

IN OUR PARISH

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 13 Feb

Purposely hidden.

For more information, please contact Parish Office
on (02) 9623 1962

1st and 2nd Collections:

1st Collection: for the support of the Parish Priests

2nd Collection: goes towards the weekly operating budget for the Parish.

We Thankyou for your ongoing support.

If you prefer to donate using ONLINE BANKING, details are as below:

(For 1st Collection) - PASTORAL REVENUE

BSB NO: 067 950
ACCOUNT NO: 00004414
ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Pastoral Revenue

(2nd Collection) - CHURCH PLANNED GIVING

BSB NO: 067 950
ACCOUNT NO: 00222
ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Catholic Church

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands those who are sick

Purposely hidden.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially

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Rosary Statue

Mrs M Mihalt
114 Canberra St, Oxley Park

Holy Family Adoration Chapel

may be used with social distancing and no more than four persons in the chapel at any one time.

It is important to record your details.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA

Every Wednesday 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the church

RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am. Mass at 12 noon
Saturdays: 9:00am - 10:00am, 5:00pm - 5:30pm

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays: 9:30am - 8:50pm, Church (All welcome)
Friday: 8:30am - 9am

COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

17 Feb: ASH Wednesday

Mass times: 6:30am, 12pm, 7:30pm

20-21 Feb: Masses for next weekend are as follows:

Saturday evening 6:00pm.

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: 9:30am to 12:30pm
1:30pm to 3:30pm



Charismatic Healing Mass.

Mass, followed by prayer for healing.

Celebrant: Fr. Fr Ken Barker MGL,

Sunday 14 February, 2pm. All welcome

St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith

Please register by texting 0410 475 734 and provide your Name and Phone Number for COVID.

PARISH OFFICE FIT-OUT

Any parishioner that knows or works in this industry and would be interested in giving suggestions / quotes to re-fit the parish office, kindly contact the us on 9623 1962, (Tuesday to Friday) during office hours. Your help will be much appreciated.

BOTTLES & CANS FUNDRAISER

A Big Thank you to all who have supported our fundraising efforts by donating bottles & cans.



Please DO NOT crush the cans as the return code cannot be scanned.

Keep them coming.....

Denis Collins & Team

CATECHISTS **(SCRIPTURE TEACHERS)**

We are in urgent need of Scripture teachers to teach the faith in our public schools .

If you have 2 hours a week to spare, we will be very grateful. Training will be provided.

Kindly contact Maureen Watts on 0405 321 433 (SRE Co-ordinator).



DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Positions Vacant

• Natural Family Planning Educator (Casual) –
Applications close 19 February 2021

• Social Justice Coordinator
Applications close 5pm 22 February 2021

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Greetings to all Parishioners!

In preparation for the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, the Parish Pastoral Council is organizing a team of volunteers to help plan the Variety Show to be presented on the 18th September 2021. This event will showcase the diversity of talents and interests amongst the parishioners.

To assist in the planning activities, we are seeking volunteers to be part of the committees being formed to help bring this event together.

As volunteers you may be asked to devote a part of your time for weekly/fortnightly planning meetings and to undertake some planning tasks or assignments.

The committees include the following:

- **Program Committee**
- **Tech and Stage Committee**
- **Publicity**
- **Funding and Finance Committee**
- **Physical arrangements**
- **Safety**
(COVID Safety and General Safety)
- **Security**

If you are interested, please sign up with your name and contact details in the Registration Sheet placed on the table located in the Church foyer.

If you need more information, please contact Dong Labayo on 0414635883 or Sally Manahan on 0424817988.

Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week.

If you can help with food donations or running a food drive, kindly contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome

office@houseofwelcome.com.au

JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*.

In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities.

Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

Year of Saint Joseph
February 13-14 2021:
6^h Sunday of Ordinary Time
75th Anniversary Year

Dear Parishioners,

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 17. Masses are at 6:30am, 12 noon and 7:30pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. According to Vatican directive, ashes are to be distributed by sprinkling on the head in silence.

Project Compassion materials are available in the foyer.

