



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 3rd March 2024

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PROJECT COMPASSION

Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

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

“We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier,” Leaia said.
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, taking home a Project Compassion box from the Church or by calling 1800 024 413.

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PARISH NEWS

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Marie Murphy

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on
Friday 8th March at 10.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joanna Lee, Marie Murphy, Patrick Dine, Cecilia Choudhury.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Miguel Dias, Colleen Schneider, Jamie Tuite, John Vella, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettar, Joe, Mary, Charlie, Gateau Spiteri, Marleen Gomez, Helen & Robert Ross, Denzil Ross, Josephine White, Mary Ross, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: 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 Tuliato, 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 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.

UPDATE ON CRAIG AND ROSE WALSH'S TRIP TO INDIA.



We travelled to India on the 25th of January for a short two weeks, to catch up with the local people who care for all the infrastructure that we had established during our twenty years of missionary work, and we thank all those parishioners and Priests who were praying for us. We also thank the Legion of Mary members who gave us a couple of hundred rosary beads, as both adults and children use them with pride, every day. The rosaries were so popular that they have asked us to post many more to them.



The highlight of our trip was without doubt our visit to a leper colony in Adilabad, where the lepers must live separately in their own little huts, which is on the outskirts of the town. We gave them new stainless-steel plates, new cloths, some food, money, and we prayed for each of them. But what pleased them most was our loving touch and hugs, just as Father Joe pointed out at 8.30 Mass on the 11th of February, after the 1st reading and the Gospel about lepers in Jesus's time in Israel. We felt so very privileged and honoured, because really, we have no idea how truly difficult life would really be for them, when we live so comfortably at home.

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 6TH MARCH.

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 9th / 10th 4th Sunday of Lent Year B

1st Reading	2 Chronicles 36: 14 - 16, 19 - 23
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 136: 1 - 6
2nd Reading	Ephesians 2: 4 - 10
Gospel	John 3: 14 - 21

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 **"Poverty and Social Justice"**



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 2
Saturday 9th March at 4.30pm
Sunday 10th March at 8.30pm



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy occurs at 10.00am mass every Sunday.

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH

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

Filipino Chaplaincy's Feast of St Joseph

16th March

The Filipino Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Parramatta invites you to come and join the Holy Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Saturday, 16 March at 10:30AM at St Patrick's church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown NSW 2148.

There will be Novena Masses in preparation for the Feast from March 6 to 14 at 7:30PM (except Mar 6 and 13 at 8:00PM) at St Michael's church, 58 Orwell Street, Blacktown NSW 2148.

COMMISSIONING MASS FOR CATECHISTS

On Friday 23rd February 2024, at the 12.10 Mass, our Catechists were commissioned. Commissioning is so important as it celebrates and blesses their Ministry in sharing our faith with the students in our 7 local state Primary schools, guiding them to learn and how to live their faith.



Led by our Catechist Coordinator, Margaret Wilson, we sincerely thank, Edmund Bishara, Carina Bognot, Victor Borg, Clare Brcar, Antoinette Buttigieg, Carlie Christie, Cheryl Clark, Regis Clement, Lynda D'Lima, Freeda Fernandez, Nouifer Ghougassian, Hannah Gotzmann, Lilly Harrington, Margaret Hyde, Lesi Nagata, Anil Mathew, Chandini Premaratne, Sarah Quigley, Johan Soertsz and Craig Walsh.

If you would like to join the Catechist team, please contact Margaret Wilson, catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or at the Parish Office (02) 47212509, Monday to Friday.

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 4/3	Tue 5/3	Wed 6/3	Thu 7/3	Fri 8/3	Sat 9/3	Sun 10/3 4th Sunday of Lent
9.30am Mass 7.00pm Baptism Preparation	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mother's who Pray for their Children	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1 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	6.45am Mass 10.00am Funeral Marie Murphy 12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Adoration 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.00am Mass. Adoration and Reconciliation 4.30pm Confirmation Family Session 2 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass Confirmation Family Session 2 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 9th / 10th 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	Joe Buttigieg Damian Wheelahan	Sreya Dias	Connie Limjap	Sharon Fallerio	Jim Fullerton Mila Svehla	Sound of Worship	Samara Dias
7.00am	Alan Barnes		Margaret Scicluna	Yvonne Baccan	Louisa Davie Sue Sweeney	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	John Jordan Craig Walsh	Michael Ostrea Jostrick Joseph	Rose Walsh	Kathleen Smith	Orlan Nugpo Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gill
10.00am	Remy Wood Jun Relunia	Zackary Christie Elidie Gal	Olga Kiss	Allan Johnson	Ninea Nepomuceno Kathleen Pemberton	AMDG Adult	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Cheryl Clark Aish Sebastian	Irene Jobin Angelo Aish	Daniel Whalen	Janet Esteban	Evette Isaaks Kathryn Wrightson	CFC	CFC

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