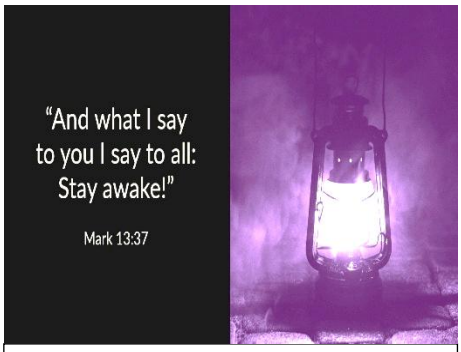
St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



1st Sunday of Advent Year B
28 / 29 November 2026



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Stay awake! With these words, Jesus cautions his disciples to be constantly vigilant and to be alert to the return of the Lord. It is a very fitting way to begin the season of Advent. Advent has traditionally been observed as a time of preparation and waiting. It culminates in the Christmas season and so the waiting and preparation is related to the celebration of the coming of Christ into the world.

Perhaps the time of preparation this Advent is also a call to stay awake and stay alert in faith. One of the great challenges to faith today is the complacency that has taken hold of many in our society. When life is comfortable, the perceived need for faith appears to diminish. Many young people in our society cannot see the value of religious belief or religious practice. In a world of instant communication and instant 'satisfaction', the reflective and slow work of faith can seem too much effort for some people. The gospel call to stay awake in preparation for the coming of the Lord is a call to continue the work of bringing about the Kingdom of God.

Over the last three weeks, the gospel passages from Matthew 25 were reminders about continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom. This week, with the beginning of Advent, it is the gospel of Mark that also reminds us that we cannot take the Kingdom for granted and must remain vigilant in working to realise the Kingdom. This vigilance needs to be applied to nurturing our own faith life as well as making a difference in the lives of those around us and the needy in society. Rather than 'Stay awake!' maybe some of us need to be told, 'Wake up!' It is never too late to pay closer attention to faith and perhaps this Advent is an ideal time to do that.

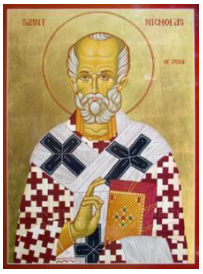
Gospel Focus – The Doorkeeper

The image of the doorkeeper from this week's gospel is an interesting one. It is not unusual to hear references to people being 'gatekeepers' today in relation to projects or groups working together. The role of the gatekeeper, or the doorkeeper, is to maintain a watching brief – to be alert to dangers or distractions and to ensure that everyone who is important to the process is invited to participate. Today's gospel reminds us that as believers we are to be the doorkeepers, or gatekeepers, of the Kingdom, watching for dangers and welcoming in all those who wish to enter.

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PARISH PATRON'S FEAST



We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating the Feast of our Patron, St. Nicholas of Myra, next weekend at all Masses. As part of celebration, blessed cupcakes will be distributed for everyone to take home.

Let us come together as one family to celebrate this feast with joy and thanksgiving to ask St. Nicholas continued intercession and blessings.

Fr. Joe

PARISH NEWS

Mass Reading for 5 / 6 December
2nd Sunday of Advent Year B

1st Reading	Isaiah 40: 1 – 5, 9 - 11
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 84: 9 - 14
2nd Reading	2 Peter 3: 8 - 14
Gospel	Mark 1: 1 - 8

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of



Charlie Formosa

and his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on

Thursday 3 December at 10.30am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Charlie Formosa, Rosario Gildore, Anthony Marinovich

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Arthur Tipping, Fe Diola, Trinidad Cartes, Sr Elizabeth Amputch rscj.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnolley, Paul Borg, deceased members of the McSpadden & Gale families

SICK:
Giselle Antoinette A, Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet Arellano, Connie Azzopardi, Paul Baiada, Marylou Bailen, Kimberley Balandra, Zig Barglik, Jude Delfin Bayot, Ralph Beck, Riley Beecham, Margaret Bell, Ingrid Bentham, Vicenta Bernante, Noel Bernardo, Alex Biana, Ivan Brcar, Karan Bradburn, Marianne Brigden, Zara Brijeski, 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, Christine Court, Elizabeth Dawson, Adelia Delapaz, 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, Robert Galino, Nancy Galon, Elwyn Geerin, Peter Gill, Tadeus Gwiazda, Olive Gyford, John Hill, Kellie Huggett, Kelly Ibram, Kellie Imray, Theresa Jordan, Keiran Jung, Danielle Kazare, Baby Alfred Knowles, Olga Kiss, Lara Langon, Baby Yuri Pavon Lara, Kate Lapsuks, Helen Lazarus, Ric Limjap, Nikola Ljubic, Mary Kukac, Josephine Magro, Melisa Maiseeh, Baby Capri Marshall, Nathan Martin, Sue Martin, Stanley Mascarenhas, Colin Maxwell , Bryan & Kay McInerney, 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, Aurora Ostrea, Elsie Pajeta, Maria Pamen, Marios Pericleous, Pam Pizzuto, Ariane Robert, Herve Rochecousta, 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, Ken Thompson, George Try, Robert Turner, Zenaida Valencia, 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.

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHRISTMAS DINNER

(Hosted by Kindred Spirit)

Celebrate the joy of Christmas with an evening of delicious food, entertainment, friendship and fellowship!

Date: Saturday 19 December 2026
Time: 7 pm
Venue: St Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall
Cost: $25 per person

Open to parishioners aged 40 and over, their family and friends.

