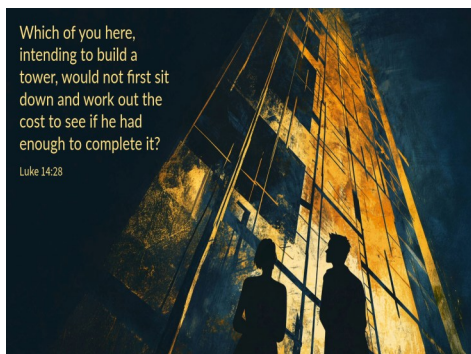




St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C
6 / 7 September 2025



Which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it?
Luke 14:28

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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks frankly about the demands of discipleship. He reminds us that following Him requires total commitment, placing love of Christ above all else. The images of the unfinished tower and the king, unprepared for battle, highlight the danger of holding back and the need for wholehearted dedication to the Gospel.

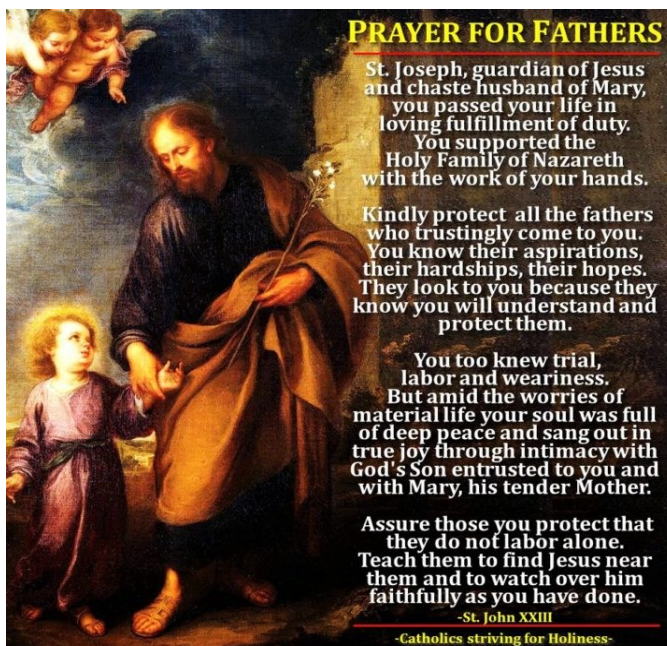
On this Father's Day, we honour and give thanks for the gift of fatherhood. Fathers have the sacred task of guiding their children not only through life's challenges but, also in faith. A father's love may be expressed differently from that of a mother, yet it carries the same responsibility: to nurture, protect, and strengthen the family in love. I remember with gratitude my own father, a man of few words but of deep faith, who always joined us in the family rosary and taught us to have a strong faith. Though we had little in material things, he made us spiritually rich by handing on to us the treasure of faith.

In our modern world, fathers face many new challenges, especially in guiding children who are so easily influenced by gadgets, technology, and social media. Fathers are called to give the right direction with patience and wisdom, leading their families in truth and love.

Jesus calls all fathers to cultivate hearts of purity—free from selfishness, rich in love, and firm in truth. By living as examples of integrity and compassion, fathers lead their children closer to God and, help them to build lives rooted in goodness. Today, let us pray for all fathers and grandfathers, living and deceased that they may continue to inspire us through their love, sacrifice, and faith.

“Respect your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you”. (Exodus 20:12)
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

Mass Readings 13 / 14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1st Reading	Numbers 21: 4- 9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 77: 1 - 2, 34 - 38
2nd Reading	Philemon 2: 6 - 11
Gospel	John 3: 13 - 17

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Bridget Reid

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on

Wednesday 10 September at 11.00am

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Lena Wade

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on

Wednesday 10 September at 1.30pm

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Doreen Novakovich, Olivia Noel, Bridget Reid, Lena Wade, Graeme Cobden

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Augusto, Adelina & Manuel Gomes, Simon Brodie, Concordia C Abad, Michael O'Connell, Salvador Declaro, Jan Cannon, Esma Cram, Rayan Youssef, Boleslaw Gwiazda, John Xiberras, Mary Xiberras, Betty Tabone, Anne Bedding, Rudi Von Bock, Nimal Perera, Marcisa & Egmedio Nierras, Marilyn Gasparini, Magda & Dorothy Nierras

