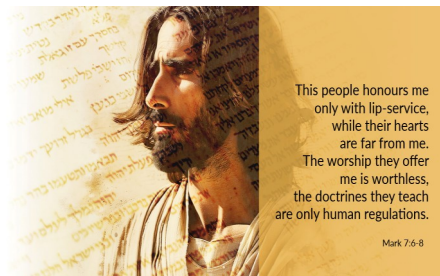




St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 1st September 2024



This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

Mark 7:6-8

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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE: FATHER'S DAY

To all Our Fathers - Happy Father's Day!

I trust you know what an honour and privilege it is to be a father. Fatherhood is a tremendous gift which comes with an awesome responsibility. Being a 'Father' in the modern world is a great gift but also a challenge. I am sure that you will all agree that there is a distinct difference between a mother's love and a father's love for their children.


Father's Day can bring to our minds many wonderful memories and feelings. I lost my father from a stroke 7 years ago, but I was fortunate enough to fly to India and visit him in hospital. The next day he entered eternal life. During our Indian Pilgrimages some of you saw him when you visited my home in Kerala. He was a man of few words. Every day I miss him dearly. He worked so hard, and he also had his imperfections.

However, he was a man of faith. He shared his faith with us and helped us experience God's presence and His love. He was truthful and honest. I have fond memories of my dad when he used to join us in saying our family rosary in the evenings. When I think of my dad now, I feel that the greatest gift he has given us is the gift of faith. We may have been poor, but spiritually we were rich. What greater gift can you receive from a father!

This Father's Day, Jesus calls us to cultivate hearts of purity, reminding us that every father plays a crucial role in guiding his children to grow in the love of God. A pure heart, free from selfish desires and full of good intentions, sets a foundation for a life lived in truth and love. Fathers are challenged daily to be living examples of this purity, leading their children not only through words but through actions that reflect God's love. By nurturing a heart of purity within themselves, fathers can inspire their children to seek goodness and righteousness in all that they do, helping them to build lives rooted in faith and integrity.

St. Joseph - Patron Saint of Fathers protects us!

Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP

PRAYER FOR FATHERS

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands.

Kindly protect all the fathers who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them.

You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother.

Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

-St. John XXIII
-Catholics striving for Holiness-

PARISH NEWS

“Kindred Spirit” Social Group

We are welcoming parishioners aged 45 years and above to a very special event! The newly formed social group "Kindred Spirit" invites you to a fun evening on Saturday, **October 12, 2024, from 7 pm to 9 pm** at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall.

Come and recharge as we gather to form meaningful connections, savour a delicious dinner and drinks, and enjoy uplifting live music.

For more details, please contact Evette Isaaks at eisaaks3004@gmail.com

Mass Readings for 7th / 8th September 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading Isaiah 35: 4 - 7

Responsorial Psalm 145: 7 - 10

2nd Reading James 2: 1 - 5

Gospel Mark 7: 31 - 37



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's liturgy occurs at the 10.00am
Mass every Sunday.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Berta Steiner

and for her family

Her funeral service will be held on

Wednesday 4th September at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Charles Tabone, Renato Moncado Balanga, Seth Gabuel Veusquez, Berta Steiner, Steven Christie

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Ken Howard, Benita Azores, Maximo Abad, Joseph D'Casto, Concordia C Abad, Boleslawa Gwiazda, Antonio Cleto, Valentino Machado, Delfima Gomes, Joseph and Salvina Borg, Narcisa, Ecmidio Mierras, John Magda, Dorothy, Zacary Nierras, Julie Carino, Betty Tabone, Alfonso Salgado Snr

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnolley, John Nettare, Paul Borg, Pearl De Silva, Jim Fullerton Snr, Therese Lee, Grant Mclean, Joe Culhane, Duncan Crozier

SICK: Joe Farrugia, Betty Keavy, Norman Samuelu, Paul Gale, Theo Fitzgerald, Rome Michael Valentino Smiroleo, Ralph Beck, Carmel & Rex Stein, Bryan and Kay McInerney, Helen Try, John Cluney, Arren Samia, Cheryl Clark, Zeny Oringo, Noel Bernardo, Christine Court, Baby Harold Francis Eastman Reid, Michael Nolan, Bernadette Tecson, John Slater, Cliff, Carmela Talos, Venus and Shan Cabacar, Ursula Gomez, Michelle Zotz, Aiden Campbell, Mick C, Olive Gyford, Raymond D'Lima, Stanley Mascarenhas, Pam Pizzuto, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Ric Limjap, Elsie Pajeta, Karen Goderie, Connie Farrugia, Eneliko Tuliatu, Jim Fullerton, Nathan Martin, Wilfredo Alcantara, Susan Voros, Bob Wrightson, Roseanne Shirley, Fr David Catteral, Kyla Aggar, George Try, AJ, Eric Nepomuceno, Janice Cannon, Sabbir Siddique, Thomas Zotz, 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, Billy Downes, Heather Whitborn, Michael Vella, Trevor Rowe, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Lisa Sperineck, 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, George and Lena Caruana.

