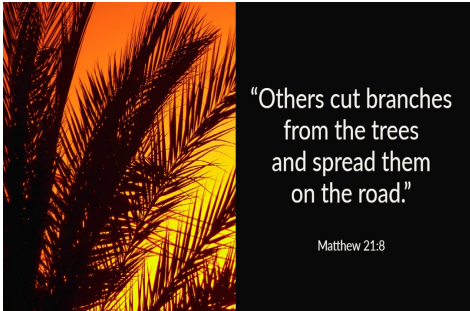




St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A 28 / 29 March 2026



“Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.”

Matthew 21:8

PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter **Holy Week**, we recall Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem, welcomed with palm branches and cries of “Hosanna!” Yet, even in that moment, the world around Him was filled with uncertainty and expectation. Many hoped for a powerful ruler to overthrow oppression, but Jesus chose a different path - entering humbly on a donkey, revealing a kingdom not of power, but one of peace, mercy, and love.

Today our world too is marked by uncertainty and struggle. We are witnessing war, rising living costs, and the growing burden on families as essential goods are becoming more expensive. In the midst of these challenges, we may long for quick solutions and security. **Holy Week though, calls us to look to Christ**, who comes not with force, but with humility and self-giving love, remaining faithful even in suffering.

As we carry our own burdens, we are invited to hold firmly onto our faith and hope in God. Let us pray for world leaders, that they may seek peace, justice, and reconciliation, guided by humility rather than pride. The palms we carry are not only signs of celebration, but also of our commitment to follow Jesus - walking with Him in both joy and trial, trusting that true victory comes through sacrifice and love.

During our journey through this sacred week, we are especially invited to take part in the **Holy Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.**

On Holy Thursday at 7pm, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper; **on Good Friday at 10am**, there will be a re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross, **followed by the 3pm Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion**; **at the Easter Vigil**, we will joyfully celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation, baptising 10 Catechumens and welcoming 4 Candidates into full communion with the Church.

May **this Holy Week** renew our hearts and strengthen our faith, making us witnesses of hope in a world that longs for peace.

May God bless you abundantly during this sacred time.

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Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP



PARISH NEWS

PARKING

For the safety of our parishioners especially children and the elderly, please **only park in the designated car parking space** in the carpark.



There are clear signs to indicate where **NOT** to park **particularly at the entrance to the carpark between the hall and PMR1**

For disabled parking please ensure that only those with disabled parking permits are using these allocated parking spaces.

PLEASE HELP KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of



Ronald Johnston

and for his family

His Funeral Service will be held on

Wednesday 1 April at 11.30am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ronald Johnston, Mark Trad, John Rafferty, Luciano Mauro, Jean Noel

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Bourke, Charles Les Campbell, Cyrus Kim Bartista, Maria Erlinda Kabling, Sheila Tavares, Cyril Burborough, Vincenzo Monteleone, Lawrence Williams, Dora L Fonseca, Agnes Whitten, Anita Kosca, Ron Howe, Branko Brijeski, Ivan Rezo, John Trad, Monsignor John Trad, Assaad Karam, Hanna Karan, Beatrice & Walter Ranawake

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnolley, Paul Borg, Jean Culhane, Ama Gomes

SICK: Ian Burborough

Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet Arellano, Kimberley Balandra, Zig Barglik, Ralph Beck, Margaret Bell, Ingrid Bentham, Vicenta Bernante, Noel Bernardo, Alex Biana, Ivan Brear, Karan Bradburn, Marianne Brigden, Aiden Burke, Ting Cecila, Cliff, Mick C, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Brenda & Ronwald Cadandy, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Aiden Campbell, George & Lena Caruana, Steven Clauser, John Cluney, Mark Cluney, Nad Coder, Dylan Conway, Christine Court, Elizabeth Dawson, Adelia Delapaz, Raymond D'Lima, Diana Dooley, Lou Doyle, Helen Dowling, Holland D'Souza, Debbie Dunn, Joe Farrugia, Peter Farrugia, Theo Fitzgerald, Sister Theresa Formosa, Cheyne Fynn, Robert Galino, Nancy Galon, Elwyn Geerin, Peter Gill, Tadeus Gwiazda, Olive Gyford, Kellie Huggett, Kelly Ibrahim, Kellie Imray, Theresa Jordan, Danielle Kazare, Baby Yuri Pavon Lara, Helen Lazarus, Ric Limjap, Nikola Ljubic, Mary Kukac, Josephine Magro, Melisa Maiseeh, Baby Capri Marshall, Nathan Martin, Sue Martin, Stanley Mascarenhas, Bryan & Kay McInerney, Moises Millena, Nympha Miller, Sandra Miller, Angelique Kara Manolis, Sydney Morris, Tracy Mulla, Jacek Nawrot, Delia Nazal, Herminigilda & Donnel Nazel, Dianne Nelson, Eric Nepomuceno, Bruce Newham, Colleen Nolan, Maria Nyss, Zeny Oringo, Aurora Ostrea, Elsie Pajeta, Maria Pamen, Stuart Paterson, Marios Pericleous, Pam Pizzuto, Baby Harold Francis Eastman Reid, Ariane Robert, Herve Rochecousta, Luisa Emily Rosales, Trevor Rowe, Daniel Solomon Rowlands, Arren Samia, Norman Samuelu, Jason Sanderson, Brian Scott, Roseanne Shirley, Sabbir Siddique, Valentino Smiroleo, Lisa Sperineck, Brian Sullivan, Joe Tabone, Lorie Tabone, Alan Tago, Carmela Talos, Theresa M Taylor, Alicia Tecson, George Try, Robert Turner, Baby Charlotte Vella, Michael Vella, Darryl Von Bock, Susan Voros, Ron Vukovic, Edward Wagner, Milton Watts, David Wakeling, Heather Whitborn, Bob Wrightson, Connie Xerri, Baby Stella Maia Zanette, Michelle Zotz, Thomas Zotz.

