



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD YEAR B
24th / 25th December 2023**

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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

“But the angel said to them, ‘do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2: 10-11)

The first Christmas was tough for Jesus' people as they faced hard times such as wars and poverty. They also had many grievances due to oppression, political upheaval, and civil war, during the time of Herod the Great. People lived in fear. Still, they expressed devotion and love for God through participation in temple rituals, Sabbath observance, prayers, and studying the Torah. Despite the challenges and atrocities, their faith remained steadfast.

Today, we also have tough times, as we are dealing with inflation, rising interest rates, unemployment, and conflicts in places such as Israel- Palestine and Ukraine. Conflicts in these places hurt ordinary people, leading to displacement, loss of life, economic hardships, and psychological trauma. The continuous strife underscores the importance of diplomatic efforts, dialogue, and international cooperation to seek peaceful resolutions to these conflicts. We all need to pray more than ever for world leaders to find peaceful resolutions. Christmas reminds us to see God in others and keep hope alive.

In expressing gratitude during this Christmas season, it is essential to recognize the immense contributions of parishioners who selflessly devote their time and talents, fostering a vibrant and faith-filled community. I extend heartfelt thanks to all parishioners and friends who generously support and care for our parish community.

Special appreciation goes to the Parish team in the front office, the Parish Liturgy team, various Choir Groups, Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Commentators, Altar Servers, AV operators, Catechists and Wardens, for their unwavering support throughout the year. Your support and prayers reflect God among us. I wish you a blessed Christmas with your loved ones.

To all parishioners, your support, prayers, gifts, cards, and well wishes beautifully and truly reflect the presence of Emmanuel - God with us. May your Christmas celebrations with loved ones be filled with grace and blessings.



Wishing you God's abundant blessings and that you all keep safe.

Merry Christmas!

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Joe Manjaly (Parish Priest)



**Mass Readings for 30th / 31st December
The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

1st Reading	Genesis 15: 1 - 6, 21: 1 - 3
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 104: 1 - 6, 8 - 9
2nd Reading	Hebrews 11: 8, 11 - 12, 17 - 19
Gospel	Luke 2: 22 - 40

Immaculata Mission School 2024: FISHERS OF MEN

Start the new year by going deeper into God's love through awe-inspiring speakers on the Catholic faith, daily Mass, Adoration and the Rosary, praise and worship, fellowship and more!

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

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Special guest speakers: Dan & Stephanie Burke from the USA (co-founders of the Avila Institute, presenters on EWTN & Dan is an author of over 15 books on Catholic spirituality), plus Fr Francesco Gavazzi (from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal)

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

LOST AND FOUND

The following item was found in our Church.

⇒ 2 large earrings

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

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: All who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Jean Cobden, Anne Bedding, Stanislaw Gwiazda, Johanna Gutwein, Joan Mullins, Manuel Fernando, Matthew Lawrence Edmunds, Jose Relunia Snr, Julio John Daily and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnolley, John Nettar, Robert Collins, Anthony Chia, Elbert Goh, Anna Lee, Theresa Chua, Grant McLean, Jean & Joe Culhane, Duncan Crozier, Patricia Dickson, Jamie Tuite, Marie & Eric Mooney-Smith and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Robby Farrugia, Xavier Conde, Christine Dagworthy, Connie Farrugia, Teresa Mifsud, Eneliko Tuliati, 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 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.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

We are inviting all children who are coming to the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass to come dressed as angels, shepherds, or kings (wise men).



CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

These envelopes are available on the pews and at the church doors, please place in any collection basket or bring to the parish office.

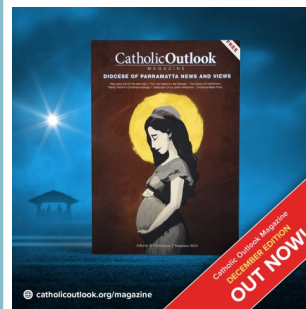


CHRISTMAS "GIVING THANKS" CARD

Special Christmas "giving thanks" cards are available on the pews or at the doors of the Church. Please take one and give it someone who you want to give thanks for this Christmas.



CATHOLIC OUTLOOK



Catholic Outlook will be available at the doors of the Church this weekend.

Please take one home to read with your family.

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

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

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Reference [ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]

PARISH NEWS



Wishing you a Holy Christmas from Fr Joe, Fr Chinonye & Fr PJ, Deacon Willy Limjap and the Parish Office Staff.

Watch Bishop Vincent's Christmas Message

<https://youtu.be/T7Rn2GyHVis>

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING MASS

On Sunday 17th December we celebrated our annual thanksgiving mass for couples who had milestone wedding anniversary during the year.

Congratulation and blessings to all these couples.



See our Facebook page for more photos

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023

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 8.30pm Carols followed by 9.00pm Mass 11.30pm-Carols followed by Midnight mass CHRISTMAS DAY 7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

MASS SCHEDULE: SUMMER HOLIDAYS From 26th December 2023—26th January 2024

Mondays - Friday	9.30am only
Saturday	9.00am mass followed by adoration and reconciliation
Saturday	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday	7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 6.00 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office will re-open at
9.00am on Thursday 4th January
In an emergency please ring 02 4732 3039 or contact the priests.



We wish a very happy Birthday to

Fr Chinonye

for the **22nd December**

THANK YOU

The Penrith Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank all parishioners for their generosity in providing and helping with the distribution of the wonderful hampers to the needy in our community.



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 25/12 The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity	Tue 26/12 St Stephen Feast	Wed 27/12 St John Feast	Thu 28/12 The Holy Innocents Feast	Fri 29/12	Sat 30/12	Sun 31/12 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Feast
9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 30th / 31st 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	Joe Buttigieg Jenny Hogan		Sharon Falleiro	Cheryl Clark	Allan Linga Mila Svehla	CD	Jordan & Joshua Goh
7.00am	Allan Barnes Anthony Ruzgas		Margaret Scicluna	Evette Isaaks	Ramon Bru Louisa Davie	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Remy Wood	Michael Tickner Isaac Spiteri	Sue Von Bock	Peter Nematalla	Helen Wakeling Carol Wright	CD	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	John Jordan Joe Tabone	Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Allan Johnson	Olga Kiss	Kathleen Pemberton Carmen Vella	CD	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Rey Esteban	Ethan Moniz Angelo Aish	Daniel Whalen	Janet Esteban	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	CD	CFC

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