



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



Pentecost Sunday - Year A 23 / 24 May 2026



PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,
Greetings of Peace!

This weekend, we celebrate the great **Feast of Pentecost** — the birthday of the Church. On that first Pentecost, people from many nations and cultures, speaking different languages, gathered and were united by the power of the Holy Spirit. Though they were different, they became one in faith, praising God with one heart and one voice.

As we celebrate Pentecost, we can be proud that, for many decades, our parish community has been a vital part of Penrith. Our parish has been a beacon of light and hope for people of many races and cultures. People come here to experience God’s love, compassion, forgiveness, and welcome. Many consider this parish as their second home. I often hear people say to me that they feel at home, that they feel welcomed and important here, and that, they can sense the strong and vibrant spirit of our community. This does not happen by accident. It happens because so many parishioners quietly and generously give their time, love, faith, and effort to make this parish a place of belonging and hope for others. **For this, I sincerely thank all of you.**

At the same time, **Pentecost reminds us** that the Holy Spirit is always calling us to grow further in faith and to continue building up the Church. While we thank God for our vibrant and faith-filled parish, there is still much we can do together.

Our parish continues to need volunteers and committed parishioners who are willing to share their gifts in service. **We especially need** more ushers and greeters to warmly welcome people to our church, as well as volunteers for Scripture classes in our local state schools. We also encourage every parishioner to deepen their faith through prayer, participation in the sacraments, and active involvement in parish ministries. In a world facing many challenges, our parish is called to continue being a place where people encounter faith, hope, peace, and compassion.

This Sunday, at the 10am Mass, we will celebrate a multicultural Mass, where the Word of God and the Prayers of the Faithful will be proclaimed in different languages, highlighting both our diversity and our unity in the Holy Spirit.

After Mass, I warmly invite everyone to our parish hall for tea, coffee, and finger foods. Please bring a plate of traditional food from your country or culture to share with the community.

On Monday evening, we will also celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Patroness of Australia. Our parish is blessed to have a beautiful grotto dedicated to Mary Help of Christians beside our church. **I invite you all to gather at the grotto at 7pm for the Rosary, followed by Holy Mass and flower offerings to Our Blessed Mother.** During this celebration, we will entrust our families, our parish, and our nation to Mary’s maternal care and protection. Through her intercession, may we receive strength to face the challenges of daily life and to grow closer to God’s will for us.

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May these beautiful celebrations renew our faith, strengthen our unity, and fill our hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless you all.

Fr Joe Manjaly
Parish Priest



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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Krystyna Philliponi

and for her family

Her funeral service will be held on

Tuesday 26 May at 11am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Krystyna Philliponi, Cornelia Holder, Desmond Fernades

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Wilfred Whitten, Herminiano Amanonce, Agapita Calub, Jesse Jimenez, Sofia Baac Credo, K. A. Kunjappan, Joseph Vella, Edward Ted Brock

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnelly, Paul Borg, Daniel Allegakoon

SICK: Giselle Antoinette A
 Mark Agar, 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, Julie Brenner, 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, John Hill, Kellie Huggett, Kelly Ibram, Kellie Imray, Theresa Jordan, Danielle Kazare, Baby Alfred Knowles, Lara Langon, Baby Yuri Pavon Lara, Helen Lazarus, Ric Limjap, Nikola Ljubic, Mary Kukac, Josephine Magro, Melisa Maiseeh, Angelique Kara Manolis, Baby Capri Marshall, Nathan Martin, Sue Martin, Stanley Mascarenhas, Bryan & Kay McInerney, Moises Millena, Nympha Miller, Sandra Miller, Sydney Morris, Fr Chris Mithen CP, 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, Maria Tamer, 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.



The Diocese of Parramatta and the Maronite Eparchy are hosting a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Parramatta on **Thursday 4th June from 7pm to 8pm**. It would be wonderful for a Penrith parish group to be represented with our Parish banner/church photo as a sign of unity and faith. Please let us know if anyone is available to join the procession with our banner/photo. Parish office can arrange the photo/banner.

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

ST NICK'S FLICKS MOVIE NIGHT

7pm last Friday of the month in Hall

YOUTH GROUP - over 16's

4.30pm 2nd Saturday of the month in PMR 2

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship

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PARISH NEWS

**Mass Readings for 30 / 31 May
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Year A**

1st Reading	Exodus 34: 4 - 6, 8 - 9
Responsorial Psalm	Daniel 3 : 52 - 56
2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 13
Gospel	John 3: 16 - 18



Thank you for your generous support of the Bishop's Good Works Appeal. This Appeal supports Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead.

