



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 25th February 2024

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Principal : Mr. Tim Vane -Tempest  
**St Mary Mackillop Primary** Ph; 4724 3200  
Principal: Mr. Scott Buchan

### PROJECT COMPASSION

**Ronita** is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.



Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia’s local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

“I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said. “I feel hopeful for the future... Now it’s not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you.”

### Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or scanning the QR code or by calling 1800 024 413.



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## PARISH NEWS

### SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Safeguarding training needs to be completed every two years.

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

**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**

### RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Denis Wiggins**

and for his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on  
**Tuesday 27th February at 11.00am**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Misha Jithin**

and for her family

Her funeral service will be held on  
**Wednesday 28th February , viewing from 11.00am**

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Denis Wiggins, Misha Jithin, Raul Cabrera

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Paul and Ann Chambers, Yuzefa Milanovich, Jose de Jesus Alvarado, Cornelio Sajonia Snr, Baby Theo Sajonia, Ennio Celeste, Angelo Muscat and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, Anjela and Irene Barglik, Beato Ave Justnuano Toledo, Julia Lumbao, James Gill, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK:** Phillip Mack, 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, 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 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 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.

### HOURS OF GRACE

Hours of Grace (HOG) is a national initiative of Jesus Youth Australia commenced in 2011. It is a chain of perpetual adoration that occurs during the Paschal season, from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost across many Australian cities.

These are moments of grace where Jesus invites each one of us into an intimate encounter for a loving embrace. It is a personal invitation to all who love him through this Heavenly Sacrament.

This year, we will be hosting Hours of Grace at our parish on Wednesday nights commencing from 28th February to the 20th March at 7.45pm to 9.00pm.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to come together for prayer. The church will remain open the entire time and the Blessed Sacrament will be on the Altar except during liturgies and meetings.

A roster is available at the entrance of the church for those who wish to sign on in advance for a selected period of time. I hope this will be a wonderful time of prayer for everyone.

### 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**

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

## PARISH NEWS

### Mass Readings for 2nd / 3rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B

<b>1st Reading</b>	Exodus 20: 1 - 17
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 18: 8 - 11
<b>2nd Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 1: 22 - 25
<b>Gospel</b>	John 2: 13 - 25

### 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 "Voices of Peace in a World at War"**



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

### LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS

We have 6 copies of the Lenten Reflection Book "A Resurrected Life" available from the parish office  
**Cost is \$5.00 each**

### Sacramental Program

## Confirmation

Family Session 1  
Saturday 2nd March at 4.30pm  
Sunday 3rd March at 8.30pm



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy occurs at 10.00am mass every Sunday.

## LENTEN REFLECTION

The Parish is organising a Lenten Reflection for every minister in our Church. Participation is mandatory for all ministers.

**However if you cannot attend due to circumstances, please inform the Parish Office by Monday 26th February.**

**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

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.**

### MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

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



### HEALING MASS

On the 1st Saturday of each month at the 9am Mass, we have an anointing of the sick and prayers for healing. Please come and join us on **Saturday, 2nd March.**

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 26/2	Tue 27/2	Wed 28/2	Thu 29/2	Fri 1/3	Sat 2/3	Sun 3/3 3rd Sunday of Lent
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral: Denis Wiggins 7.00pm Mother's who Pray for their Children 7.00pm Prayer Group	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1 11.00am Misha Jithin Funeral 6.30pm RCIA PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 7.45 pm Hours of Grace	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Liturgical Ministry Course 7.00pm Safeguarding Module 5 Hall 7.00pm Liturgical Ministry Course PMR1	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.00am Healing Mass. Adoration and Reconciliation 11.00am Novena Mass for Our Lady of Penafraancia 4.30pm Confirmation Family Session 1 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass Confirmation Family Session 1 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

## PARISH ROSTER 2nd / 3rd MARCH 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 Dennis Wellfare	Lucas Besa	Del Conejar	Connie Limjap	Nerissa Calub Lee Scully	AMDG Youth	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
7.00am	Alan Barnes		Yvonne Baccan	Margaret Scicluna	Carol Gill Evette Isaaks	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Caitlin Nepomuceno Craig Walsh	Isaac Spiteri Jostrick Joseph	Carol Wright	Rose Walsh	R Bru Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Margaret Cobden John Jordan	Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Dominic Dawson	Olga Kiss	Mary Knox Carmen Vella	Jane Chifley	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Rey Esteban Aish Sebastian	Jonathan Joseph Ethan Moniz	Janet Esteban	Daniel Whalen	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	BNP Youth	BNP

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