



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B 6th / 7th January 2024

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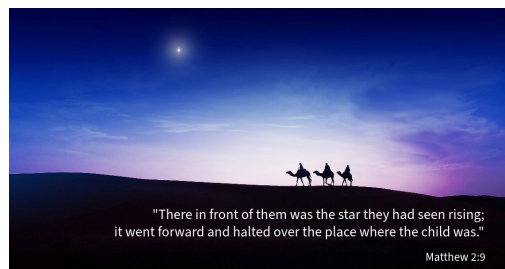
### PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

#### The EPIPHANY of the LORD

**Dear friends in Christ,**

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, our parish tradition brings forth the imagery of the three wise kings in our Christmas crib. These wise men followed a star from the East, eventually arriving at the Palace of Herod.

However, Herod reacted with anger and hostility toward Jesus, fearing him as a threat, while the religious leaders remained indifferent, overlooking the deeper significance Jesus brought to rituals and traditions.



Interestingly, despite being non-believers in the eyes of Israel, the magi demonstrated humility and open-mindedness. These qualities guided them to seek and warmly embrace Jesus, who came to establish a profound Covenant between God and the New Israel.

Their humility and open hearts hold a profound spiritual lesson for us today. Their example serves as a spiritual compass, guiding us to approach Jesus with humility and openness, fostering a deep connection with His teachings in our lives.

I want to share that I will be on holiday from **January 12th to**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> to India.** During this time, I humbly request your prayers for the wellbeing of my family, particularly my dear mother. Your prayers and support are deeply appreciated.

Wishing you all a blessed Feast of the Epiphany, filled with the joy of seeking and welcoming Jesus into our lives.

With heartfelt blessings,

Fr. Joe Manjaly



## PARISH NEWS

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2024

This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

**SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN OUR PARISH AND ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE OR THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE FOR SIGNING BY THE 2nd OF FEBRUARY**

### SAFEGUARDING NEWS

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that children and vulnerable adults in our community are safe. Therefore **all volunteers in our parish** need to complete the **Mandatory Safeguarding** Training Modules 1, 2, 3. It can be complete online or at face to face meetings. Online training can be completed at any time by going to: [learning.safeguarding.org.au](http://learning.safeguarding.org.au).

For those who need to renew, Modules 4 & 5 will be offered in our Parish on 22nd and 29th of February at 7.00pm in the Hall or can be done online now.

For further information or help please contact Rodney Howard, the Parish Safeguarding Champion at the Parish office on 4721 2509 or [manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margaret Lamb, Phyllis Felipe and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Tom Gale, Carmela Sultana, Iris MacRea, Mark Paterson and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettar, Paul & Gino Vassallo and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK:** Peter Gale, Elsie Pajeta, Karen Goderie, Xavier Conde, Christine Dagworthy, Connie Farrugia, Teresa Mifsud, Eneliko Tuliatu, Jim Fullerton, Denis Wiggins, Nathan Martin, Georgia Eleftheriades, 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-Brocktoff, Nymphia 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.

### Mass Readings for 13th / 14th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>1st Reading</b>        | 1 Samuel 3: 3 - 10, 19            |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm</b> | Psalm 39: 2, 4, 7 - 10            |
| <b>2nd Reading</b>        | 1 Corinthians 6: 13 - 15, 17 - 20 |
| <b>Gospel</b>             | John 1: 35 - 42                   |

### 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



*We welcome the following children to our parish community who were baptised during December*

*Eliana Akujeze, Hudson Cresswell, Leo Fowler, Luca Martens, Veronika Bartley*

### SICK LIST

If any of your loved ones who are on our sick list have recovered from their illness through our continued prayers, can you please contact the Parish office to let us know so they can be taken off the list.

### 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**

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>BSB</b>       | 067 950                        |
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| <b>Acct Name</b> | Parramatta Diocesan Clergy     |
| <b>Reference</b> | <b>6029 [SURNAME DONATION]</b> |

**SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish**

|                  |                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>BSB</b>       | 067 950                             |
| <b>Acct No</b>   | 100001692                           |
| <b>Acct Name</b> | Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church |
| <b>Reference</b> | <b>[ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]</b>     |

## 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<br>6.00pm Vigil                |
| Sunday           | 7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 6.00 pm                  |



We wish a very Happy Birthday to

**Fr Joe**

for the **11th January**



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

|                    |  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|
| Confirmation       | Online Enrolments                      | Open: Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January<br>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<br>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<br>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  |
| 1st Holy Communion | Online Enrolments                      | Open: Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 6.00pm Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> 8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm                  |
| Reconciliation     | Online Enrolments                      | Open: Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July<br>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<br>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<br>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 8/1                       | Tue 9/1     | Wed 10/1    | Thu 11/1    | Fri 12/1    | Sat 13/1  | Sun 14/1  |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| The Baptism of the Lord Feast |             |             |             |             |   | 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time                               |
| 9.30am Mass                   | 9.30am Mass | 9.30am Mass | 9.30am Mass | 9.30am Mass | 9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation<br>5.00pm Reconciliation<br>6.00pm Vigil Mass | 7.00am Mass<br>8.30am Mass<br>10.00am Mass<br>6.00pm Mass |

## PARISH ROSTER 13th / 14th January 2024

*If you are unable to attend the Mass please find a replacement.*

|         | Acolyte<br>MATA                   | Altar<br>Servers                | Community<br>Rep  | Reader            | Eucharistic<br>Ministers        | Music            | AV               |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Vigil   | Brian Scott<br>Damian Wheelahan   | Sreya Dias                      | Kathleen Smith    | Connie Limjap     | Arts Calub<br>Nerissa Calub     | Sound of Worship | Samara Dias      |
| 7.00am  | Allan Barnes<br>John Sweeney      |                                 | Margaret Scicluna | Stuart Paterson   | Ramon Bru<br>Evette Isaaks      | No Music         | Brian Rees       |
| 8.30am  | Elenita Sajonia<br>Robert Sajonia | Michael Ostrea<br>Isaac Spiteri | Peter Nematalla   | Marie Prendeville | Carol Wright<br>Helen Wakeling  | CD               | Ursula Gomez     |
| 10.00am | Jun Relunia<br>Remy Wood          | Marco Credo<br>Manuel Credo     | Liza Alimangohan  | Dominic Dawson    | Mary Knox<br>Carmen Vella       | CD               | Mark Johnson     |
| 6.00pm  | Cheryl Clark<br>John Jordan       | Jonathan Joseph<br>Ethan Moniz  | Carolyn D'Mello   | Janet Esteban     | Lynda D'Lima<br>Darlene Streher | CD               | Volunteer Needed |

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