



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



## THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR B 30th / 31st December 2023

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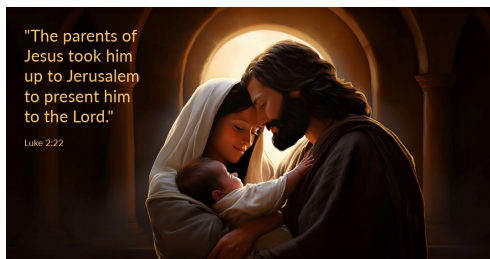
Principal: Mr. Scott Buchan

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Look at any newspaper, magazine, television current affairs program or social commentary and you will be bombarded with the notion that the institution of family is under attack. Rather, what appears to be under attack is a particular view of what it means to be 'family'. Society in general and governments in particular are recognising the reality that 'family' is a much more fluid term than it used to be. Rather than an attack on family, it might be argued that there is in fact an embracing of the concept of family by making its definition much broader.

In this feast we celebrate the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The model of family that we have in this Holy Family is a model that would not be entirely out of place in the 21st Century. Mary was a very young woman; possibly no more than 13 or 14 years old. Joseph was an older man; possibly on his second marriage. There was a degree of scandal about the conception of their child and Joseph seriously contemplated whether or not he would go ahead with the marriage. They were forced to flee their homeland and seek protection as refugees in Egypt. We see from today's passage that the parents are doing their best to be faithful to their religious and cultural traditions whilst worrying about

what the future holds for their son. It is a picture that is not too different from the situation in which many families today find themselves. So while we celebrate today the feast of the Holy Family, it is very much a celebration of every family.



Mary and Joseph's faithfulness is a significant element of what we celebrate in the feast of the Holy Family and their faithfulness to God and to one another is a model for all families and for all people.

✍ Greg Sunter

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**Wishing you  
Happy New Year  
from Fr Joe,  
Fr Chinonye &  
Fr PJ,  
Deacon Willy  
Limjap and the  
Parish Office  
Staff.**

## PARISH NEWS

### Mass Readings for 6th / 7th January The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 60: 1 - 6
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 71: 1 - 2, 7 - 8, 10 - 13
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Ephesians 3: 2 - 3, 5 - 6
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 2: 1 - 12

### LOST AND FOUND

The following item was found in our Church.

- ⇒ 1 heart shaped locket
- ⇒ 2 large earrings

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

### 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!*

**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)

**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>

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Victor Tuballa, Kyrus and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Baby Deanne Clarke, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, 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:** Xavier Conde, Christine Dagworthy, Connie Farrugia, Teresa Mifsud, Eneliko Tuliatu, Anne Hardy, Jim Fullerton, Denis Wiggins, Nathan Martin, Georgia Eleftheriadis, 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 Bracar, Daryle Young, Todd Soden, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Lyn De Vos-Brockhoff, 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.

### Blessing for Same - Sex couples

A recent document from the Vatican's doctrinal office about the blessing of same-sex marriage was released on 18/12/2023 and some parishioners asked me what it means and how it affect the traditional marriage view.

The document is about the nature of blessings for anyone regardless of their moral standing. It simply states that anyone who is aspiring to live a better life can request a blessing (which would include both divorced, remarried couples, de facto couple and same sex couples)- the blessing is **NOT** an endorsement, but rather an encouragement to wrestle with life's challenges. It is informal and not liturgical.- Fr. Joe

### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

This occurs on the 1st of January and  
**there will be only one Mass at 9.30 am.**

### HEALING MASS

On the 1st Saturday of each month at the 9am Mass, we have an anointing of the sick and prayers for the healing.  
Please come and join us on **Saturday, 6th January.**

### PILGRIMAGE

There are **2 vacancies** for Fr Joe's Pilgrimage from 16th April to 4th May, to Malta, Fatima, Lourdes and La Salette.

Please contact Fr Joe at [joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au) if you are interested.

### 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**

**BSB** 067 950  
**Acct No** 100001692  
**Acct Name** Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church  
**Reference** [ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]

## PARISH NEWS

### 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.



Fr Joe will be on holidays from **12th January to 2nd February**. We wish him safe travels as he catches up with family and friends.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

<b>Confirmation</b>	Online Enrolments	Open: Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January Close: Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
	Parent Information Session	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm in Church
	Commitment Masses	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 6.00pm Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
	Family Sessions	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March, 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 17 <sup>th</sup> March 8.30am
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm
	Practice	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 5.00 – 6.30pm
	Confirmation Masses	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 5.00pm and 7.30pm

<b>1st Holy Communion</b>	Online Enrolments	Open: Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March Close: Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
	Parent Information Session	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm in Church
	Commitment Masses	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
	Family Sessions	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May, 18 <sup>th</sup> May 25 <sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May, 19 <sup>th</sup> May, 26 <sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am
	Practice	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May at 5.00 – 6.30pm
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Masses	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 6.00pm Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 6.00pm Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> 8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

<b>Reconciliation</b>	Online Enrolments	Open: Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July Close: Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August
	Parent Information Session	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August at 7.00 in Church
	Commitment Masses	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
	Family Sessions	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August, 7 <sup>th</sup> September, 14 <sup>th</sup> September 4.30pm Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September, 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 15 <sup>th</sup> September 8.30am
	Practice	17 <sup>th</sup> September 5.00 – 6.00pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	19 <sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm

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 1/1	Tue 2/1	Wed 3/1	Thu 4/1	Fri 5/1	Sat 6/1	Sun 7/1
Mary, The Holy Mother of God Solemnity	Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Memorial					The Epiphany of the Lord Solemnity
9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.00am Healing 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 6th / 7th January 2024

*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 Brian Scott	Lucas Besa	Sharon Falleiro	Connie Limjap	Allan Linga Mila Svehla	CD	Josephine Linga
7.00am	John Sweeney		Evette Isaaks	Yvonne Baccan	Louisa Davie Sue Sweeney	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Michael Tolentino Craig Walsh	Jostick Joseph Michael Ostrea	Maria Varua	Rose Walsh	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	CD	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Margaret Cobden Rodney Howard	Zachary Christie Andrew Johnson	Liza Alimangohan	Olga Kiss	Arnel Alimangohan Andrew Kosman	CD	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Cheryl Clark Aish Sebastian	Angelo Aish Sreya Dias	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello	Lynda D'Lima	CD	BNP

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