



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Year B
11th February 2024**

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Principal : Mr. Tim Vane -Tempest

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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

As we embark on our Lenten journey this coming Wednesday, let us be mindful of the call to conversion and spiritual renewal that Pope Francis has emphasised in his Lenten message for 2024. Just as the Israelites journeyed through the desert towards freedom, so too are we called to journey from bondage to spiritual liberation.

During this sacred season, let us commit to deepening our spiritual lives and fostering a sense of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here are a few ways we can actively engage in this Lenten journey:

- 1. Regular Mass Attendance:** Attend Mass as frequently as possible, both on weekdays and Sundays, so to receive the grace and strength needed for our journey.
- 2. Stations of the Cross:** Join the parish community in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 PM in the church. This powerful devotion allows us to reflect on the passion and suffering of Christ.
- 3. Daily Reflections:** Invest in the daily reflections book, "A Resurrected Life," available for \$5 in our parish. The books will be sold after the weekend masses. These reflections will guide us through each day of Lent, helping us to deepen our prayer life and spiritual growth.
- 4. Project Compassion:** Practice alms giving through the Project Compassion by using the provided boxes to collect funds through our abstinence and sacrifices. These contributions will directly benefit the poor and marginalised in our community, embodying the spirit of almsgiving and love for our neighbours.

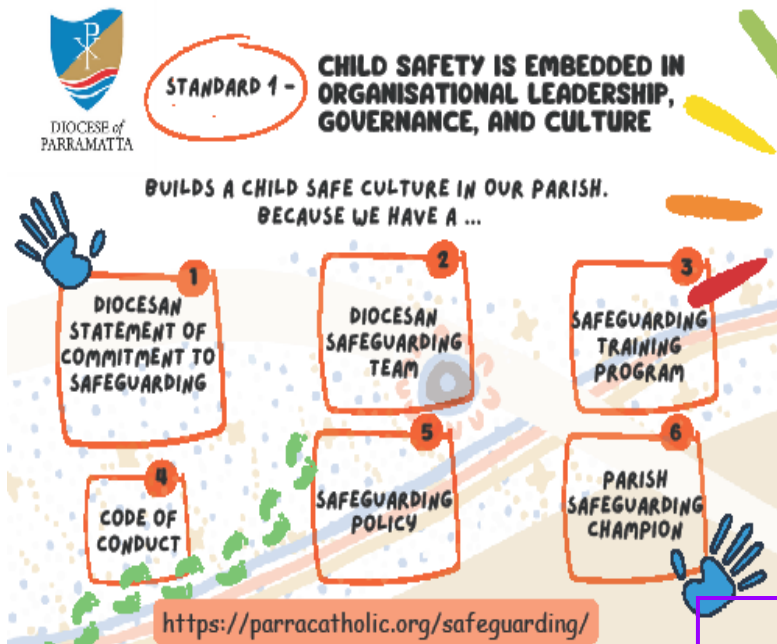
Let us embrace this season of grace with open hearts, allowing the desert of Lent to become a place of love and transformation. May our Lenten observances draw us closer to God and empower us to live out our faith more fully in service to others.



Wishing you all a fruitful Lenten season.

Fr. Joe Manjaly
Parish Priest

PARISH NEWS



SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Safeguarding training needs to be completed every two years.

For those who need to renew, Modules 4 and 5 will be offered in our Parish on

**22nd and 29th of February
at 7.00pm in the Hall.**

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
These modules can also be done online now if you wish at

learning.safeguarding.org.au

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Seeking a single room accommodation in the Penrith area for two separate females.

Please contact Vinitha on 0416 253 108 or Chi on 0470770012 if you can help.

PALMS

If you have any old palms, and would like to return them to be burnt, to be used as ashes for this Wednesday. Please place in the box located in the Church foyer, no later than Monday 12 February. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Antonia Said

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on
Thursday 15th February at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Antonia Said, Johanna (Mieke) Beukers, Leonida Abril, Tady Sweeney, Nicholas Muscat

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Adelaida Patag Lupisan, Tess Verbresey, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

SICK: Lyn O'Hare, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Ric Limjap, Elsie Pajeta, Karen Goderie, Christine Dagworthy, Connie Farrugia, Eneliko Tuliato, 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, Eric Nepomuceno, 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, 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.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS



We have a limited supply of the Lenten Reflection Book "A Resurrected Life"

It contains daily reflections for Lent and the Easter Octave.

