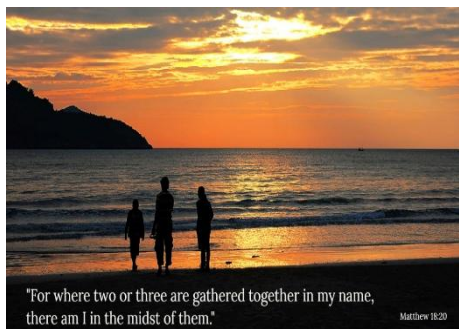




St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
5 / 6 September 2026



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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Milestone Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

Let's Give Thanks Together!

Over the past few weeks in Announcements, you have been hearing about the upcoming celebrations of milestone events. Some of you may have wondered why these celebrations are important? Why are they being promoted so much? As you know, life, marriage and family are precious gifts from God. **Milestone birthdays and wedding anniversaries give us a special opportunity to pause, celebrate, and give thanks for the blessings of the years God has given us.**

As a parish family, we rejoice with you in your celebrations and walk with you through times of joy and sorrow. Our Thanksgiving Mass is an opportunity, not only to celebrate these milestones, but also to grow as people of gratitude. In a world that can sometimes be marked by indifference, let us rediscover the value of thankfulness—to God and to one another. Let us especially teach our children to appreciate the gift of life, the importance of marriage, and the strength and beauty of family life.

This weekend we celebrate Father's Day. The role of a father is crucial in the life of every person and, in the strength and wellbeing of every family. Through their love, presence, guidance, sacrifice and example, fathers play an important role in shaping the lives of their children and passing on values of faith, love, responsibility and compassion.

On this special occasion, we also remember and pray for fathers, who have gone before us, for those who may be separated from their families, and for all who carry the responsibilities and challenges of fatherhood. May God bless and strengthen all fathers and help them to be loving, faithful and courageous witnesses to their families.

As a parish family, we are also delighted to celebrate Father's Day together. The parish has arranged a special Father's Day breakfast for fathers and their families, providing an opportunity for all to come together, share fellowship and give thanks for the gift of family. We warmly encourage everyone to join us and make this a joyful celebration of fatherhood and family life

This Sunday's Gospel from Matthew 18:15–20 reminds us of the importance of reconciliation, forgiveness and unity. Jesus reminds us that, when we come together in His name, He is present among us. What a beautiful reminder for us as a parish family: our celebrations are not simply individual occasions, but opportunities to come together, strengthen our relationships, support one another, and give thanks for God's presence in our lives.

We warmly invite all those celebrating a **milestone birthday this year** and those celebrating a **milestone wedding anniversary** to join us for a special Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 19th September at the 6.00 pm (Vigil) Mass.

Let us come together as one parish family to give thanks to God for the gift of life, the vocation of marriage, the blessing of family, the gift of fatherhood, and His continued guidance and protection.

Come, let us give thanks together!

Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP



PARISH NEWS

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Paul Leis

and his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on

Wednesday 9 September at 1.30pm

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of



Lucreta Leonardo

and her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on

Friday 11 September at 10am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Leis, Gerry Buttigieg, Michael Boyle, Geoff L'Strange, Francisco Alcantara, Lucreta Leonardo, John Magro

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: J A Emmanuel, Maria Carazon, Nicanor Cauilan Snr, Concordia C Abad, Salvador Declaro, Rayan Youssef, Boleslaw Gwiazda, Daryle Young, Graeme Cobden, Vincenzo Montaleone, John Xiberras, Mary Xiberras, Betty Tabone, Ma Corazon Ignacio, Reyaldo, Elizalde, Joseph Gil Escanto, Manuel Credo Snr

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnelly, Paul Borg, Jim Fullerton Snr, Peter Chiew, Grant Tabone, Joe Culhane, Duncan Crozier, Klaus Mint, Rupert Morison

SICK: Ravi Kakkar

Giselle Antoinette A, Mark Agar, Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet Arellano, Marylou Bailen, Kimberley Balandra, Zig Barglik, Jude Delfin Bayot, Ralph Beck, Riley Beecham, 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, 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, M D'Souza, Debbie Dunn, Joe Farrugia, Peter Farrugia, Maria Anita Ferrer, 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, Olga Kiss, 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 McNerney, Moises Millena, Nympha Miller, Sandra Miller, Sydney Morris, Fr Chris Mithen CP, Tracy Mulla, Jacek Nawrot, Delia Nazal, Donnel Nazal, Dianne Nelson, Bruce Newham, Colleen Nolan, Maria Nyss, Zeny Oringo, Aurora Ostrea, Elsie Pajeta, Maria Pamen, Marios Pericleous, Pam Pizzuto, Ariane Robert, Herve Rochecousta, Luisa Emily Rosales, Trevor Rowe, Daniel Solomon Rowlands, Arren Samia, Norman Samuelu, Jason Sanderson, Roseanne Shirley, Sabbir Siddique, Len Sigle, 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, Susan Voros, Ron Vukovic, Edward Wagner, Milton Watts, David Wakeling, Heather Whitborn, Bob Wrightson, Connie Xerri, Baby Stella Maria Zanette, Michelle Zotz, Thomas Zotz.

