



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR B
9th / 10th December 2023

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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra

The Patron of our Parish Community:

Dear friends in Christ,

On the 6th of December, the Holy Mother Church commemorated the memorial of St. Nicholas of Myra. This day holds special significance for our community as it is the Patronal Feast of our parish church. However, for our convenience we are celebrating this feast on the 10th of December at the 10.00 am Mass. As we gather on this auspicious occasion of the Feast of St. Nicholas, we celebrate the life and legacy of a remarkable saint whose spirit of generosity and compassion continues to inspire us all.



St. Nicholas was a beacon of love and kindness, renowned for his selflessness and care for those in need. His unwavering commitment in helping others, especially the marginalized and less fortunate, serves as a guiding light for us in our own lives.

This Sunday at the 10.00 am Mass, we honour St. Nicholas by reflecting on his virtues—his generosity, his devotion to serving others, and his boundless compassion.

Let us take this opportunity to emulate his spirit of giving, by reaching out to those around us who may need support and love, or simply through a kind word.

In keeping with his legacy, I invite you to join our St. Vincent De Paul brothers and sisters **to distribute Christmas Hampers on Saturday the 16th of December**. Your participation can make a significant difference and bring joy to numerous households during this special season.

In a world often filled with challenges, St. Nicholas reminds us of the power of small acts of kindness. Whether it is lending a helping hand, offering a listening ear, or sharing what we have with others.

We can all make a positive difference in someone's life.

On this special day, let us join together in prayer and fellowship, thanking God for the example of St. Nicholas and asking for his guidance and blessings for our parish community. May his example continue to inspire us to be beacons of hope, love, and kindness in our families, neighbourhoods, and beyond.

Wishing you all a blessed Feast of St. Nicholas filled with love, joy, and the spirit of giving!

Fr. Joe PP



ADVENT 2023 PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Join me and people all around the world for a free Daily Devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent.

Starting 3rd December, you'll receive a short inspirational video each day filled with real life stories and practical ways to help you in your prayer and spiritual journey. I find, "You don't become what you hope to become. You only become what you do." What will you do this Advent?

Register here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent/>

For more information, email:

info@brucedownes.org

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Please do not move the pews as it is causing damage to the pews themselves and the carpet.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Elizabeth (Betty) McKay

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on

Tuesday 12th December at 10.30am at St Monica's Richmond

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth (Betty) McKay, Connie Agius and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Nimal Perera, Ester Remolador, Herman & Aldofine Zotz, Joy Bourke, Alfonso Guballa, John Nettar and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

SICK: Connie Farrugia, Teresa Mifsud, Eneliko Tuliatu, Anne Hardy, Jim Fullerton, Denis Wiggins, 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.

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, sanitiser 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.

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.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

When completing a mass intention envelope for an anniversary of a death, please specify if the mass is:

- only for the anniversary date
- or
- weekend masses (added to Prayer of Faithful)
- or
- anniversary date and weekend masses

All names will be included in the Bulletin.

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 16th / 17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent Year B

1st Reading	Isaiah 61: 1 - 2, 10 - 11
Responsorial Psalm	Luke 1: 46 - 50, 53 - 54
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24
Gospel	John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28

St Nicholas Feast Day Mass December 10th at 10am



Our patronal Saint, St Nicholas of Myra, feast will be celebrated as a community on the 10th December at the 10.00am mass.

Please bring a plate of homemade cookies to share with your fellow parishioners in the hall after mass.

Join us to celebrate quinquennial (every 5 years) Wedding anniversary Mass:

Join us to celebrate your beautiful journey together!



Whether it's your **FIRST** or your **FIFTIETH**, your marriage anniversary is a milestone worth commemorating. Join us for the thanksgiving Mass on **December 17th at 10 am**. Your love is worth commemorating! Let this occasion be a testament to your journey and devotion.

Call our parish office to confirm your attendance
by 12th December
and let us rejoice in gratitude together.

Fr. Joe

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



After this weekend, our Children liturgy will take a break over the holidays and recommence on **Sunday 4th February 2024** at the 10.00am mass.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Thursday 21st December	2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm
Friday 22nd December	6.45am Mass 9.30am - 11.00am Individual Reconciliation 12.10pm Mass
Saturday 23rd December	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
Sunday 24th December	7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am (4th Sunday of Advent)
Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	CHRISTMAS EVE 6.00pm - Children's Mass 9.00pm Mass 11.30pm-Carols followed by Midnight mass CHRISTMAS DAY 7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

We are inviting children who are willing to enact the story of Christmas at this mass to come for a practice on Monday 13th December at 5.00pm. **ALL COSTUMES WILL BE PROVIDED.**

COMING ALONG, TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND HAVE SOME FUN

Joseph Dinesh, a parishioner and youtuber will be conducting an interactive quiz on the Catholic Faith this weekend after the Vigil and 8.30am masses. Participants will be rewarded with a small gift.

For parishioners who have asked Fr Joe this is Father Chris de Souza Postal Address

PO Box 368
Canberra. ACT. 2612

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 11/12	Tue 12/12	Wed 13/12 St Lucy Memorial	Thu 14/12 St John of the Cross Memorial	Fri 15/12	Sat 16/12	Sun 17/12 3rd Sunday of Advent
9.30am Mass 7.00 Finance Council mtg	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Advent Reflection - all welcome 7.00pm Prayer Group Hall	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 10.30am Mass Thornton Park	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.30 pm Mass BNP	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Marriage Anniversary Thanksgiving 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 16th / 17th December

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 Damian Wheelahan		Kathleen Smith	Connie Limjap	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	AMEN Choir	Volunteer Needed
7.00am	Jacob French Denis Wiggins		Evette Isaaks	Yvonne Baccan	Ramon Bru Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Michael Tickner Isaac Spiteri	Marie Prendeville	Maria Varua	Orlan Nugpo Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	John Jordan Jun Relunia	Elidie Gal Nicholas McWhirter	Louise Gal	Liza Alimangohan	Arnel Alimangohan Carmen Vella	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Rey Esteban	Angelo Aish Irene Jobin	Carolyn D'Mello	Natasha Joseph	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	Br David & Marian Choir	Sharon Shahoud

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