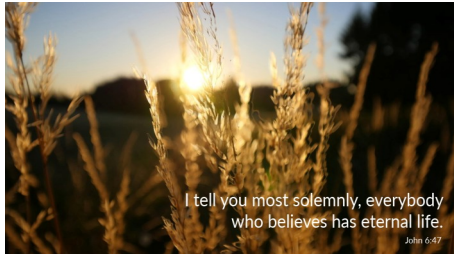




St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



19th Sunday of Ordinary Time 11th August 2024



I tell you most solemnly, everybody
who believes has eternal life.
John 6:47

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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE:

This Sunday’s readings offer us a deep spiritual reflection on how God provides for us both physically and spiritually and, how we are called to respond to His love.

In the First Reading, we see the prophet Elijah at a moment of great despair. He’s exhausted, fearful, and ready to give up. But, in this moment of weakness, God doesn’t abandon him. Instead, He sends an angel to provide Elijah with food—a simple meal of baked scones—that gives him the strength to continue his journey to the mountain of God. This isn’t just a story of physical nourishment, but a powerful symbol of how God sustains us in our spiritual journey as well. When we are weary or discouraged, God meets us where we are, offering us what we need to keep moving forwards toward Him.

The Gospel Reading deepens this theme by revealing how God’s provision reaches its fullness in Jesus. Jesus presents Himself as the “bread of life,” the true and ultimate nourishment for our souls. This statement is rich with spiritual significance. Bread, in the Jewish tradition, often symbolizes God’s word—the sustenance that feeds our souls. When Jesus says He is the bread of life, He’s telling us that He is the source of all we need for spiritual life and growth.

The spiritual significance here is profound: just as our bodies need food to survive, our souls need the Word of God to thrive. The Word of God is our spiritual nourishment—it sustains us, guides us, and strengthens us on our journey through life.

Mary’s mission was the same: to call us her children to her Son, to build an intimate relationship with her Son and to receive our daily strength from Him. This week, as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, we reflect on Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of God, who continually calls us to her Son and invites us to build our lives with Him. Throughout her different apparitions around the world, Mary has guided us toward a deeper relationship with Christ, remaining also as our loving Mother who intercedes for us.

The Feast of the Assumption, which we will celebrate this Thursday, is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, a time for us to come together as a community to honour Mary’s unique role in God’s plan of salvation and to thank her for her maternal protection.

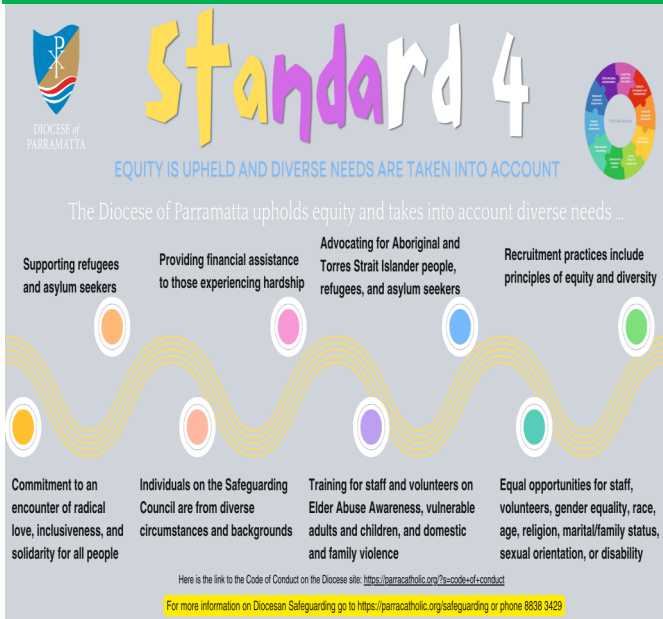
As part of our celebration, we will hold a 7:00 pm Mass on the 15th August, with a rite of blessing for the icons of Our Lady. I invite you to bring statues of Mary and the saints from your home to the church to be blessed during this Mass at 7.00 pm. This act is a renewal of our love for God and Mary, deepening our devotion and reaffirming our commitment to live under the guidance of our heavenly Mother.

Let us gather with hearts full of thanksgiving, asking Mary to lead us to her Son, Jesus, and to help us build our lives on His love.

Fr. Joe Manjaly



PARISH NEWS



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EQUITY IS UPHELD AND DIVERSE NEEDS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

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- Supporting refugees and asylum seekers
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- Advocating for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, refugees, and asylum seekers
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For more information on Diocesan Safeguarding go to <https://parrocatholic.org/safeguarding> or phone 8838 3429

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Paul Borg
and for his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on
Friday 16th August at 10.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Borg, Eduardo Cruz, Gloria Garcia, Pacita Ellis, Ludenila Gavera Flordeliza, Joan Partridge

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Rodolfo Calub, Pasciencia Danza, Thio Im Nio., Nimal Perera, Helena Wojciechowicz, Catalina Manaloto, Manuela Uy, Joseph Xiberras, Cesar F Cruz, Lucy Saenz de Sicilia

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnolley, John Nettare, Godfrey Gomez

SICK: 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, 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, 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, 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, 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 and all who suffer from COVID-19.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH?

