



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



## 2nd Sunday of Easter - Year A Divine Mercy Sunday 11 / 12 April 2026



"Do not doubt  
but believe."  
Mark 16:6

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

#### Historical Context – My Lord and my God

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

#### Questions for Adults

Q. Which phrase or word from this gospel passage particularly stands out to you? Why?

Q. In what situations do you most need to hear Jesus' words, 'Peace be with you'?

✍ Greg Sunter

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**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

**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*

## FLAME & FELLOWSHIP A PENTECOST DINNER

Ignited by the Spirit, united at the table



**SATURDAY, 9TH MAY**  
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### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** T J Valsamma

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Theresa Lee, Anna Lee, Paula Correia, Sue Herbert, Dominic Tavares, Anita Kosac, Helen & Rodolfo Nazal, Joe Culhane, Sheila Fullerton, Bill Burborough, Helena Sela Taufaeteau, Dorrie & Jack Bertles, Anne Howe

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnolley, Paul Borg,

**SICK:** Tom O'Connell

Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet Arellano, Kimberley Balandra, Zig Barglik, Ralph Beck, Margaret Bell, Ingrid Bentham, Vicenta Bernante Noel Bernardo, Alex Biana, Ivan Bracar, Karan Bradburn, Marianne Brigden, Aiden Burke, Ting Cecilia, 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, John Hill, Kellie Huggett, Kelly Ibram, 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 Maiia Zanette, Michelle Zotz, Thomas Zotz.

### St Nick's Holy Rollers

Has your child received Holy Communion?

What's next on their Faith journey?

We are excited to launch a monthly Faith and Fun Program in our Parish, specifically designed for children **aged 9 and above or who have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion.**

**When:** the first Friday of each month from 6 - 7pm commencing **1 May**

**What to expect:**

- ⇒ Engaging Faith formation sessions
- ⇒ Fun activities, games and group discussion
- ⇒ Opportunities to build friendships
- ⇒ Guidance to grow as confident young Christians

This program helps young people stay connected with their faith, discover their purpose and continue growing in a supportive and joyful environment.

**Lets help our young people keep the flame of faith alive.**

Register now at the Parish Office

Phone: 4721 2509

Email: [enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

### Christian Life Program

#### Singles for Christ

**Who:** Singles ages 18-40 years old

**When:** starts April 17 at 7pm

**Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills

**Please contact:**

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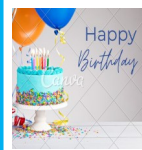
We wish a very Happy Birthday to

**Mary Knox and Rodney Howard**

for the **9 April**

**Christine Caburian**

for the **11 April**



We wish a very

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to

**Margaret and Neville Edmunds**

which they celebrate on the 11 April.



### PLANNED GIVING

*We are grateful for your stewardship*

**FIRST COLLECTION goes to supporting the Priests of the Diocese.**

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**SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish**

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**Reference** [ENVELOPE # OR SURNAME]

## PARISH NEWS

### Mass Readings for 18 / 19 April 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A

<b>1st Reading</b>	Acts 2: 14, 22 - 33
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	15: 1 - 2, 5, 7 - 11
<b>2nd Reading</b>	1 Peter 1: 17 - 21
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 24: 13 - 35

### Holy Week Collections: 2026

**Holy Thursday:** La Salette Mission - \$ 2000.00

**Good Friday:** Holy Land - \$ 4028.35

#### Easter Collection

**Pastoral revenue** (First collection) - \$ 4000.00

**Second collection** - \$ 6804.15

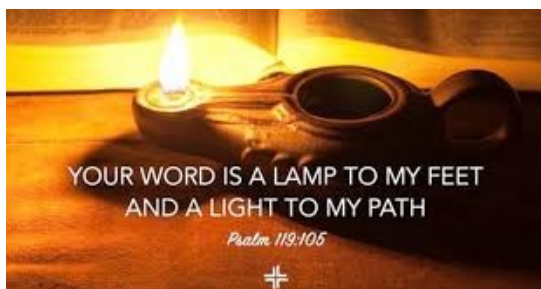
**Project compassion boxes so far** - \$ 5478.80

### Project Compassion Boxes

Please return Project Compassion Boxes at any mass this weekend and place in the tubs provided or bring to the Parish Office next week.

