



What does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God. MICAH 6:8

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ENVELOPES: You may drop your Planned Giving envelope to the Parish office on Tuesdays between 10am and 12 Midday. Thankyou.

OPENING OF OUR CHURCH:

Although we were entitled to open our churches for public Masses from the 11th October the diocese advised us to wait until we reach 80% double dose vaccination.

We are expecting this to happen probably by next week. Therefore, we are waiting for more directives from the Diocese.

Once this happens we will communicate to you an exact date of reopening.

If you have any queries please call the office 4735 1041. Office is open

PARISH ZOOM MEETING SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER 2021:

Dear Friends,

Again, we have the opportunity of another Parish **Get together** be it Via Zoom. **Lisa Bright of Synodal Consulting will be our guest speaker on the Topic below:**

Plenary Council. Synodality. What does it all mean?

Explore Synods, Synodality and Plenary Councils and how they can enhance leadership in our communities.

Lisa Bright of Synodal Consulting will invite us to consider how we can be empowered in our ministry by understanding the gifts councils and synodality offer our Church.

Emails have been sent out to those on the parish list. If you are not receiving these please contact the parish office 4735 1041 and leave a message so that you have the opportunity to stay a little more connected in these strange times.

The link below is for this Sunday the **17th OCTOBER 2021 at 3pm.** Deacon George Bryan is hosting this meeting for us.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87652609917?pwd=NDIjWVcvbmNYeUM3Y1BuN083blo2UT09>

Meeting ID: 876 5260 9917

Passcode: 344590

Please pray for Recently Deceased Michael Guest and all those who are sick in our community.

Grace Perry, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Shirley Coburn, Michelle Gardam, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Ray Dukes, Barbara Grant, Mavis Thompson, Laurie Doohan, Nathalie Dhyon, Mike Sayer, Terry Simpkin, Nicole Unsal, Debra Gleeson, Paul Ziberras, Ken Ridley, Joseph Stipich, Joyce Dukes, Tyler Kennedy, Catalina Labra—Knox, Teresa & Larry Dunn, Graham and Christine Hall, Lorraine Lindsay, Maria Chircop, Nerida Fabri, Graeme Hardy, Lynette Hill, Frances Grove, Jennifer Stonehouse, Peter Graham, Megan Hallam, Mandy Parer, Patricia Lynch, Alexandra Haddad & Terri Casey.

PREPARATION FOR THE XVI SYNOD OF BISHOPS.

This Sunday 17th October 2021, dioceses around the world will launch local preparations for this synod. The Synod, themed "For a synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission" was solemnly opened in Rome last week by Pope Francis.



This Sunday at 10am, Bishop Vincent will be celebrating a livestreamed Mass at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith to mark the opening of the Synod of Bishops in the Diocese of Parramatta. This Mass will be broadcast on the St Nicholas of Myra Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPENRITH>) and shared to the Diocesan Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>). We have enclosed a social media tile you may wish to share to advertise this Mass.

For those interested you may be interested in watching the Mass and read Pope Francis' homily as published in the *Catholic Outlook* [here](#).

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites The Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time in the communion of the Father and the Son forever and ever. Amen.

This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.



MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest of all prayers to the Mediatrix of all grace; It is the prayer that touches most the heart of the Mother of God. Say it each day!"
"Amidst all prayers, the Rosary is the most beautiful, the richest in graces, and the one that most pleases the Most Holy Virgin."
Pope Francis

The feast was introduced by **Pope St. Pius V** (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

St. Padre Pio:

Today we face unprecedented challenges on every front. The evils of "this present darkness" weigh heavy against us. Perhaps this is what makes the advice of [St. Padre Pio](#), a holy man from our own age, so valuable and insightful.

"Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." *St. Padre Pio.*