PARISH YOUTH

HOLY ROLLER

Next Meeting: Friday 11 September,
6:00 – 7:30 pm, in Hall.



YOUTH GROUP - OVER 16'S

Next Meeting: Saturday 12 September
4:30 – 6pm, in PMR2



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 8 September

We will have the following Masses

9.30am and 7pm

Following the 7pm Mass a light supper will be served provided by the Legion of Mary to celebrate Mary's Birthday and Fr Joe's Ordination Anniversary.

There will be no 6.45am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM RECONCILIATION 2026

FAMILY SESSION 3

Saturday 12 September 4.30pm

Sunday 13 September 8.30am

HOLY SHROUD EXHIBITION

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is hosting the Holy Shroud Exhibition featuring a life-size replica of the Shroud of Turin ✨

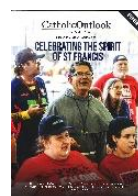
Sunday 6 – Sunday 13 September

9:00am – 6:00pm

From **Thursday 10 – Sunday 13 September**, the exhibition will have extended opening hours from **9:00am – 10:00pm daily** and will be located in the Chapel.

Parking: Available via Victoria Road.

Everyone is warmly invited to visit this special exhibition and learn more about the history and significance of the Shroud of Turin.



The Spring edition of Catholic Outlook is available after mass this weekend.

Please take one home to read

with your family.

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**Mass Reading for 12/ 13 September
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

1st Reading	Sirach 27: 30 – 28: 7
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 102: 1 – 4, 9 - 12
2nd Reading	Romans 14: 7 - 9
Gospel	Matthew: 18: 21 - 35

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Honour a lifetime of faithful service

We give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, mentors and spiritual fathers who have guided us with love, wisdom and faith. Among them are our priests, who have devoted their lives to serving God's people. They have celebrated the Sacraments with us, prayed with us, accompanied our families and helped bring us closer to Christ. After a lifetime of faithful service, many of our senior priests now need practical care and support as they face the challenges of ageing, illness and retirement. Your generous tax-deductible gift will help care for our retired and unwell priests and ensure they can live with the dignity, care and support they deserve.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code. **Thank you for caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

We will celebrate our Thanksgiving mass for
**Milestone Birthdays and
Wedding Anniversaries and
the 180th Anniversary of the
Apparition of our Lady of La Salette
at the 6pm Vigil Mass on 19 September 2026**

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.

This is the LAST WEEK to register.

**Please contact the Parish Office on 4721 2509
or parishmanager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au**

**Discover the Path to Catholic Faith
with RCIA**

Curious about the Catholic faith?

If you're an adult interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or thinking about becoming Catholic, we warmly invite you to join our **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** journey.

Our first information meeting will take place on

**Wednesday 9 September
at 7.00 pm in our PMR 1.**

To find out more or register your interest, please contact the Parish office on 02 4721 2509 or joe@Stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Please share with your families and friends about this Information evening.

RCIA is a welcoming and relaxed program where you can discover the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church and ask questions in a friendly, supportive environment.

Fr. Joe

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 7/9	Tue 8/9	Wed 9/9	Thu 10/9	Fri 11/9	Sat 12/9	Sun 13/9
	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast					24 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 7pm Baptism Preparation	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mothers who pray for their children 2pm Mass Newmarch House 6.30pm Prayer Group 7pm Mothers who pray for their children 7pm Mass	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 11am Legion of Mary 7pm RCIA Information Night 7pm Mass followed by Novena of our Lady of Perpetual Help	9am SMM Kindergarten Liturgy 9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 7pm Zumba	6.45am Mass 11.40am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 10am Funeral Lucreta Leonardo 12.10pm Mass 6pm Holy Roller's Youth Group	9am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 4.30pm Reconciliation Family S2 4.30pm Youth Group 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Mass	7am Mass 8.30am Mass 8.30am Reconciliation Family S2 10am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45am Baptisms 6pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 12 / 13 September 2026

If you are unable to fulfil your ministry IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT

	Acolytes / MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Choir	AV
Vigil	Jenny Hogan Joseph Buttigieg	Llyla Tiamson Isabella Ramirez-Saw Dominic & Matilda Ear	Llewelyn Ross	Sharon Falleiro	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	J.Y. Family Choir	Sharon Clarke
7am	Alan Barnes	<i>Not required</i>	Sherica Valladores	Yvonne Baccan	Louise Davie Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Michael Tolentino Amanda Clarke	Hudson & Isaac Spiteri	Victoria Sebi	Agnes Suluape	Shane Didier Serre Evette Isaaks Peter Spiteri Rebecca Spiteri Peter Wheller	Jeffery Mizzi	Cory Gauci
10am	Rodney Howard Maryanto Josio	Andrew Johnson Lucas Besa	Liza Alimangohan	Christine Besa	Arnel Alimangohan Andrew Kosman	AMDG Adult Choir	Mark Johnson
6pm	Manuel Credo Jnr Angelo Aish	Francis Obama Manuel & Marco Credo	Carolyn D'Mello	Mia Credo	Emma Clark Nina Nepomuceno	CFC	CFC

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