Your kindness provides the education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation our seminarians need as they continue answering God's call. With your support, they are being formed to one day serve our parishes with faith, compassion and hope.

Through this Appeal, our Diocese also supports vital ministries including Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, bringing care, hope, guidance and belonging across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal, scan the QR code or use the envelopes available at the doors of the Church and place in any collection basket or bring to the Parish Office. Thank you.



Gifts over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

**Parish Youth Group (over 16's)
Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt**

Date: 30 May 2026

Time: 3pm

Location: Meet in Church Carpark

NATIONAL COUNT OF MASS ATTENDANCE

This weekend: Age Groups attendance.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

The Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians

Monday 25 May.

We will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians, the patronal feast of our nation Australia and the feast of our Grotto.



There will be rosary, crowning of Mary, flower offerings and Mass at the grotto, **starting at 7pm**

Please bring **flower offerings to Mother Mary.**

Rosaries and cars will be blessed by the Priests after the Mass.

ST NICK'S FLICK MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday 29 May at 7pm

we will be showing

Born to Win



The true story of the life of Leon Terblanche shows how God turns hurt, frustration and emptiness into hope, faith and victory. The movie will inspire many to be the winner they were born to be.

Please come along with your family and friends.

Popcorn, soup and drinks will be provided.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

When completing a mass intention envelope for an anniversary of a death, please specify if the mass is for:

- only the anniversary date
- weekend masses (added to Prayers of the Faithful)
- anniversary date and weekend masses

All names will be included in the Bulletin.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026**

FAMILY SESSION 3
Saturday 30 May at 4.30pm
Sunday 31 May at 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 25/5 Our Lady Help of Christians Solemnity	Tue 26/5 St Philip Neri Memorial	Wed 27/5	Thu 28/5	Fri 29/5	Sat 30/5	Sun 31/5 The Most Holy Trinity Solemnity
9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 7pm Rosary followed by Mass at the Grotto	6.45am Mass 9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mother's who Pray for their Children 11am Funeral Krystyna Philliponi 6.30pm Prayer Group 7pm Mother's who Pray for their Children	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 11am Legion of Mary 7pm Mass followed by Novena of our Lady of Perpetual Help	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Thornton Park 7pm Zumba	6.45am Mass 11.40am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 12.10pm Mass 7pm St Nick's Flicks Movie Night	9am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 11.30am Fatima Anniversary Rosary & Mass 3pm Parish Youth Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt 4.30pm First Holy Communion Family S3 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Mass	7am Mass 8.30am Mass 8.30am First Holy Communion Family S3 10am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45: Baptisms 2pm 40th Anniversary Mass of Diocese at Parramatta 6pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 30 / 31 May 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	Joseph Buttigieg Rodney Howard	Lyla Tiamson Celine & Vivian Chan Pow See	Sharon Falleiro	Estrella Cainglet	Jim Fullerton Lee Scully	CD	Corey Gauci
7.00am	Alan Barnes Maryanto Josio	<i>Not required</i>	Yvonne Baccan	Margaret Scicluna	Bradley Whitticker Mary-Stella Sultana	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Michael Tolentino	Jostick Joseph Isaac & Hudson Spiteri	Evette Isaaks	Maria Varua	Shane Didier Serre Peter Nematalla Kathleen Pemberton Rebecca Spiteri Peter Spiteri	CD	Volunteer Needed
10.00am	Jun Relunia Remy Wood	Zachary Christie Adrio & Jadrian Maheswaran	Janell Ilagan	Liza Alimangohan	Mary Knox Andrew Kosman	CD	Phil Margerison
6.00pm	Rachel Conteh Rey Esteban	Isabel, Marybel & Jerome Joseph	Maria Baltazaz	Margaret Wilson	Carolyn D'Mello Kathryn Wrightson	Magnificat Choir	Sharon Clarke

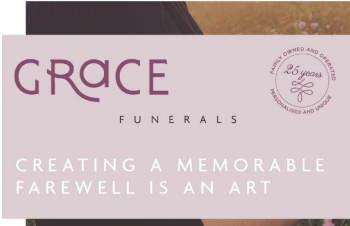
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