### COME JOIN US!

Become a **CATECHIST OR CATECHIST HELPER** ..all training provided



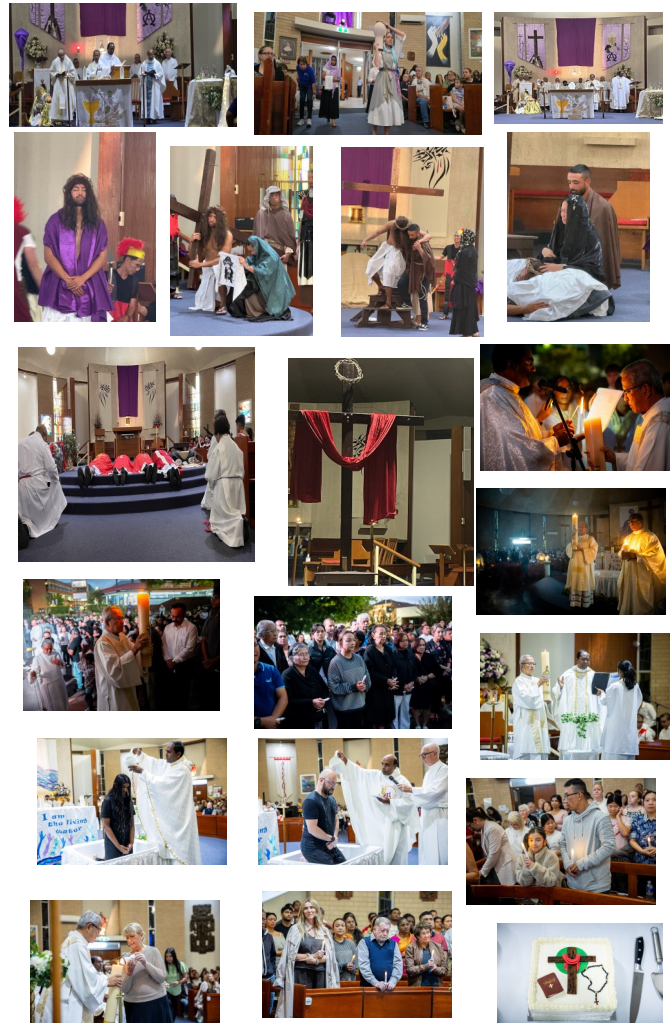
Share the Word of God, the gift of faith with the Catholic state school children in our Parish

Hear our catechists talk about their special ministry.

**WHEN: WEEKEND MASSES 18 / 19 APRIL**

**Let your faith come alive!**

### The Sacred Triduum



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Enrolments are **OPEN** on  
on our website  
[www.stnicholasofmyra.org.au](http://www.stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

The Website contains the dates, requirements and commitment for parent and children.

To be eligible for First Holy Communion children must be in Year 4 or above, must be baptised and made their first Reconciliation.

All enquiries to Rodney Howard on 4721 2509 or [sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

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 13/4	Tue 14/4	Wed 15/4	Thu 16/4	Fri 17/4	Sat 18/4	Sun 19/4 3rd Sunday of Easter
<b>9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 7pm Baptism Preparation	6.45am Mass <b>9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 2pm Mass Newmarch House 10.30am Mother's who Pray for their Children 6.30pm Prayer Group 7pm Mother's who Pray for their Children	<b>9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Mass Summit Care 11am Legion of Mary <b>7pm Mass followed by Novena of our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	<b>9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Mass The Royce	6.45am Mass <b>11.40am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary</b> <b>12.10pm Mass</b> 7.30pm BNP Mass	<b>9am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation</b> <b>5pm Reconciliation</b> <b>6pm Mass</b>	<b>7am Mass</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10am Mass</b> 11.45 Baptisms <b>6pm Mass</b>

## PARISH ROSTER 18 / 19 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	Jenny Hogan Joseph Buttigieg	Olivia Spain Elena Xiberras	Jacinta Wheelahan	Freeda Fernandez	Lee Sully Bradley McGregor	AMEN Choir	Mia Xiberras
7.00am	Alan Barnes Maryanto Josio	<i>Not required</i>	Yvonne Baccan	Agnes Suluape	Louisa Davie Bradley Whitticker	No Music	Lesi Nagata
8.30am	Rebecca Spiteri Peter Spiteri	Michael Ostrea Hudson & Isaac Spiteri	Maria Varua	Carol Wright	Shane Didier Serre Peter Nematella Lyn Olander Helen Wakeling Peter Wheller	Victoria Sebi	Sharon Clarke
10.00am	Margaret Cobden Remy Wood	Nathan Couto	Joan Torres	Dominic Dawson	Jessica Couto Andrew Kosman	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Rachel Conteh Jose-Elmer Simeon	Isabel, Jerome & Marybel Joseph	Janell Ilagan	Llewelyn Ross	Carolyn D'Mello Kathryn Wrightson	CFC Youth	CFC

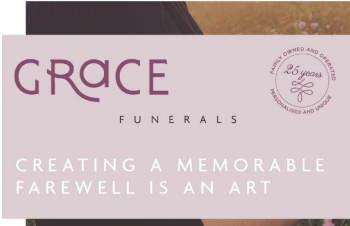
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