New Lunar Year: Happy New Year to Father Leo and to all parishioners celebrating the Lunar New Year in these days.

New Covid restriction arrangements

Mass numbers are limited to 300 (1 person per 2 sq m). There is no need to book, but attendance must be recorded, either on the attendance sheet or using the QR code at the church entrance, using your mobile phone. Mask wearing is recommended but no longer mandatory.

Stations of the Cross will be on each Friday evening during Lent. When church renovations begin, Stations will be held at the MacKillop Centre beginning at 7:00pm. In the meantime, they will be in **the church at 7:30pm, beginning this Friday evening.**

Prayer opportunities:

February 16-24: Monthly novena to Mary Help of Christians.

February 18: Cloak of St Joseph 30-day 'novena' to conclude on March 19, feast of St Joseph. See Dennis for details. Novena available in foyer.

February 19-March: 33 Days to Consecration to Our Lady. Starting 7:30pm, MacKillop Centre, this Friday evening. See details in foyer or see Steven.

Thank you: to the Trivia Committee for all the preparatory work for another Trivia Night.

Mass times for next weekend: Masses for next weekend are as follows:

Saturday evening 6:00pm.

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

Coming up:

Tues Feb 16: Mary Help of Christians novena.

Wed Feb 17: Ash Wednesday.

Masses 6:30am, 12 noon, 7:30pm.

Thursday Feb 18: St Joseph 30 day novena.

Friday Feb 19: 33 Days to Consecration to Our Lady. Stations of the Cross.

No more news yet on renovation tenders.

God bless.

Fr. Brendan

This Lent, take a 40-day virtual pilgrimage through the Holy Land

The "Pilgrimage in Faith" will take attendees through 40 Holy Land sites in 40 days.

A trio of Catholic groups has organized an extensive 40-day virtual Lenten pilgrimage through the Holy Land. The program, called "Pilgrimage in Faith," begins on Ash Wednesday (February 17) and will culminate in an Easter Sunday reflection on the journey. The whole pilgrimage is free to attend, but virtual pilgrims must register for the event on the Magdala website.

CNA reports that this virtual pilgrimage comes thanks to the Pontifical Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center, Terra Sancta Mexico, and Magdala. This is the second year that the three organizations have come together to hold a virtual pilgrimage. The previous incarnation was held in October 2020.

The 2021 "Pilgrimage in Faith" will draw together three aspects of the faith: The Creed, Lent, and the Holy Land. The Creed, referring to the Apostle's Creed, is a meditation on what makes us Catholic.

From Magdala:

The Creed is who I am, my true essence, capturing the total dynamic of my life, divinely loved from creation, to death, to everlasting life in the communion of redeemed humanity, sharing in the everlasting infinite joy of the Trinity; this is a 'Pilgrimage in Faith.'

Reflections and holy sites

With regard to Lent, the pilgrimage offers meditations on liturgical texts to guide pilgrims through a renewed "turning toward God" in trust. This, Magdala writes, is reflective of the same way God turns towards each of us with an outstretched hand. The "Pilgrimage in Faith" will offer meditations on the scriptures each day of Lent, to keep the faithful engaged throughout the solemn season.

Last but certainly not least is the Holy Land, the prime attraction of the "Pilgrimage in Faith." The program will take attendees to various sites that "capture the revelation Abraham experienced" during his own travels in the promised land. Each day the virtual event will bring pilgrims to a different site of biblical relevance. The sites, they note, are chosen to illuminate the meditations on the Creed.

The "Pilgrimage in Faith" is set to be a fun, educational, and faith-entrenching journey that will last for the entirety of Lent. Those who take part in the journey will be treated to a soundtrack composed by the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi and the RC Music Collective. In addition, participants will all be entered into a raffle to be held on Easter Sunday, which will send several gifts to some participants.

The whole affair is set to kick off with two days of introductory videos on February 15, before the pilgrimage formally begins on Ash Wednesday.

To register: <https://email.magdala.org/t/y-A8FB705AFC30D5E02540EF23F30FEDED>

J-P Mauro – Aleteia, 11/2/21
