



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 18th February 2024

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PROJECT COMPASSION



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This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.



Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.



Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413 or use this QR code.



MESSAGE FROM FR PJ

Greetings from India!

I hope this message finds you all well. I had a great flight. I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone of you for your friendship, prayers, and unwavering support.

A special thank you to Fr. Joe and all the parishioners for the beautiful farewell party. It was truly touching and filled with wonderful memories that I will cherish forever.

As I reflect on my time with you all, I am filled with gratitude for the experiences we shared. Although I am now miles away, please know that you are always in my thoughts and prayers.

May God continue to bless us abundantly and know that I will miss you all dearly.

With love and prayers.

Fr. Porathur Joy M.S.

pjporathur@yahoo.com

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

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
Pamela Armstrong

and for her family

Her funeral service will be held on
20th February at 11.00am

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Witold Fogelsinger

and for her family

Her funeral service will be held on
22nd February at 10.30am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pamela Armstrong, Mabel Martin, Elsa Lopez, Witold Fogelsinger, Misha Jithin

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Bruce Hardiman, Francis Dowling, Mathew M.D, Sr Maria Vella, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnoley, John Nettare, Garry Firestone and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Jennifer McPhee, Lyn O'Hare, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Ric Limjap, Elsie Pajeta, Karen Goderie, Christine Dagworthy, Connie Farrugia, 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, 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-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.

LENTEN SYMBOL



The symbolism of the mother pelican feeding her young with her own blood is called a "Pelican in her Piety". Christians see parallels between the mother pelican and Jesus and his followers. When food is in short supply the pelican pierces its breast with its sharp pointed beak and the side of Jesus was pierced by a sharp pointed lance (Jn 19:34a). Blood flowed from the pelican's breast, blooded flowed from Jesus' side (Jn 19:34b). The mother's blood is drink for her chicks, and the blood of Jesus is "true drink" (Jn 6:55b). The mother gives her life that her chicks might live, and Jesus laid down his life that we might live (Jn 15:23). The body and blood of Jesus is salvation and eternal life for those who receive it. The mother pelican and her chicks have come to represent the Eucharist, as well as redemption and salvation.

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

This group meets **every Tuesday night at 7.00pm in PMR1**, all welcome.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Our Children liturgy occurs at 10.00am mass every Sunday.

Your invited

Sydney Catholic Singles meetup group

ALL AGES
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PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 24th / 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

1st Reading	Genesis 22: 1 - 2, 9 - 13, 15 - 18
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 115: 10, 15 - 19
2nd Reading	Romans 8: 31 - 34
Gospel	Mark 9: 2 - 10



Lenten Prayers

During the weekdays of Lent on Monday to Thursday we will pray the Morning Prayer (Lauds) at 9.10am before the 9.30am mass and on Fridays we will pray the Midday Prayer (Sext) at 11.40am before the 12.10pm mass. Please come and join us at these times.



Please come and join us to pray the Stations of the Cross every **Friday during Lent at 7.00pm**
Next Week's theme is **"Mental Illness and Depression"**



Project Compassion Boxes are available in the Church.
Please take one home for your family.

Sacramental Program

Confirmation

Parent Information Evening
20th March at 7.00pm
in the Church.

Commitment Masses
Saturday 24th February at 6.00pm
Sunday 25th February at 8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

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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Reference: LENTEN

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

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

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 19/2	Tue 20/2	Wed 21/2	Thu 22/2 The Chair of St Peter Feast	Fri 23/2	Sat 24/2	Sun 25/2 2nd Sunday of Lent
					Confirmation Commitment Masses	
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Pamula Armstrong 7.00pm Mother's who Pray for their Children 7.00pm Parent Meeting for Confirmation	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1 6.30pm RCIA PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30am Funeral Witold Fogelsinger	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	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 24th / 25th 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	Joe Buttigieg Jenny Hogan	Lucas Besa	Connie Limjap	Natasha Joseph	Deborah Scott Lee Scully	Heart & Soul	Volunteer Needed
7.00am	Alan Barnes Anthony Ruzgas		Stuart Paterson	Evette Isaaks	Ramon Bru Louisa Davie	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	John Jordan Craig Walsh	Claire George Pio George Vincent George	Peter Nematalla	Rose Walsh	Orlan Nugpo Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gillaus
10.00am	Joe Tabone Remy Wood	Manuel Credo Marco Credo	Liza Alimangohan	Dominic Dawson	Kathleen Pemberton Carmen Vella	Br David & Marian Choir	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Jose-Elmer Simeon	Angelo Aish Sreya Dias	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello	Darlen Streher Kathryn Wrightson	Sound of Worship	Samara Dias

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