Become a Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying or Minister at the Altar.

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Course is running again starting on 9th of September in Blacktown. Application forms are available from the Parish Office or the foyer of the Church and must be returned to the Office by

Tuesday 27th August 2024

EFTPOS Terminal



The Parish now has an EFTPOS terminal in the office so payments by card **in person** are now easier. Payments can be made for Mass offerings, Piety Shop purchases, donations to the Church and other payments.

The Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent, Belarus

The sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent, Belarus, will be selling religious items after each mass this weekend in the foyer of the Church

They wish to raise funds for their ministry especially for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults. Please come and say hello and take a look at what we can do for this ministry.

PRAYER GROUP

Our prayer group meets every 2nd and last Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.



Legion of Mary
Presents

“The Bible and the Virgin Mary - Journey through Scripture

Every Wednesday at 6.00pm in PMR1



Children's Liturgy

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

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 17th / 18th August 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading Proverbs 9: 1 - 6

Responsorial Psalm 33: 2 - 3, 10 - 15

2nd Reading Ephesians 5: 15 - 20

Gospel John 6: 51 - 58

On the **15th of August** we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a Holy Day of obligation.



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We will have the following Masses at

7.00pm on 14th August (Vigil)

6.45am, 9.30am & 7.00pm on 15th August.

We encourage you to bring the **statues and icons** of Our Lady and Saints from your home to the **7.00pm mass on the 15th August** to be blessed.

Sacramental Program

Reconciliation

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
ARE NOW OPEN on our website,
stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday 27th August

Dates for the Commitment Masses, Family Sessions, Practice and Reconciliation Liturgy are available on our Website or the posters in the Church.

To be eligible for Reconciliation
**children must be in Year 3 or above
and must be baptised.**

Enrolment forms are also available from the Parish Office.

*All enquiries to Rodney Howard at
02 47212509 or sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au*

New Diocesan Pastoral Plan Launch

We welcome the **Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen** together with Priests of the Diocese to celebrate the Vigil mass this Saturday and also Diocesan Synod members who will be attending the mass after the launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a synodal Church.

Adult Confirmation 2024 Formation Day 24th August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the Catechesis day.

A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day.

For more information please contact
Lucy Woodbury on

lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Milestone Birthdays

This year, our special **Thanksgiving Mass for Milestone Birthdays**, will be held on the **on August 25th at the 10 am Mass.**

We are thrilled to invite all those who are having milestone birthdays this year, 18, 21, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90 years, and above as we would love to honour you with this special Thanksgiving Mass.

If you or a loved one is celebrating a milestone birthday this year, we kindly ask you to **contact our Parish Office as soon as possible** This will help us ensure that we include your celebration in our plans and prayers.

**Please reach out to Parish Office on
02 4721 2509 or manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au.**

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

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



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 12/8	Tue 13/8	Wed 14/8 St Maximilian Mary Kolbe Memorial	Thu 15/8 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity	Fri 16/8	Sat 17/8	Sun 18/8 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30 - 1.00pm Deanery Mtg @ St Clair 6.30pm Prayer Group Mtg 7.00pm Mother's Who Pray for their Children	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary 2.00pm Mass Governor Phillip Manor 6.00pm LOM Course 7.00pm Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.45am Mass 9.00am Mass SMM Primary 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass The Royce 11.00am Mass St Dominic's 2.30pm Liturgy SNOM Primary 7.00pm Mass	6.45 am Mass 9.00am CCD Level 1 Training 12.10pm Mass 7.30pm Mass BNP	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 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 17th / 18th August

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Joseph Buttigieg Jenny Hogan	Lucas Besa	Sharon Falleiro	Christine Besa	Arts Calub Deborah Scott	AMEN Choir	Mia Xiberras
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Irene Jobin	Kathleen Smith	Sherica Valladores	Yvonne Baccan Kathleen Pemberton	No Music	Vinita Jobin
8.30am	Michale Tolentino Craig Walsh	Michael Ostrea Jostick Joseph	Maria Varua	Rose Walsh	Robert Sajonia Carol Wright	Victoria Sebi	Carol Gill
10.00am	Joe Tabone Remy Wood	Elidia Gal Nicholas McWhirter	Louise Gal	Olga Kiss	Darlene Streher Carmen Vella	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Jose-Elmer Simeon	Angelo Aish	Natasha Joseph	Maria Baltazar	Lynda D'Lima Kathryn Wrightson	CFC Youth	CFC

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