Cost is \$5.00 each

They are available from the Parish office or after the all masses this weekend.

Jesus said to him (Thomas), "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (John 20:29)

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN



This group meets **every Tuesday night at**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy will occur at 10.00am mass every Sunday.

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 17th / 18th February 1st Sunday of Lent Year B

1st Reading	Genesis 9: 8 - 15
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 24: 4- 9
2nd Reading	1 Peter 3: 18 - 22
Gospel	Mark 1: 12 - 15

LENTEN REFLECTION

The Parish is organising a Lenten reflection for every minister in the Church. Participation is mandatory for all the following groups: Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Lectors, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Minister to the Sick and Dying, Choir members, AV operators, Wardens, Catechists, Pastoral Council members, Finance Council members, Liturgy Committee members, Banner Group members.

However if you cannot attend due to circumstances, please inform us.

Date: 16th March

Where: Winbourne, Mulgoa

Time: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Cost: \$30.00 includes morning tea and lunch. Parish will cover additional costs.

Guest speaker: Very Rev Peter G Williams, AM, VG

Registrations are now open.

All registration will be done through the Parish Office either by email, phone or in-person. Payment is to be made at the time of registration either by

⇒ **Cash**

⇒ **Direct Deposit**

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Acct Name: Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church

Reference: LENTEN

⇒ **Credit Card** (in person or phone at Parish office)

If you have any dietary requirements please let the office know when registering.

FAREWELL FR. PJ

As we prepare to bid farewell to Fr PJ, we reflect on his many years of dedicated service as a Hospital Chaplain at Nepean Hospital and his invaluable support to our Parish. His unwavering commitment to caring for the sick and offering spiritual guidance has left a lasting impact on our community.

On 15 February he will be embarking on a new journey back to India to continue his ministry. As he transitions to this new chapter, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a safe journey and abundant blessings for his future endeavours.

We invite you to join us in expressing our gratitude and best wishes to Fr PJ after the 10am Mass this Sunday in the Hall. Let us come together as a community to celebrate his contributions and to bid him farewell with warm memories and prayers.

With sincere appreciation. Fr Joe



14th February 2024

**Mass times:
6.45 am, 9.30am and 7 pm**



Please come and join us to pray the Stations of the Cross every **Friday during Lent at 7.00pm**
Next Week's theme is Christian Unity, Peace in the World.



Project Compassion Box will be available in the Church from **Ash Wednesday**. Please take one home for your family.

Come, join our Catechist team, 2024.

We need a few more Catechists for this school year to work in the ministry of spreading the Gospel message to the Catholic students in our 6 local State schools. Ongoing training, mentoring and excellent resources available. If interested please contact Margaret Wilson, Catechist Coordinator, at the Parish Office, (02) 47212509, catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au.

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 12/2	Tue 13/2	Wed 14/2 Ash Wednesday	Thu 15/2	Fri 16/2	Sat 17/2	Sun 18/2 1st Sunday of Lent
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mother's who Pray for their Children 7.00pm Prayer Group Mtg Hall	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1 6.30pm RCIA PMR1 7.00pm Mass	9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Antonia Said	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.30pm Mass BNP	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 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 17th / 18th FEBRUARY 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	Rodney Howard Damian Wheelahan	Lucas Besa	Natasha Joseph	Connie Limjap	Jim Fullerton Deborah Scott	AMEN Choir	Volunteer Needed
7.00am	Alan Barnes		Kathleen Smith	Stuart Paterson	Louisa Davie Sue Sweeney	No Music	Vinita Jobin
8.30am	Caitlin Nepomuceno Craig Walsh	Isaac Spiteri	Rose Walsh	Carol Wright	Orlan Nugpo Lyn Olander	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Jun Relunia Remy Wood	Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Allan Johnson	Olga Kiss	Mary Knox Andrew Kosman	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Rey Esteban Cheryl Clark	Ram Esteban Joshua Esteban	Carolyn D'Mello	Daniel Whalen	Lynda D'Lima Kathryn Wrightson	Br David & Marian Choir	Sharon Shahoud

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