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnelly, Paul Borg, Jim Fullerton Snr, Grant McLean, Joe Culhane, Duncan Crozier, Ron Howe

SICK: Kelly Ibram, Milton Watts, Dominic Ear, Vicenta Bernante

Kyla Aggar, Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet Arellano, Kimberley Balandra, Ralph Beck, Margaret Bell, Ingrid Bentham, Noel Bernardo, Ivan Brcar, Karan Bradburn, Brian Brainwood, Marianne Brigden, Aiden Burke, Joe Buttigieg Snr, Ting Cecila, Cliff, Mick C, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Brenda & Ronwald Cadandy, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Aiden Campbell, George & Lena Caruana, Fr David Catteral, John Cluney, Mark Cluney, Nad Coder, Dylan Conway, Christine Court, Adelia Delapaz, Raymond D'Lima, Diana Dooley, Lou Doyle, Helen Dowling, Debbie Dunn, Joe Farrugia, Peter Farrugia, Theo Fitzgerald, Cheyne Fynn, Robert Galino, Nancy Galon, John Gatt, Elwyn Geerin, Peter Gill, Tim Green, Tadeus Gwiazda, Olive Gyford, Bernadette James, Theresa Jordan, Angelique Karamanolis, Danielle Kazare, Baby Yuri Pavon Lara, Helen Lazarus, Ric Limjap, Nikola Ljubic, Josephine Magro, Melisa Maiseeh, Thanda Manjaly, Baby Capri Marshall, Nathan Martin, Stanley Mascarenhas, Bryan & Kay McInerney, Moises Millena, Nympha Miller, Sandra Miller, Sydney Morris, Tracy Mulla, Jacek Nawrot, Delia Nazal, Herminigilda & Donnel Nazel, Dianne Nelson, Eric Nepomuceno, Colleen Nolan, Maria Nyss, Alice O'Hare, Zeny Oringo, Elsie Pajeta, Marios Pericleous, Pam Pizzuto, Baby Harold Francis Eastman Reid, Ariane Robert, Herve Rochecousta, Trevor Rowe, Daniel Solomon Rowlands, Arren Samia, Norman Samuelu, Jason Sanderson, Roseanne Shirley, Sabbir Siddique, Valentino Smirolo, Lisa Sperineck, Carmel Stein, Brian Sullivan, Joe Tabone, Lorie Tabone, Alan Tago, Carmela Talos, Theresa M Taylor, Bernadette Tecson, George Try, Robert Turner, Susan Voros, Michael Vella, Ron Vukovic, Edward Wagner, David Wakeling, Heather Whitborn, Bob Wrightson, Connie Xerri, Michelle Zotz, Thomas Zotz

ST NICK'S GROUPS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
10.00am Mass Sunday

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN
7.00pm Tuesday in PMR1

PRAYER GROUP
6.30pm 2nd and last Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall.

YOUNG AT HEART - over 50's
10.15am 3rd Tuesday of month in PMR1

LEGION OF MARY
11.00am Wednesday in PMR1

ZUMBA CLASSES
7.00pm Thursday in the Parish Hall

ST NICK'S FLICKS MOVIE NIGHT
7.00pm last Friday of the month in the Parish Hall

YOUTH GROUP
4.30pm 20 September in PMR1



Australian Devotees of Our Lady of Penafrancia, Inc.

(Under the guidance of Basilica of Penafrancia, Naga City, Philippines and Filipino Chaplaincy, Diocese of Parramatta, NSW, Australia)

Triduum in Preparation for the Celebration of Feast Day of Our Lady of Penafrancia
Holy Rosary, Novena in Divine Rosary, Novena to Our Lady of Penafrancia, Holy Mass and Fellowship

First Triduum
August 30, 2025, Saturday, 11:00am
ST. ANDREWS CATHOLIC CHURCH
40 Breakhill Road, MARRAYONG

Second Triduum
September 6, 2025, Saturday, 11:00am
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH
8 Diana Avenue, MELBOURNE

Third Triduum
September 12, 2025, Saturday, 11:00am
OUR LADY OF THE WAY CATHOLIC CHURCH
15 Troy Street, ESMU PLAINS

19th Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia
Saturday - 20th September 2025, 9:30 am to 3:00pm



Rosary, Novena and Concelebrated Mass
Main Celebrant: Fr CHRIS DE SOUZA
General Secretary, Australian Catholic Bishops Conf.

