



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR B**  
**2nd / 3rd December 2023**

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## PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Dear friends in Christ,

As we embark upon the sacred season of Advent, we are once again invited into a time of anticipation, reflection, and preparation. Advent calls us to awaken our spirits, to be alert to the signs of hope, and to embrace the profound significance of this period in our lives.

We live in a world that is often destroyed by war, hatred, selfishness, competition, distraction and busyness, Advent stands as a gentle, yet compelling reminder, to cultivate a spirit of wakefulness and renewal.

As we light the first candle on our Advent wreath, let us illuminate the path of our inner journey, one that leads us toward the true meaning of this season. This is a time to ponder, to pause, and to prepare our hearts to receive the light of love, hope, joy, and peace.

It is important to see how we can grow during this Advent in spiritual wholeness. It is easy to forget the reason for our joy in our busyness of shopping, decorating, and wrapping. May I suggest a few simple things that may help us during this Season of Advent to get closer to God and our family.

**Firstly**, set aside a few minutes of silence and reflection each day with Scripture, dwell on the Nativity scene.

**Secondly**, send Christmas cards to friends/ families with whom you have lost contact and perhaps do a local charity.

**Lastly** make a sacramental confession close to Christmas.

A prayerful journey with the Holy family and the church throughout Advent will lead us to the gifts of gratitude and joy when we enter the Christmas season.

Together, let us embrace this season with open hearts and attentive spirits. Let us be mindful of the miracles unfolding in our midst and be beacons of hope and love in the world.

Let us make a conscious effort on each day during this Advent to shine lights of friendship, understanding, love, forgiveness, companionship, generosity, compassion, and peace.

Wishing you a blessed Advent filled with moments of contemplation, joyous anticipation, and a deeper connection with the Lord.

With love and blessings,



Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP



## 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.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**John Curry-Clarke**

and for his family

His funeral service will be held on  
**Thursday 7th December at 11.30am**

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Stanley Smith, Ken Beaton, Doreen Stanslaus, John Curry-Clarke and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Panayoty & Arlette Griplas, Peter Genovese, Max Silvy, Pag Williams, Mr & Mrs Williams, Kathleen Duckworth, Jack McKnight, Max Gale, Bruce Gale, Murray Ware, Marison Mascarenas and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

**SICK:** Anne Hardy, Jim Fullerton, Kynn Heng, Zhuang Danzi, 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, Isabela 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-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.

## Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care chaplaincy services.



Thank you so much for your generous support of the Bishop's Christmas Appeal, and our 15 Catholic Care chaplains who give hope, comfort, and faith to those experiencing traumatic times. Your generosity is the foundation of our chaplains' compassionate work, bringing light to the lives of people in hospitals and prisons, who feel isolated and distressed.

To-date we have raised \$4300 of our \$13000 quota. For those who haven't had a chance to support our chaplains, you can give at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal), scan this QR code or complete an envelope available at the doors of the Church and hand in at any collection.



**Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and will be received.**

Your support will help our chaplains provide a listening ear, companionship, and vital spiritual support to people in their darkest days. Thank you for your compassion.

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**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>

## PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

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## PARISH NEWS

### Mass Readings for 9th / 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B

<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 40: 1 - 5, 9 - 11
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 84: 9 - 14
<b>2nd Reading</b>	2 Peter 3: 8 - 14
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 1: 1 - 8



We wish a very happy 52nd Wedding Anniversary to

**Jane and Hugh McCann**



which they celebrate on the 27th November.

### 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 cookie 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 8th December and let us rejoice in gratitude together.

Fr. Joe

### GOD'S WORD 2024

We have a few more copies available from the Parish office, weekdays 9.00am - 5.00pm or the piety store after the vigil mass on Saturday and from 8.00am to 11.15 am on Sunday **Price: \$20.00**



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.

### 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.



### HOUR OF GRACE

Next Friday, the 8th of December, at 12 noon, the Hour of Grace will take in our Church together with prayers for the Hour of Grace, Mass and Divine Mercy Adoration.

Please join us.

### ATTENTION EVERYONE

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

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 4/12	Tue 5/12	Wed 6/12 St Nicholas of Myra Feast	Thu 7/12 St Ambrose Memorial	Fri 8/12 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity	Sat 9/12	Sun 10/12 2nd Sunday of Advent
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mothers who pray for their Children mtg	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 2.00pm Mass Governor Phillip 6.30pm RCIA PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 6.30pm SMM Graduation mass and presentation	6.45am Mass 9.30am SNOM Graduation mass and presentation 12.00pm Hour of Grace, Mass followed by Divine Mercy	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 9th / 10th 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 Damian Wheelahan	Sreya Dias	Natasha Joseph	Sharon Falleiro	Jim Fullerton Debbie Scott	Sound of Worship	Samara Dias
7.00am	Allan Barnes John Sweeney		Margaret Scicluna	Yvonne Baccan	Louisa Davie Sue Sweeney	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Jenny Hogan Craig Walsh	Michael Ostrea Jostick Joseph	Rose Walsh	Carol Wright	Orlan Nugpo Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	John Jordan Jun Relunia	Michael Johnson Zachary Christie	Olga Kiss	Allan Johnson	Andrew Kosman Kathleen Pemberton	AMDG Adult	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Cheryl Clark Aish Sebastian	Ethan Moniz Jonathan Joseph	Daniel Whalen	Janet Esteban	Evette Isaaks Kathryn Wrightson	CFC	CFC

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