearing the end of their life's journey. Their unwavering commitment, particularly Fr. PJ at Nepean Hospital, has been a beacon of hope for many during their challenging times of illness.

Our parish has been assigned a quota of \$13,000.00 for this essential appeal. Your contributions, whether big or small, will make a significant difference in ensuring that this ministry can be ongoing. Remember, donations over \$2 are tax-deductible, offering an additional benefit for your kindness.

I urge you to take an envelope home this week, and if possible, kindly bring it back next week. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute. Even a modest sacrifice during the week could greatly aid our efforts to offer support.

Let us embody the true spirit of Christmas by extending our compassion and support to those who need it the most. Together, through our collective generosity, we can ensure that the invaluable work of our Catholic Care chaplains continues to shine brightly.

Fr Jose (Joe) Manjaly



Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code or use the envelopes available at the doors of the Church. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.



Mass Readings for 25th / 26th November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1st Reading	Ezekiel 34: 11 - 12, 15 - 17
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 22: 1 - 3, 5 - 6
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 26, 28
Gospel	Matthew 25: 31 - 46

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

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SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish

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

Immaculata Mission School 2024: FISHERS OF MEN

Start the new year by going deeper in God's love through awesome speakers on the Catholic faith, daily Mass, Adoration and the Rosary, praise and worship, fellowship and more! There are two different programs, so there is something for everyone ...

Youth & adults (14 years & up): 1-6 January 2024

Married couples & families: 7-10 January 2024 (specifically designed for married couples, includes ministry for children aged 13 & under)

Where: NEGS (New England Girls' School), Armidale NSW
For costs, additional information and TO REGISTER visit: <http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims>

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alice Hackworthy, Monsignor Bill Mullins all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Denzil Wilson, Dorothy Tipping, John Tipping, Sylvia Vassallo and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

SICK: Jim Fullerton, Kynn Heng, Zhuang Danzi, Denis Wiggins, Cheryl Clark, Nathan Martin, Georgia Eleftheriades, Cecily Hart, Wilfredo Alcantara, Susan Voros, Bob Wrightson, Roseanne Shirley, Fr David Catteral, Kyla Aggar, George Try, AJ, Charlie Spiteri, Val Sonter, Eric Nepomuceno, Peter Gale, Janice Cannon, Sabbir Siddique, Thomas Zotz, Peter Gill, Isabella Agius, Karan Bradburn, Aiden Burke, Elwyn Geerin, Helen Wakeling, Susan Wheelahan, Gregory Hurney, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Brcar, Daryle Young, Todd Soden, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, 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 Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

Liturgy meeting minutes; Meeting date 14th Nov 2023

Meeting opened at 7.10 pm - prayer led by Fr. Joe

Feedback from previous activities:

October Rosaries

- Big thank you to the Legion of Mary who organised the saying of the Rosary during weekdays before Mass.
- The Rosary Triduum in October has been well attended, Parishioners look forward to this prayer event, and the numbers are expected to grow in the coming years. The praying community is integral for the church and family. The Rosary procession on the last day of Triduum has been well attended.
- The Rosary in between Masses need to finish at least 10 minutes prior to Masses and this time will then be used for silent reflection.
- Milestone Birthdays: A Thanksgiving Mass was held on 24th September @ 10 am Mass. As a parish community this was an opportunity for the community to thank God for the gift of life. Thanks to everyone who made this celebration very special.
- The Bishop's Mass for children who had been baptised within last one year, together with their family, was very moving.
- Thanks to the Children's choir who sang for the Bishop's Mass and a special thanks to Christine Caburian for organizing the choir and beautiful video of baptised children.
- All Soul's Day Mass and the special tribute for those who have died within the last year was well attended and great feedback was received from the congregation. Thanks to the office staff for their hard work.

Upcoming liturgical events:

- The first week of Advent will begin on 2nd & 3rd of December. The two minutes of reflective meditation prior to each Mass is to be continued throughout all Advent Sundays.
- The Advent candle and wreath will be prepared as usual by liturgy team and the lighting of the candle will take place as usual. Only 1st stanza of 'O Come Emmanuel should be sung during the lighting of the candle.
- The Second Rite of Reconciliation is scheduled for Advent on 21st December at 7 pm.
- Our Parish Patronal Feast is on 6th of December. However, to allow for more participation of the community, we will celebrate the feast on 10th December at 10 am Mass followed by morning tea. A suggestion was made to invite parishioners to bring home-made cookies to share at the morning tea.
- The Thanksgiving Mass for Wedding anniversaries is planned for 17th of December at 10 am Mass. Significant wedding anniversary milestones for example, 1st year, 5th year and every 5 years as 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th up to 70th and above to be invited to participate in this Mass.
- Christmas Masses will be as usual.
- A working bee for inside the church is scheduled for Saturday, 25th of November at 2: 00 pm. Details to be announced.
- The reception of Communion under both species was discussed but since Covid is still around it was decided to review in January.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm- prayer led by Fr. Chinoye.

