



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B
24th March 2024**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin Holy Week, we are reminded of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, greeted with palm branches and cries of "Hosanna!" This week, our Eucharistic celebration commences with the Blessing of Palms and a procession, echoing Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. This tradition evokes childhood memories for me, as I joyfully recall waving palms during our procession through the streets of my hometown. Beyond being mere symbols, palms and olive branches serve as tangible expressions of our faith in Jesus Christ, the Messianic King, and His victory over sin and death.

In medieval times, people believed that the blessed palms offered protection from harm. Today, we keep palms and olive branches in our homes as testimony to our faith in Christ and His paschal triumph. The Palm Sunday Liturgy holds significant importance in our faith life, serving as a poignant reminder of Christ's love and sacrifice, demonstrated through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

This week, as Christians, we will participate in various events central to our faith. On Wednesday evening at 7pm, our cathedral will host the Chrism Mass, where the Bishop will bless the three Sacred Oils used throughout the year in sacraments such as, Baptism, Confirmation, and the Anointing of the Sick.

I invite you all to prepare yourselves for the Sacred Triduum.


This coming Tuesday, we have arranged for the Second Rite of Reconciliation at 7pm. God's mercy and compassion beckon us to the confessional, preparing us to enter Holy Week more deeply.

During the Paschal Triduum, we commemorate the central mysteries of our faith: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. These are not merely historical events but living realities that continue to transform our lives today. Let us immerse ourselves in these sacred days, walking with Jesus through His suffering, death, and ultimate triumph over sin and death.

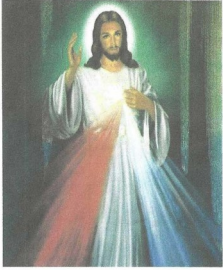
On Holy Thursday at 7pm, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord commences with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, a pivotal moment in the Easter vigil.

On Easter Saturday, during Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm, we will bless the Easter fire, light the Paschal Candle, read salvation history, celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation for catechumens, and welcome candidates into full communion with the Catholic Church. The renewal of baptismal promises for the faithful is once again an integral part of Holy Week celebrations. This year, we have two catechumens for baptism and three candidates entering into full communion with the Catholic Church. Let us continue to pray for them as they continue their faith journey alongside the RCIA team.

I urge you to prioritize attending the Paschal Triduum celebrations. Let us not allow this opportunity to pass us by. The Great Three Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter call us to be transformed by love. May God bless you abundantly during this sacred time.

Fr. Joe Manjaly 

PARISH NEWS



JESUS | TRUST IN YOU

Jesus Promised-"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." *Diary 1109*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

COME & CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY WITH OUR PARISH AT

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH,
326 HIGH ST, PENRITH

2:30PM on 7th APRIL 2024

- ✦ Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- ✦ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ✦ Stations of the Cross
- ✦ Homily and Benediction
- ✦ Reconciliation till 5PM
- ✦ Afternoon Tea from 4:15PM-5:15PM
- ✦ Divine Mercy Mass 6PM

Altar Servers and Junior Choir Picnic

This will be held on the **6th April** in St Nicholas of Myra school grounds **from 10.30 - 1.30pm**, lunch will be provided. Please advise the Parish office ASAP whether you will be attending or not.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Graham Murphy

and for his family

His funeral service will be held on
Tuesday 26th March at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Esperanza Alhamra Bernardo, Siegfried Pimm, Graham Murphy, Michelle Clarke, Rita Muscat, Virginia Fortich, Patrick Dine

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony Prendeville, Lawrence Williams, Patrick Bourke, George Marabouti, Joseph D'Costa, Rodolfo Severino, Joseph & Carmel Bugeja, Gerald Sultana, Everlyn Fernandez, Robert Ross, Beatrice & Walter Ranawake, Christina Barnes, Monsignor John Trad, John Gord Trad, Assad, and Anna Karam, Anthony Frias, Miguel Trujillo Jr, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettar, members of the Gatt family and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Raymond D'Lima, Stanley Mascarenhas, Genaro Chan, Pam Pizzuto, 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 Brear, 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 Sperneck, 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

Please bring your Project Compassion Boxes to Church from Holy Thursday and placed in the tubs provided at each mass.



CATHOLIC OUTLOOK



The Autumn edition is available after all masses this weekend outside the doors of the Church.



We wish a very happy 91st Birthday to
Hugh McCann

for the **28th March**

We wish a very happy 80th Birthday to

Dorcus Nettar

for the **26th March**

We wish a very Happy Birthday to

Beth Limjap

for the **26th March**

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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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 30th / 31st March Easter Sunday Year B

1st Reading	Acts 10: 34, 37 - 43
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 117: 1 - 2, 16 - 17, 22 - 23
2nd Reading	Colossians 3: 1 - 4
Gospel	Mark 16: 1 - 7

THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

Will be open for prayer and adoration from the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday 28th March till 12 midnight in PMR1

LA SALETTE SEMINARIANS COLLECTION

Dear Parishioners,

This Holy Thursday, we will be having one collection and donations to support the La Salette seminarians in Tanzania and India, where our beloved Fr. Joe belongs. These donations will help provide essential resources and support for the seminarians as they pursue their vocations. Please be generous in your contributions, as your support can make a meaningful difference in the lives of these future missionary priests. Let us come together as a community to support our brothers in faith.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you abundantly.



GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND APPEAL

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as Health, education, employment and housing as well as parishes, schools, orphanages and medical Centres. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.



Sacramental Program

Holy Communion

Enrolments **ARE OPEN** on our Website
stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Children must be in Year 4 or above, been Baptised and have made their Reconciliation.

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

Parish Office

The Parish office will be closed on **Friday 29th March** and **Monday 1st April** and will reopen on **Tuesday 2nd April** at 9.00 am.

In an emergency please ring 4732 3039 or contact the priests.

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 25/3	Tue 26/3	Wed 27/3	Thu 28/3 Holy Thursday	Fri 29/3 Good Friday	Sat 30/3 Easter Saturday	Sun 31/3 Easter Sunday
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral: Graham Murphy 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	9.30am Mass 10.00 - 11.00am Individual Reconciliation 11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1 7.00pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral	7.00pm Mass of the Lords Supper followed by Prayer and Adoration in PMR1 till 12.00am	10.00am Enactment of the Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord	7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass: 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 30th / 31st 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	EASTER VIGIL SEPARATE ROSTER						
7.00am	Anthony Ruzgas Alan Barnes		Margaret Scicluna	Evette Isaaks	Ramon Bru Louisa Davie	No Music	Vinita Jobin
8.30am	John Jordan Remy Wood	Isaac Spiteri Jostrick Joseph	Sue Von Bock	Peter Nematalla	Helen Wakeling Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Margaret Cobden Joe Tabone	Andrew Johnson Nicholas McWhirter	Allan Johnson	Olga Kiss	Kathleen Pemberton Carmen Vella	Billy	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Rey Esteban Rodney Howard	Ethan Moniz	Daniel Whalen	Janet Esteban	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	CFC Youth	CFC

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