



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 26TH MAY 2024



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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

May, the Month of Mary

Dear Parishioners,

May, the Month of Mary is a special time of devotion and reflection.

I thought I would now share with you our recent pilgrimage and to thank you for all your prayers.

Taking groups on a pilgrimage has always interested me because church groups become more united and spiritual during these journeys. I always make sure that I give older parishioners the opportunity to travel with me or the group, as they might otherwise never get the chance to visit these sacred places.

However, this years' experience was particularly profound and challenging.

On April 16th, 41 of us embarked on a Marian pilgrimage to Europe, first via Dubai with destinations to Malta, Portugal, Spain, and France. On arrival in Dubai we encountered unexpected flooding, leaving us stranded in the airport for 38 hours without sufficient food or drink.

Eventually we were informed that our flight to Malta had taken off without us, although two of us managed to catch the flight to Malta due to a personal medical episode. After four days in Dubai where we did have the opportunity of exploring some of Dubai, we were rerouted to Milan from where we had to split into groups and travel by planes, trains, and buses to reach Lisbon. By the night of April 21, we were finally reunited and began our pilgrimage with only handheld luggage as our checked-on bags were lost in Dubai airport due to the floods, with no clear answer from Emirates as to their whereabouts.

Despite these adversities, we began our journey with hope and determination. Throughout this challenging journey, we felt God's guidance and were reminded of the Israelites tough journey through the desert to the Promised Land. Just like them, we faced hardships but kept our faith, experiencing God's intervention during our most difficult times. Like the Israelites, at times we doubted and bickered, but we hoped and trusted as well. Initially, I questioned God about the suffering and hardships we endured especially since our purpose was to visit and strengthen our faith. Someone shared with me that a true pilgrimage includes hardships, suffering, difficulties, loss of way and belongings, as these moments test our trust and faith. I found this to be very true during our pilgrimage. Through resilience and positivity amidst hardships and loss, our group became more united, caring, loving and supportive.

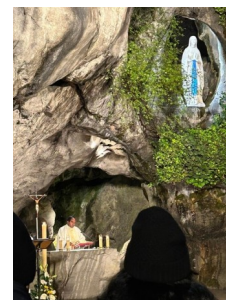
We experienced God's providence in various ways.

Every Marian site we visited welcomed us with different weather conditions-rain, sun and even snow. We celebrated Masses, sang Marian hymns, participated in torchlight processions carrying Mary's statues, and burnt candles at the sites of apparitions. Prayers were offered for everyone, including all our dear ones who have entered eternal life.

This pilgrimage was an experience where I witnessed the hand of God in the supportive and caring actions of many people.

During this pilgrimage, I also realised that the ultimate purpose of a pilgrimage, is not just to see sacred sites but, to grow in our faith, become better disciples of Jesus and encounter God more deeply.

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Please know that our journey, though filled with hardships, was a profound experience of faith and unity, where we felt the presence and providence of God guiding us through the intercession of Mary.

Thank you everyone for your prayers and support during our pilgrimage.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Joe Manjaly



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Bradley Carroll

and for his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on

Wednesday 29th May at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bradley Carroll, Gladys Duck,

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Agapita Calub, Mrs Kumari de Saipath, Claude & Evelyn Fernandez, Marlene Gomez, Ted Brock, Frank Sciberras, Joseph Vella, Kunjaama John, Thomas Manjaly

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, Jerry Axisa, Rita Cika Borge

SICK: Harold Francis Eastman Reed, Bernadette Tecson, Peter Gale, Mary Roberts, John Slater, Carmela Talos, Venus and Shan Cabacar, Ursula Gomez, Michelle Zolt, Aiden Campbell, Mick C, Olive Gyford, Raymond D'Lima, Stanley Mascarenhas, Genaro Chan, Pam Pizzuto, 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, 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 Zolt, Peter Gill, Isabella Agius, Karan Bradburn, Aiden Burke, Elwyn Geerin, Susan Wheelahan, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Bracar, Daryle Young, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, 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 Maisseeh, 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, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

Strengthen dignity for struggling mums

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth provides practical and emotional support for at-risk women facing challenges during pregnancy and motherhood.

Your gift will help support struggling mothers in their loving role to raise God's children with confidence, joy, and stability.