PARISH NEWS

Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass December 17th at 10am

We will celebrate a special wedding anniversary thanksgiving mass for couples who are celebrate their 1st, or quinquennial (i.e. 5th, 10th, 15th, every 5th year) wedding anniversary this year.

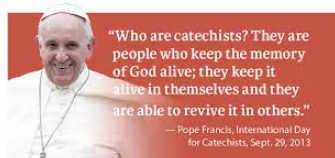
**If this is you please RSVP to
manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au by 8th of De-
cember if you will be attending this mass.**

WE NEED FIVE (5) MORE CATECHISTS FOR 2024

Come, join our vibrant Parish team in this very fulfilling lay ministry in spreading the Word of God in our 7 State public schools.

Please contact Margaret in the Parish Office to discover what it means to be Catechist for St. Nicholas of Myra, the training and ongoing mentoring provided, resources available and answers to any questions you may have. I really look forward to hearing from you.

**Margaret Wilson,
Catechist Coordinator,
(02) 47212509.**



When: Saturday 25th November at 2.00pm.

Where: in the Church

Purpose: To clean the icon and other areas of the Church in preparation for Christmas.

What to bring: dusting rags, dusters,
Your help will be most appreciated.



Parishioners and visitors are reminded that the carpark off Higgins Lane is a private carpark for patrons of the New Fortune Palace Chinese restaurant and **SHOULD NOT** be used for parking during mass times.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Penrith Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners to prepare Christmas hampers for the poor and disadvantaged families in the Penrith Area. Hampers will need to be returned to the Parish Meeting Room 1 on **Saturday 9th December** or **Sunday 10th December**, approximately 1 hour before or after each mass. Please see the Notice board for all details of Hamper categories, stickers and suggested items. Please do not include food items containing nuts or perishable items. Please ensure that food items are well within the expiry date and NO liquor is included in the hamper.



Hamper Deliveries: Once again, we ask for your generous help in the distribution of hampers. If you can spare an hour on: **Saturday the 16th December** between 8am and 11:30am in PMR1. We will provide face masks, gloves, sanitizer etc, and have a Covid Safe Plan in place to ensure the safety of our parishioners. If you have any enquiries, please contact Brian Brainwood on 0433 256 518 or Joe Tabone 0412 234 651.

Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

This group will meet **every Tuesday night at 7.00pm in PMR1**, all welcome.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy will take place at the 10.00am mass each week.



LOST AND FOUND

The following items have been found in our Church.

1 ring (found in carpark)

If you have lost this item please come to the Parish office to claim.

ADVENT REFLECTION

Everyone is invited to an Advent Reflection entitled "Rekindle the Wonder - The Sacrament of the Eucharist" presented by Chris Ohlsen on the **12th of December at 7.00pm** in our Church. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by 8th December.

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 20/11	Tue 21/11 The Presentation of the Virgin Mary Memorial	Wed 22/11 St Cecilia Memorial	Thu 23/11	Fri 24/11 St Andrew Dung-Lac Memorial	Sat 25/11	Sun 26/11 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
					Bishop's Christmas Appeal	
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass New-march House 7.00pm Mothers who pray for their Children mtg	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 6.30pm RCIA PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30 am Mass Thornton Park	6.45am Mass 9.15am Liturgy SMM Yr 3 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 - Children's Liturgy 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 25th / 26th November

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 Margaret Cobden	Lucas Besa	Marie Prendeville	Sharon Falleiro	Lee Scully Debbie Scott	Heart & Soul	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Allan Barnes Anthony Ruzgas		Stuart Paterson	Evette Isaaks	Ramon Bru Louisa Davie	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Michael Tolentino Craig Walsh	Michael Tickner Jostick Joseph	Peter Nematalla	Rose Walsh	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Joe Tabone Remy Wood	Elidie Gal Nicholas McWhirter	Liza Alimangohan	Louise Gal	Kathleen Pemberton Carmen Vella	Br David & Marian Choir	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Rey Esteban Jose-Elmer Simeon	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Natasha Joseph	Daniel Whalen	Darlene Streher Kathryn Wrightson	Sound of Worship	Volunteer Needed

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