Child Protection Week

1st - 8th September



In 2024, the National Child Protection Week message that **'Every child in every community needs a fair go'** will be complemented with the theme **'Every conversation matters'**.

Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well.

Conversations can help us understand issues, craft solutions, value community knowledge, and build the brains and social connections of children and young people.

Conversations between

...children and their caregivers matter (from the very earliest days)

...children and their peers matter

...families with teachers, doctors, and other professionals matter

...friends or neighbours matter

...decision-makers and the communities they serve matter.

So this National Child Protection Week we invite you to speak up – and speak together – about what needs to change for every child in every community to have a fair go.

This theme provides a platform to:

- engage in important conversations,
- promote the value of conversations, and
- equip us to have conversations that keep kids safe.

LOST AND FOUND

The following item was found in our Church.

⇒ Children's First Holy Communion Bible

⇒ iPhone

⇒ 3 sets of reading glasses

If you have lost this please come to the Parish office to claim.



We wish a very 82nd Happy Birthday to

Dennis Gale

for the **3rd of September**

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

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PARISH NEWS

SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS
who never stop giving their lives in service to our Catholic community.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal [DONATE NOW](#)

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

31st August / 1st September

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal caring for those who have cared for us

This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service.

They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Your compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement.

All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.



Dear Parishioners,

We're thrilled to announce that our

"Young at Heart"

gathering is back and better than ever! Join us every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10am in PMR1 for a morning filled with laughter, friendship, and fun. If you're over 50, this is your chance to relax, enjoy great company, and make new memories. Come and be a part of our vibrant community—you're never too old to have a good time! The first gathering will take place on

17th September at 10.00 am.

Fr. Joe is looking for two volunteers to run this gathering. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



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Invite you to the 18th year of Feast day of Our Lady of Penafrancia to St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith. In preparation for this feast day of our INA we have Triduum Rosary Novena Masses arranged.

SE SIEMPRE LA REINA



ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH.



September 14, 2024

18th FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PENAFRANCIA

Rosary, Novena and Concelebrated Mass

Main Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long, OFM
9:30 - 11:30am at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, 328 High Street, Penrith

Fluvial Procession at Nepean River, Penrith

11:45 am Assembly at the Tench Reserve Jetty, Jamison Road, Jamisontown, Penrith.

Note:

Fluvial Procession start at 12:00pm "Fast Boat" where Our Lady of Penafrancia, Divino Rostro, Priests & Special Guests will board.

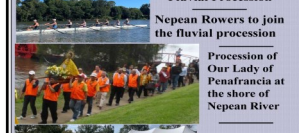
During the fluvial procession, Devotees & Guests will pray rosary and marian hymn at the shores of Nepean rivers & to meet INA after the fluvial procession...

Lunch & Entertainment at the Tench Reserve, Factory Road, Penrith

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Foods will be served after fluvial procession, entertainments will follow.



Preparation for Our Lady of Penafrancia Fluvial Procession



Nepean Rowers to join the fluvial procession



Procession of Our Lady of Penafrancia at the shore of Nepean River



Lunch & Program / Entertainment at Tench Reserve

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Sacramental Program Reconciliation

Family Session 1

Saturday 7th September 4.30am

Sunday 8th September 8.30am

ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA, PENRITH *COMPLIES FOR CHRIST*

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

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1-SEP-24 SUNDAY 7:30 - 11:30 AM

\$7 / TICKET
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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 2/9	Tue 3/9 St Gregory the Great Memorial	Wed 4/9	Thu 5/9	Fri 6/9	Sat 7/9	Sun 8/9 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
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 Funeral: Berta Steiner 11.00am Legion of Mary 2.00pm Mass Governor Phillip 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.00am SMM Primary Liturgy 9.30am Mass	6.45 am Mass 9.00am - 4.00pm CCD Level 1 Training 10.00am Mass Mountainview 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 11.00am Novena Mass for Our Lady of Penafrancia 4.30pm Reconciliation Family Session 1 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Reconciliation Family Session 1 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45am Baptisms 3.00pm Our Lady of Penafrancia Mass 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 7th / 8th September

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR MINISTRY PLEASE ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT.

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Brian Scott Dennis Wellfare	Sreya Dias Dominic Ear Matilda Ear	Freeda Fernandez	Sharon Falleiro	Jim Fullerton Mila Svehla	Sound of Worship	Samara Dias
7.00am	Alan Barnes John Sweeney	Irene Jobin	Margaret Scieluna	Yvonne Baccan	Luisa Davie Margaret Cobden	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Jenny Hogan Craig Walsh	Jostick Joseph Jacob Barratto	Rose Walsh	Carol Wright	Peter Nematalla Elenita Sajonia	Jeffrey Mizzi	Lesi Nagata
10.00am	John Jordan Jun Relunia	Zackary Christie Michael Ostrea	Olga Kiss	Del Conejar	Andrew Kosman Carmen Vella	AMDG Adult	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Jose-Elmer Simeon	Ethan Moniz Angelo Aish Frances Obama	Margaret Wilson	Llewelyn Ross	Carolyn D'Mello Kathryn Wrightson	CFC	CFC

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