



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



21st Sunday of Ordinary Time 25th August 2024

GOSPEL RELECTION



You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.

John 6:69

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hour: Monday—Friday 9 am—5 pm

Lunch: 1pm – 1.30pm (*Office closed*)

Telephone: (02) 4721 2509

Email: enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Website: www.stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Facebook: @SNOMPENRITH

Parish Emergency Number: 4732 3039

PARISH PRIESTS AND DEACON

Parish Priest: Fr Joe Manjaly

E: joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Asst Priest: Fr Rojan George

E: rojan.cheriyadan@parracatholic.org

Deacon: Wilfredo (Willy) Limjap

Nepean Hospital Chaplain:

STAFF

Office Manager: Rodney Howard (M,Th, F)

E: manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Admin Assistant: Sharon Clarke (Th, F)

E: reception@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Rodney Howard (T,W)

E: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Catechists Coordinator: Margaret Wilson

E: catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Volunteer Admin Support: Margaret Cobden

RCIA Coordinators: Allan & Josephine Linga

E: enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Health & Safety Officer: Craig Walsh

P:0428 284 568

ORGANISATIONS

St Vincent de Paul

Hub: 8861 9770

Catholic Care

E: enquiries@ccss.org.au

02 8843 2500

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Nicholas Primary Ph: 4752 3300

Principal : Miss Kirsty Reynolds (Acting)

St Mary Mackillop Primary Ph: 4724 3200

Principal: Mr. Scott Buchan

For the last few weeks we have heard a number of readings from chapter 6 of the Gospel of John focusing on the teaching of Jesus that he is the Bread of Life, come down from heaven. This reading is the last in the sequence and shows the reaction to Jesus' teaching. What Jesus has been saying in this discourse is incredibly confronting to his Jewish audience. Jesus asserts that he has come down from heaven – from the Father – and that through knowing him one can know the Father. Jews were the first people to have a concept of one God. This belief did not allow for any spouse or child of God, nor any personal manifestation. They struggled with what Jesus was saying because his claim to have come down from heaven could be seen as blasphemous. No wonder many of them walked away from Jesus and wanted nothing more to do with him!

Jesus gives an interesting response to them. He tells them that it is the spirit that is important, not his human flesh, and that the spirit is what he has been sharing with them through his words and actions. He is trying to say to these faithful Jews, don't be hung up about the fact that I'm here in person, listen to my message as you've never heard it before. It is an interesting thought for our modern audience as well. How often do we fail to hear the message of Jesus because we are dismissive of the way in which it comes to us; the messenger; or the circumstances in which we hear it? The message is all the more confronting when it comes from an unlikely (or even un-likable) source. The message of Jesus is to be found in our everyday encounters with everyday people.

Living the Gospel – Message and Medium

We live in a world that is saturated by advertising and marketers trying to persuade us to think certain things, want certain things and even act in certain ways. At times the message and the medium of the message blur and it's not always clear where one stops and the other begins. For Christian people the medium – the person – IS the message (or at least should be!). We are called to live what we believe. That can be tough at times, especially in our modern world, but the challenge comes from the example Jesus gave.

✍ Greg Sunter

© Liturgy Help 2024

Image Credit: Liturgy Help 2024

ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA, PENRITH *COMPLES FOR PARIST*

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

| DAD | PAPA | FATHER | ABBA |

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

\$7 / TICKET
Proceeds will be donated to CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION

326 HIGH ST, PENRITH (PMR1)

PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 31st August / 1st September 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading	Deuteronomy 4: 1 - 2, 6 - 8
Responsorial Psalm	14: 2 - 5
2nd Reading	James 1: 17 - 18, 21 - 22, 27
Gospel	Mark 7: 1 - 8, 14 - 15, , 21 - 23

DIOCESAN ART COMPETITION

In June this year, to support our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta [launched its first art competition](#) for children and young people.

Judging of these artworks has been completed by our judging panel, and nominations for the People's Choice Awards are now open! The theme of the competition is: 'My Church community is a safe place for me'.

We encourage you to share this exciting initiative with your networks and get involved.

There are two age group categories:

- children aged up to 10 years
 - children and young people aged between 11 and 19 years.
- [Please visit our website to cast your vote.](#)

Be quick, as voting closes on **Sunday 1 September**.

Winners will be announced during [National Child Protection Week](#) (Sunday 1 to Saturday 7 September).

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Debbie Ryan

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Baskett, Devassia Coodokaala, Bruce Fredrick Jackson, Rosemary Hall, Apolinario and Francisca Cabillan

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettar, Edil Vizcarra, Francis Goh

SICK: Betty Keavy, Norman Samuelu, Theo Fitzgerald, Rome Michael Valentino Smiroleo, Ralph Beck, Norman Samuela, 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 Brcar, 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 Sperneck, 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.

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.

ST NICK'S FLICK MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday 30th August at 7.00pm

we will be showing

Father Stu



God needed a fighter, and He found one. Father Stu is an unflinchingly honest, funny and uplifting true-life story of boxer-turned-priest, Father Stuart Long.

Past his prime and faced with the end of his career as an amateur boxer, Stuart struggles to find his life's purpose. After surviving a terrible motorcycle accident and a near-death experience, Stuart (Mark Wahlberg) wonders if he can use his second chance to help others find their way, when he discovers new faith and the surprising realisation of his true calling: priesthood.