ST NICK'S GROUPS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Mass Sunday

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

10.30am and 7pm Tuesday in PMR2

PRAYER GROUP

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

YOUNG AT HEART - over 50's

10.15am 3rd Tuesday of month in PMR1

LEGION OF MARY

11am Wednesday in PMR 2

ZUMBA CLASSES

7pm Thursday in the Hall

YOUTH GROUP

4.30pm 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in PMR2

Update on Stuart Paterson



Stuart has been moved to Springwood Hospital for respite. He is progressing well and is currently doing rehabilitation.

Please continue to keep Stuart in your prayers.



Parishioners and visitors are reminded that the carpark off Higgins Lane is a private carpark for patrons of the New Fortune Palace Chinese restaurant and **SHOULD NOT** be used for parking during mass times.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**



Palm Sunday
28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion. Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

Please bring your Project Compassion Boxes to Church from Holy Thursday and placed in the tubs provided at each mass.

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship

FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

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SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish

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Acct Name	Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 4/ 5 April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year A	
1st Reading	Acts 10: 34, 37 - 43
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 117: 1 - 2, 16 - 17, 22 - 23
2nd Reading	Colossians 3: 1 - 4
Gospel	John 20: 1 - 9

THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

Will be open for prayer and adoration from the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on

Thursday 2 April until 12.00 midnight in PMR1.

HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS

Holy Thursday - La Salette Mission

On Holy Thursday, there will be a special collection in support of the La Salette Mission. As many of you know, Fr. Joe and Fr. Rojan are members of the La Salette Congregation. This is a meaningful opportunity for us to support the missionary work of the congregation to which they belong. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Good Friday - Holy Land Appeal

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

Parish Office

The Parish office will be closed on **Friday 3 April** and **Monday 6 April** and will reopen on **Tuesday 7 April**

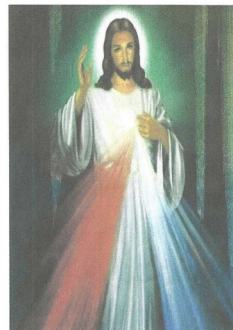
In an emergency please ring 0416 910 334 or contact the priests.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Monday 30 March	Mass 9.30am
Tuesday 31 March	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass
Wednesday 1 April	9.30am Mass 10 - 11am Individual Reconciliation No Evening Mass 7.30pm Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

THE SACRED PASCAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY Thursday 2 April	No morning services 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY Friday 3 April A day of Fasting and Abstinence	10am Re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross 3pm The Passion of the Lord
EASTER VIGIL Saturday 4 April	No morning services 7pm Easter Vigil Mass
EASTER SUNDAY Sunday 5 April	7am, 8.30am, 10am, 6pm



JESUS | TRUST IN YOU

Jesus Promised-"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." *Diary 1109*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

COME & CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY WITH OUR PARISH AT

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH,
326 HIGH ST, PENRITH

2:30PM on 12th APRIL 2026

- ❖ Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- ❖ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ❖ Stations of the Cross
- ❖ Homily and Benediction
- ❖ Reconciliation till 5PM
- ❖ Afternoon Tea from 4:15PM-5:15PM
- ❖ Divine Mercy Mass 6PM

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 30/3 Monday of Holy Week	Tue 31/3 Tuesday of Holy Week	Wed 1/4 Wednesday of Holy Week	Thu 2/4 Thursday of the Lord's Supper	Fri 3/4 Friday of the Passion of the Lord	Sat 4/4 Holy Saturday	Sun 5/4 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Divine Office 9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Divine Office 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mother's who Pray for their Children 6.30pm Prayer group 7pm Mother's who Pray for their Children	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Divine Office 9.30am Mass 10 - 11am Individual Reconciliation 11am Legion of Mary 11.30am Funeral Ronald Johnston 7pm Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration in PMR1 till midnight	10.00am Stations of the Cross re-enactment 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord	7pm Easter Vigil Mass	7am Mass 8.30am Mass 10am Mass 6pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 4 / 5 April 2026

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	Separate Roster for the Easter Vigil Mass						
7.00am	Margaret Cobden Maryanto Josio	<i>Not required</i>	Sherica Valladores	Yvonne Baccan	Mary-Stella Sultana Louisa Davie	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Emmanuel Aurisch Jacob Barretto	Carol Wright	Maria Varua	Evette Isaaks Peter Nematalla Lyn Olander Kathleen Pemberton Helen Wakeling	Jeffery Mizzi	Sharon Clarke
10.00am	Peter Spiteri Remy Wood	Isaac Spiteri Hudson Spiteri	Bonita Thomas	Olga Kiss	Lillian Martinez Rebecca Spiteri	Jane Chifley	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Rachel Conteh Rey Esteban	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Janet Esteban	Carolyn D'Mello	Emma Clark Lynda D'Lima	CD	Sharon Clarke

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