For more information, speak to one of the committee members after Mass this weekend or contact
Evette Isaaks on 0425 840 686



DIVINE MERCY ADORATION



On the first Friday of each month, we have Divine Mercy Adoration following the 12.10pm Mass.

Please come and join us on **Friday 4 December**

HEALING MASS



On the first Saturday of each month at the 9am Mass, we have an anointing of the sick and prayers for healing.

Please come and join us on **Saturday 5 December**

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Tuesday 8th December

We will be holding
Adoration, Rosary: 9am
Mass: 9.30am
Hour of Grace: 12pm - 1pm



We wish a very Happy Birthday to

Fr Rojan George

for the **28 November**

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship

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

BSB	067 950
Acct No	100003570
Acct Name	Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
Reference	**6029 [SURNAME]**

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

BSB	067 950
Acct No	100001692
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Reference	**[ENVELOPE # OR SURNAME]**

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Bishop's GOOD WORKS APPEAL

Help a young mother break the cycle of violence and homelessness.

This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story. Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need - especially vulnerable homeless women and children. Our Bishop's Good Works Appeal raises funds to support Catholic Care's Houses to Homes program.

For over 35 years, Houses to Homes has provided safe, transitional housing for pregnant women and young mothers aged 16 to 25 and their children who are homeless or at serious risk of homelessness.

Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.

All donations over $2 are tax-deductible.

THE APPEAL WEEKEND IS THE 12 / 13 December

Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church this weekend.

Take one home and bring back next weekend and place in any collection basket.

ADVENT REFLECTION



Advent is a special time for us to focus on our spiritual life.

Please come **5 minutes before each mass** on the weekends of Advent starting this weekend for a short contemplative meditation.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

The Penrith Conference of the SVDP Society is pleased to announce the appointment of **Norman Lee as President for the next 4 years.**

They are inviting parishioners to prepare **Christmas hampers** for families experiencing poverty and disadvantage in the Penrith area.

Preparing your hamper

Please see the noticeboard in the Church foyer for hamper categories, stickers and suggested items.

- Do not include food containing nuts, perishable items or alcohol.
- **Ensure all food items are well within their expiry dates.**

Returning your hamper

Please return hampers to Parish Meeting Room 1 (PMR1) on Saturday **12 December or Sunday 13 December,** approximately one hour before or after each Mass.

Helping with hamper deliveries

Once again, we ask for your generous help with distributing hampers. If you can spare an hour, please join us:

Date: Saturday 19 December **Time:** from 8 am to 11 am
Location: Parish Meeting Room 1 (PMR1)
Face masks, gloves, sanitiser and other supplies will be available to help keep parishioners safe.

Enquiries

Please contact Joe Tabone on 0412 234 651.
Your help is greatly appreciated.
Thank you, and God bless.

CONSTRUCTION WORK MODIFICATION TO DA

We have been notified of a proposed amendment to the DA for **Building B**, adjacent to our property boundary.

The changes would introduce a new communal rooftop recreation area on **Level 7**, including dining facilities, a sauna, cold tub, spa/hot tub and accessible bathroom.

If you would like to review the proposal or make a submission to Council, please see the attached letter for details and instructions on how to lodge an objection.

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 30/11 St Andrew Feast	**Tue 1/12**	**Wed 2/12**	**Thu 3/12** St Francis Xavier Memorial	**Fri 4/12**	**Sat 5/12**	**Sun 6/12** 2nd Sunday of Advent St Nicholas of Myra Feast Day
9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary **9.30am Mass**	**6.45am Mass** **9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary** **9.30am Mass** 10.30am Mothers who Pray for their Children 7pm Mothers who Pray for their Children	**9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary** **9.30am Mass** 11am Mass Governor Phillip 11am Legion of Mary **7pm Mass followed by Novena of our Lady of Perpetual Help**	9am SMM End of Year Liturgy **9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary** **9.30am Mass** 10.30am Funeral Charlie Formosa 7pm Zumba	**6.45am Mass** 10am Mass Mountainview **12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy**	**9am Healing Mass, Adoration & Reconciliation** 11am Novena Mass for our Lady of Penafrancia **5pm Reconciliation** **6pm Mass** - Baptism Thanksgiving and Volunteer Appreciation 7pm Thanksgiving and Appreciation Dinner	**7am Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10am Mass** - Children's Liturgy **6pm Mass**

PARISH ROSTER 5 / 6 December 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 Margaret Cobden	Siona Sebastian Olivia Spain Yethum Pigera	Del Conejar	Janell Ilagan	Allan Linga Jim Fullerton	AMDG Youth	Josephine Linga
7am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	*Not required*	Liza Alimangohan	Nonye Amah	Arnel Alimangohan Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Vinta Jobin
8.30am	Janine Jensen Michael Tolentino	Manuel & Marco Credo	Mia Credo	Carol Wright	Erik Deveza Shane Didier Serre Peter Nematalla Lyn Olander Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Sharon Clarke
10am	Rodney Howard Paulo Ravunakaidere	Sarah Barcelona Jadrian & Adrio Maheswaran	Joan Torres	Hanna Evangelista	Carmen Vella Lillian Martinez	Jane Chifley	Amelia Ross
6pm	Aish Sebastian Jose-Elmer Simeon Angelo Aish	Francis Obama Gina Concepcion	Daniel Whalen	Maria Baltazar	Emma Clark Ninea Nepomuceno	BNP Youth	BNP

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