Please come along with your family and friends.

Popcorn and soup will be provided.

Sacramental Program Reconciliation

Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday 27th August at 7.00pm
in the Church

Commitment Masses

Saturday 31st August 6.00pm
Sunday 1st September at
8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times
FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

BSB	067 950
Acct No	100003570
Acct Name	Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
Reference	6029 [SURNAME DONATION]

SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish

BSB	067 950
Acct No	100001692
Acct Name	Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
Reference	[ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]

PARISH NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On the occasion of these milestone birthdays, we are reminded of the blessings bestowed upon us by the grace of God. This Sunday at 10am, we invite you to join us for a special 'Thanksgiving Mass'. Let us come together in prayer for these cherished parishioners. May they continue to be guided by faith, surrounded by love, and filled with joy. Following the Mass, there will be a joyous celebration to mark this significant occasion. Let us gather in faith and fellowship to offer our prayers and share in the joy of our beloved parishioners. With gratitude in our hearts, we ask for God's continued blessings upon them.

Happy Birthdays to All! - Fr. Joe & Parish community.



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.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal, scan this QR code or use the envelopes available at the doors of the Church this weekend. Thank you.



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 26/8	Tue 27/8 St Monica Memorial	Wed 28/8 St Augustine Memorial	Thu 29/8 The Passion of St John the Baptist Memorial	Fri 30/8	Sat 31/8	Sun 1/9 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Commitment Masses for Reconciliation						
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.30pm Prayer Group 7.00pm Parent Information Evening Reconciliation 7.00pm Mother's Who Pray for their Children	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.00am SMM Primary Liturgy 9.30am Mass	6.45 am Mass 9.00am CCD Level 1 Training 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm Movie Night	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 7.30am - 11.30 Father's Day Breakfast 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 31st August / 1st 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 Denis Wellfare	Lucas Besa	Del Conejar	Christine Besa	Nerissa Calub Lyn Olander	AMDG Youth	Samara Dias
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia		Victoria Sebi	Margaret Scicluna	Ramon Bru Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Rodney Howard	Claire George Pio George	Maria Varua	Evette Isaaks	Robert Sajonia Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gill
10.00am	John Jordan Remy Wood	Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Liza Alimangohan	Allan Johnson	Jessica Couto Mary Knox	Jane Chifley	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Reynaldo Esteban Aish Sebastian	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Maria Baltazar	Janet Esteban	Lynda D'Lima Ninea Nepomuceno	BNP Youth	BNP

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES



LIGHTWATER
Plumbing & Electrical
A HANDY COMBINATION

LIGHTWATER
Plumbing Pty Ltd
Joey Buttigieg
0432 147 251

LIGHTWATER
Electrical Pty Ltd
Chris Buttigieg
0412 569 739

BEAUTIFUL
SIMPLE
FAREWELLS

☎ 4735 6900 🌐 gracefunerals.com.au

PENRITH | BLUE MOUNTAINS | WESTERN SYDNEY

GRACE FUNERALS



 Formerly Lady
of Grace Funerals

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED
20 years
PERSONALISED AND UNIQUE



NEPEAN VALLEY
FUNERALS

Traditional Care with Dignity & Respect

Tel: 4722 8222

Local family owned
and operated.
24hrs / 7 days

Shop 4
2-6 Castlereagh St
Penrith



Catholic Cemeteries
& Crematoria
Care, Compassion, Choice

Bateman Battersby

L A W Y E R S

We invite members of the parish to take advantage of our legal services specialising in:

- Property Law
- Family Law
- Business Law
- Negligence Law
- Wills & Estates
- Court Appearances

Ph: 02 47315899

www.batemanbattersby.com.au
enquiries@batemanbattersby.com.au

Reflections

Funerals



John and
Sue Hibbert

For Family By Family

Locally Owned
02 4732 4440

www.reflectionsfunerals.com.au

Caring
Industry
Professionals

WHITE LADY
FUNERALS

Let our strength help you find yours.



Penrith | whiteladyfunerals.com.au



WHALE
BATHROOMS

Licence # 180584C

Quality Bathroom Renovations
Trustworthy & Friendly Service
25 Years' experience
Portable Bathroom Hire

0407417553 Free
47738700 Quotes

RE/MAX Lifestyle Marketing

Unlock Your Home's True Value!

Sell with Gizzelle
Get a FREE Market Appraisal

Multi Award Winning Agent: International | National | Local











RMA AGENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

2023 | Cambridge Park and Penrith
2022 | Cambridge Park, Kingswood & Werrington
2021 | Cambridge Park and Kingswood
2021 | Penrith and Werrington
2020 | Cambridge Park and Penrith
2019 | Kingswood

Multi Award Winning Agency | SUBRUB WINNER

2023 | Cambridge Park and Penrith
2022 | Cambridge Park, St Marys and Werrington
2021 | Cambridge Park, Kingswood & Penrith
2020 | Cambridge Park and Penrith
2017 | Claremont Meadows

Gizzelle Powell ☎ 0428 934 618 | 02 4732 6007

📧 gizzellepowell@remax.com.au 📍 233 High Street, Penrith, NSW

Scan QR code for more info: 