



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**4th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B
10TH MARCH 2024**

Celebrating New Journeys of Faith in Our Parish:

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the joyous celebration of Easter, we are blessed to witness the journeys of faith undertaken by our brothers and sisters in Christ. This year, we are excited to announce that we have **catechumens, Jose Cacnio and David Morgan** who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Alongside Jose and David, we have **candidates, Charles Webster and Nikolai Anicete**, who are also discerning their commitment to follow our Lord in the Catholic faith.

Our dedicated RCIA Coordinators, Allan and Josephine Linga and the team, who have been diligently guiding these five people through the RCIA classes, by providing support, knowledge, and encouragement every step of the way.

Let us fervently pray for Jose, David, Charles, and Nikolai as they continue this transformative journey of faith through the Scrutinies. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with courage, wisdom, and grace, guiding them to embrace the richness of the Catholic tradition and the joy of living out their faith in communion with the Body of Christ.

Jose shares, "I'm Jose, married for 48 years to my wife, and blessed with 3 children and 5 grandchildren. My wife was raised Catholic by her parents. In fact, the circle of our friends is all Catholic. All these have been inspirational. I felt called to this faith journey to have a full sense of belonging with family and friends. In God's perfect time, I decide to change my life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of His grace. I thank God for leading me to the right path towards my salvation."

David reflects, "I'm 30 years old and work in IT. My wife Melissa and I share a daughter who will be two in June. I've been learning a lot through this journey about myself and God and am excited to continue this journey through Christ."

Charles expresses, "I was born and raised on the Island of Maui in Hawaii. Moving to Australia in 1987 I completed a master's in counselling and psychotherapy. I now run my own counselling practice. Over my lifetime Christ has moved me through one experience after another back home to the Catholic faith. I'm so very grateful."

Nikolai shares, "this has been my faith journey. I was baptised as an infant into the Catholic Church and attended a Catholic Primary School. I always had an affinity and connection to the Church, despite not being confirmed and my family eventually attending a non-Catholic congregation. I always felt like there was something missing, and my interests in history led me to read about the Early Church— leading me to my desire to be confirmed and receive the fullness of what my faith has for me!"

We invite all of you to join us in celebrating their initiation into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass, where they will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Your presence and prayers will undoubtedly serve as a source of strength and encouragement for our beloved brothers and sisters as they take this significant step in their spiritual journey.

Let us unite in faith and love, rejoicing in the abundant blessings that God bestows upon His faithful children.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Joe



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PARISH NEWS

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH

THERE WILL BE MASS AT 9.00AM BUT THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION OR RECONCILIATION THAT MORNING.



Grace Wiggins and family would sincerely like to express their gratitude and thanks for all the prayers, caring thoughts and love that were offered to Denis and the family during his illness.



We wish a very happy 80th Birthday to

Ken Olander

for the **14th March**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Cecilia Choudhury

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on
Wednesday 13th March at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patrick Dine, Cecilia Choudhury, Virginia Fortich, Dr Alex Q Mataverde.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: John Vella, Erlinda Ojales, Matthew Jacka,, Balbino Porteria, Charles Les Campbell, Edouard and Felice Marie, John and Carmel Bugeja, Gerald Sultana, Jose and Marcelina Baldonado, Egmedio Nierras, Narcisa Paanod, John Beugelsdyk, Maria Fastrich, 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: Stanley Mascarenhas, Genaro Chan, Pam Pizzuto, Bill Hardy, 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, 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.

Join Us for Outdoor Stations of the Cross: A Tribute to Cancer Survivors and Families

Dear Parishioners,

In reverence and solidarity, we invite you to a special Outdoor Stations of the Cross dedicated to cancer survivors, patients, and families who have lost loved ones to this challenging journey.



Date: March 22nd Time: 7:00 PM

This solemn occasion offers a moment of reflection and remembrance, honouring the resilience of those affected by cancer. We welcome you to participate in this meaningful event.

If you wish to contribute by reading a prayer for one or two stations, or if you would like to carry the symbolic cross with your family, please add your names to the sheet in the foyer. Your involvement will add depth and compassion to our gathering.

Let us come together as a community, offering support, hope, and prayers for all those touched by cancer.
Fr. Joe

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.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH.

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 16th / 17th March 5th Sunday of Lent Year B

1st Reading	Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 50: 3 - 4, 12 - 15
2nd Reading	Hebrews 5: 7 - 9
Gospel	John 12: 20 - 33

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 **"Families"**



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

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

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



Sacramental Program

Confirmation

Family Session 3
Saturday 16h March at 4.30pm
Sunday 17th March at 8.30pm



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy occurs at 10.00am mass every Sunday.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES 2024

Sunday 24 th March	PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY Vigil (6.00pm Sat), 7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 6.00 pm
Monday 25 th March	Mass 9.30am
Tuesday 26 th March	Mass 6.45 and 9.30 am 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7.00pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Mass 9.30 am Individual Reconciliation 10.00 am - 11.00 am NO 7.00 pm MASS

THE SACRED PASCAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 28 th March	HOLY THURSDAY No Morning Services Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 pm
Friday 29 th March	GOOD FRIDAY Enactment of the Stations of the Cross 10.00 am The Passion of the Lord 3.00 pm
Saturday 30 th March	No Morning Services EASTER VIGIL MASS 7.00 pm
Sunday 31 st March	EASTER SUNDAY 7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 6.00 pm

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 11/3	Tue 12/3	Wed 13/3	Thu 14/3	Fri 15/3	Sat 16/3	Sun 17/3 5th 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	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1 11.00am Funeral Cecilia Choudhury 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 PMR1 7.00pm: Music Workshop Hall 7.30pm BNP Special Mass	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross 8.00pm BNP Mass	9.00am Mass. Adoration and Reconciliation 4.30pm Confirmation Family Session 3 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass Confirmation Family Session 3 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 16th / 17th 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 Damian Wheelahan	Lucas Besa	Sharon Fallerio	Connie Limjap	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	AMEN Choir	Volunteer Needed
7.00am	Anthony Ruzgas		Evette Isaaks	Yvonne Baccan	Ramon Bru Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Vinita Jobin
8.30am	John Jordan Craig Walsh	Claire George Pio George Vincent George	Rose Walsh	Maria Varua	Orlan Nugpo Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Remy Wood Jun Relunia	Amelia Ross Andrew Johnson	Kathleen Smith	Liza Alimangohan	Arnel Alimangohan Carol Gillaus	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Cheryl Clark Rey Esteban	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Carolyn D'Mello	Natasha Joseph	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	Br David & Marian Choir	Sharon Shahoud

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