



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



5th Sunday of Easter - Year A 2 / 3 May 2026



PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Parish Pastoral Council – Call for Nominations

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your faith, dedication, and ongoing commitment to our parish community. One of the blessings I often hear shared is how active, vibrant, and beautifully diverse our church is. Our multicultural community is a true gift - each culture, language, and tradition enriching our common life of faith. This vitality is a testament to each one of you - your generosity, your service, and your prayerful presence. I am deeply grateful for all that you do.

As we look ahead to the next phase of our parish journey, I invite you to join me in prayer and discernment. Together, we seek to listen to God's guidance and respond faithfully to the needs of our diverse community.

As part of this process, we will begin forming a new Pastoral Parish Council (PPC). The PPC plays a vital role in the life and mission of our parish. It works collaboratively with the Parish Priest to support pastoral planning, foster unity in diversity, and represent the voice of our whole community.

As we begin this new nomination process, I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the current members of the Pastoral Council. Their dedication, wisdom, and generous service have been a great support to our Parish, and we thank them for their ongoing commitment

I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might take part in this important step, including nominating individuals who can serve with wisdom, faith, and a spirit of service, reflecting the richness of our Parish family.

Parishioners are invited to nominate candidates.

Forms are available at the Church entrance.

The Parish seeks **10 elected members**, along with ex-officio members. **You may nominate yourself or others.** Nominees will be invited to an information session.

Nominations close: Monday, 18 May 2026

Return forms via the collection plate or emailed to Fr. Joe at joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or drop it at the Parish Office.

As we move forward together, I entrust each of you, your families, and our entire Parish community to the loving care and protection of Our Lady, Mary Help of Christians.

May God continue to bless and guide us all.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP



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PARISH NEWS

Aid to the Church in Need Middle East Emergency Appeal

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit

www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



Help Required

A parishioner is looking for a person to help around the house and with the children in South Penrith area. If you are interested please contact George on 0404 667 514 for more information.

SICK LIST

If any of your loved ones who are on our sick list have recovered from their illness through our continued prayers, can you please contact the Parish office to let us know so they can be taken off the list.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alex Diana, Marylyn Rata, Gary Heagney, Joseph Betsey

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Bugeja, Gloria Sajonia, Ada & James Thompson, Antonio Ciulli, Anita Kosac, Daniel Jay Crestani

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettare, Margaret Donnelly, Paul Borg

SICK: Baby Alfred Knowles, 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 Bracar, 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 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 Rochecosta, 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.

Lost Property

We have a collection of water bottles, glasses and other items that have been left in the Church or surrounds. If you have lost any of the items shown please come to the Parish Office to collect next week.



Fr Rojan's Jubilee Culmination Mass



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.

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 9 / 10 May 6th Sunday of Easter Year A

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| 1st Reading | Acts 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17 |
| Responsorial Psalm | 65: 1 - 7, 16, 20 |
| 2nd Reading | 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18 |
| Gospel | John 14: 15 - 21 |

National Count of Mass Attendance

The 6th National Count of Attendance at Mass (Sunday) Assemblies will take place in first four weekends of May 2026.

Our parish will be conducting Mass attendance counting at all weekend Masses over the next 4 weekends.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING Tuesday 5 May at 7pm in the Church

If you have not enrolled your child or grandchild you can attend the information evening and complete an enrolment form.

COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday 9 May 6pm
Sunday 10 May 8.30am, 10am, 6pm

FEAST OF PENTECOST

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS



On **24 May**, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. During this feast, we also rejoice in welcoming new families and individuals who have joined our parish community over the last year at our 10am Mass

If you or your family have joined throughout this time, please call the Parish Office on 4721 2509 to give them your name and details for us to prepare your welcome to

FLAME & FELLOWSHIP A PENTECOST DINNER

Ignited by the Spirit, united at the table



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AT 07:00 PM

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Parish Youth Group (over 18's)

Hey Youth of the Parish!

Looking for a place to hang out, make new friends, and grow in faith? Come join our **Parish Youth Group!**

Date: 9 May 2026

Time: 4.30pm

Location: PMR2

We'll have fun activities, snacks, and time to share our faith journey together. This is your group - come help shape it and bring your ideas! Whether you're curious, excited, or just looking for a new group of friends, you're more than welcome.

Bring a friend, and don't miss out on this chance to be a part of something special! We can't wait to see you there!

Mother's Day Flowers



On the weekend of the 9 and 10 May we will be selling flowers after all the masses to celebrate Mother's Day.

**All proceeds raised will be donated to the
Penrith Soup Kitchen**

Eucharistic Conference

As part of our preparation for the **International Eucharistic Congress in September 2028**, our Parish will be hosting a series of Eucharistic Miracle presentation on the First Thursday of every month at 7pm and this will commence on 7 May 2026. All are warmly invited to come, to deepen your faith, and grow in love for the Eucharist.

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 4/5 | Tue 5/5 | Wed 6/5 | Thu 7/5 | Fri 8/5 | Sat 9/5 | Sun 10/5 6th Sunday of Easter |
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| 9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 7pm Baptism Preparation Evening | 6.45am Mass 9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mother's who Pray for their Children 7pm First Holy Communion Parent Information Evening 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 9.15am SMM Mother's Day Liturgy 9.30am Mass 7pm Eucharistic Miracles Presentation 7pm Zumba | 6.45am Mass 9.30am SNOM Primary Mother's Day Mass 11.40am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 12.10pm Mass | 9am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 4.30 Youth Group Mtg 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Mass 7pm Kindred Spirit Pentecost Dinner Holy Communion Commitment Masses Mother's Day Flowers on sale after each Mass | 7am Mass 8.30am Mass 10am Mass - Children's Liturgy 6pm Mass |

PARISH ROSTER 9 / 10 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 | Evalina Hasna Olivia Spain Elena Xiberras | Lauren Hasna | Estrella Cainglet | Jim Fullerton Bradley McGregor | JY Family Choir | Mia Xiberras |
| 7.00am | Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia | <i>Not required</i> | Margaret Scicluna | Yvonne Baccan | Louisa Davie Mary-Stella Sultana | No Music | Brian Rees |
| 8.30am | Margaret Cobden Michael Tolentino | Jostick Joseph Jacob Barretto | Agnes Suluape | Jennifer Letran | Peter Wheller Evette Isaaks Peter Nematalla Shane Didier Serre Helen Wakeling | J Mizzi | Phil Margerison |
| 10.00am | Maryanto Josio Jun Relunia | Lucas Besa Adrio & Jadrian Maheswaran | Christine Besa | John Jordan | Bonita Thomas Carmen Vella | AMDG Adult | Sharon Clarke |
| 6.00pm | Jose-Elmer Simeon Manuel Credo Jnr | Isabel, Marybel & Jerome Joseph | Jacinta Wheelahan | Natasha Joseph | Nina Nepomuceno Kathryn Wrightson | CFC | CFC |

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