GIVE your gift

yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal-samaritan

This Appeal will take place on the
weekend of the 8th and 9th of June
Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church
from this weekend.

Love One Another as I have loved you

John 15:12



Worldwide Marriage Encounter [WME] is a weekend getaway, offering couples a special 'time-out' to enrich their marriage. Take this opportunity to step back from daily distractions and rediscover your relationship.

When: 28th - 30th June 2024 and 25th - 27th October 2024

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW 2566

Marriage Encounter volunteers will tell you more about this on the weekend of 04/05 May 2024.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or

contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or

email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au

DRAFT DIOCESAN PLAN - THINK TANK SESSIONS

The Diocese is holding Think Tank Sessions, giving leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church, and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan. You can view the draft plan, read information on the Think Tank Sessions and register for a session at parracatholic.org/synod

You must read the plan before attending a session.

Sessions Dates and Venues

Theme 5: May 29th, St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith

Theme 6: June 5th, St Oliver Plunkett, Harris Park

All sessions are 6.30pm - 9.00pm

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 1st / 2nd June The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year B

1st Reading	Exodus 24: 3 - 8
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 115: 12 - 13, 15 - 18
2nd Reading	Hebrews 9: 11 - 15
Gospel	Mark 14: 12 - 16, 22 - 26

St Nicholas of Myra
8-10TH JULY
WINTER WONDERLAND
Holiday Day Camp 2024
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED KINDY TO YEAR 4
ARTS, CRAFTS, SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, GAMES AND MORE!

TIME 10:30-3:30pm
WHERE St Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall, 326 High St Penrith NSW 2750
COST

Age Group	Cost
Kindy - Year 1	\$40
Year 2 - Year 4	\$60 per child
Year 5 - Year 6	\$80 per child

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Applications close June 15 2024

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Sacramental Program Holy Communion

Practice

Tuesday 28th May at 5.00pm

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Thursday 30th May at 7.00pm

Communion Masses

89 of our children will be making their First Holy Communion over the next 2 weekends (June 1st /2nd, June 8th / 9th) at our normal Sunday masses, except for the 7am mass.

Please be aware that there will be a larger number of people attending our masses over these two weekends, especially at the Vigil on 1st June and 10am mass on 2nd June.

Please continue to pray for these children and their families as they continue their Sacramental faith journey.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

We would sincerely like to thank everyone who participated to make our Pentecost celebrations so wonderful. We especially would like to acknowledge those who at the 10am Mass enhanced our multi-cultural celebration by reading parts of the mass in their native language. We would also like to thank the Liturgy and Banner team for the altar decorations and our hospitality team for preparing the morning tea after the mass together with those members of our community who brought their cultural food to share with us all.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy will be held
at the 10.00am mass every Sunday



Legion of Mary
Presents
"The Bible and the Virgin Mary -
Journey through Scripture"
Every Wednesday at 6.00pm in PMR1

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 27/5	Tue 28/5	Wed 29/5	Thu 30/5	Fri 31/5	Sat 1/6	Sun 2/6
				The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast	St Justin Memorial	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Solemnity
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 5.00pm Holy Communion Practice 6.30pm Prayer Group 7.00pm Mother's Who Pray for their Children 7.00pm PPC Mtg	9.30am Mass Funeral: Bradley Carroll 11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1 6.00pm Diocesan Think Tank 6.00pm LOM Course 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Holy Communion Candidates	6.45 am Mass 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Healing Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 11.00am Penafraancia Mass 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 1st / 2nd June

If you are unable to attend the Mass please organise a replacement.

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Brian Scott Dennis Wellfare	Lucas Besa	Del Conejar	Margaret Wilson	Allan Linga Lee Scully	AMDG Youth	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Alan Barnes		Yvonne Baccan	Margaret Scicluna	Evette Isaaks	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Craig Walsh	Isaac Spiteri Jostick Joseph	Jennifer Letran	Rose Walsh	Carol Wright Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Volunteer Needed
10.00am	Remy Wood John Jordan	Marco Credo Manuel Credo	Dominic Dawson	Olga Kiss	Arnel Alimangohan Carmen Vella	Jane Chifley	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Rey Esteban Aish Sebastian	Ethan Moniz	Janet Esteban	Daniel Whalen	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	BNP Youth	BNP

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