St Nicholas of Myra Church,
326 High Street, Penrith
(Car park entry thru Higgins Street)
9:30 am - Rosary and Novena
10:00 am - Concelebrated Mass

Fluvial Procession at the Nepean River

Tench Reserve Wharf, Factory Road, Jamisontown, Penrith.
12:15 pm - After Mass, devotees can proceed to the shores of Nepean River to watch the fluvial procession.



Lunch, Program & Entertainment
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Parish mass, Adoration or Reconciliation on Saturday 20 September.

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PARISH NEWS



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Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve.

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PEWS AND AT THE DOORS OF THE

Jubilee Year Spiritual House Visits

As part of Jubilee Year of Hope, our priests have begun visiting families for Spiritual House Blessings and prayers of deliverance. These visits are a special time of grace, healing, and renewal for each household. If you and your family would like to request a visit, please take a leaflet from the Church foyer. It includes helpful guidelines on how to book, prepare your home and heart for this sacred blessing. We kindly ask the whole community to keep in your prayers the families that are being visited each week, may the Lord continue to bless and strengthen them in faith and love.

With prayerful blessings,
Fr. Joe Manjaly

UPCOMING EVENT

We will celebrate our Thanksgiving mass at 10.00am on

28 September 2025

for

**Milestone Birthdays and
Wedding Anniversaries**

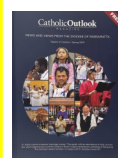
- ◆ We celebrate all those who celebrate milestone birthdays this year, 18th, 21st, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th and those over 90 years of age.
- ◆ We celebrate all those couples who are celebrating their 1st, or quinquennial (i.e. 5th, 10th, 15th, every 5th year) wedding anniversary this year.

**To register please contact the Parish Office
on 4721 2509 or manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au**



MORNING TEA

After the **9.30am mass on 8 September** there will be a morning tea provided by the Legion of Mary to celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to celebrate Fr Joe's 20th anniversary of his ordination.



The Season of Creation / Spring edition of Catholic Outlook is available after mass this weekend at the doors of the Church.

Please take one home to read
with your family.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST RECONCILIATION 2025

FAMILY SESSION 3

Saturday 13 September 4.30pm

or

Sunday 14 September 8.30am

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 8/9 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast	Tue 9/9	Wed 10/9	Thu 11/9	Fri 12/9	Sat 13/9 St John Chrysostom Memorial	Sun 14/9 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast
9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass followed by morning tea for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.45am Mass 9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 2.00pm Mass Newmarch House 6.30pm Prayer Group 7.00pm Mother's who prayer for their Children 7.00pm Liturgy Mtg	9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral: Bridget Reid 11.00am Legion of Mary 1.30pm Funeral Lena Wade 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena of Perpetual Help	9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.00am SMM Kindy Liturgy 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Zumba	6.45 Mass 11.40am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation 4.30pm Reconciliation Family S3 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 8.30am Reconciliation Family S3 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 13 / 14 September

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR MINISTRY IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Joseph Buttigieg Margaret Cobden	Dominic Lenihan Lucy Lenihan Llyla Tiamson	Estrella Cainglet	Sharon Falliero	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	Mario	Sharon Clarke
7.00am	Alan Barnes Anthony Ruzgas	<i>Not required</i>	Margaret Scicluna	Yvonne Baccan	Louise Davie Sue Sweeney	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Jostick Joseph Jacob Barratto	Peter Nematala	Victoria Sebi	Shane Didier Serre Evette Isaaks Darlene Streher Agnes Suluape Peter Wheller	CD	Carol Gill
10.00am	Jun Relunia Johan Soertsz	Isabel & Marybel Soji Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Dominic Dawson	Alan Johnson	Jessica Couto Andrew Kosman	AMDG Adult	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Rachel Conteh Aish Sebastian	Angelo Aish Francis Obama Shenol Perera	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello	Emma Clark Nina Nepomuceno	CFC	CFC

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