



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

223RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
6TH SEPTEMBER 2020
HAPPY FATHERS DAY



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First, to all of you fathers: Happy Father's Day! I trust you know what an honour and privilege it is to be a father. Fatherhood is a tremendous gift which comes along with an awesome responsibility. Being a 'Father' in the modern world is a great gift but also a challenge and I am sure that you will all agree that there is a distinct difference between a mother's love and a father's love for their children. Father's Day can bring up many wonderful memories and feelings. I lost my father with a stroke 3 years ago. I was fortunate enough to fly to India and visit my father in hospital. The next day he entered eternal life. During our Indian pilgrimages some of you had seen him when you all visited my home in Kerala. He was a man of few words. Today as I think of him, I miss him dearly. He worked so hard, but he also had his imperfections.

However, he was a man of faith. He shared his faith with us and helped us to experience God's presence and His love. He was truthful and honest. I have fond memories of my dad who used to join with us in our family rosary in the evenings. When I think of my dad now, I feel that the greatest gift he has given us is the gift of faith. We may have been poor, but spiritually we were rich. What greater gift can you receive from a father!

This weekend's Gospel also teaches us the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation. On this Father's Day, if there is anything that needs forgiveness, now is the time to do it.

Ideally, a father's love reflects God's love - it is grace-filled, merciful, forgiving, patient, kind and, most importantly, unconditional. The best example of this love can be seen in the story of the Prodigal son. It is not something you earn by doing and saying the right things, but a gift that is given

freely and will never, ever be taken away.

*"Respect your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you".
(Exodus 20:12)*

St. Joseph- Patron saint of fathers protects us!

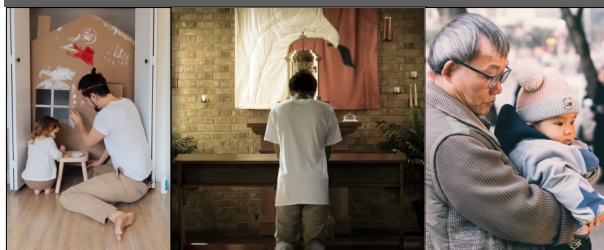
✍ Fr Joe

Fathers Day Blessing

We pray for our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love. We pray for fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them. We pray for fathers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of His kingdom.

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless the fathers in this parish community of St Nicholas of Myra, that they may be strengthened as Christians. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY THIS SPECIAL DAY BRING FOND MEMORIES, JOY AND FUN YOUR WAY,. ENJOY!



COVID-19 SAFETY

- The number of people inside the church are limited to 100, which excludes essential persons to the Liturgy
- There are two extra Masses in the Parish Hall with maximum of 50 parishioners per Mass: Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 10 am.
- The aisles and pews are marked to facilitate the observance of social distancing practices. Please only sit where it is marked with a number on the pews.
- Please leave your name and contact details on the sign on sheet - these will be kept confidential- but are necessary in case anyone contracts the virus.
- Please sanitize your hands as soon as you enter the church.
- Please occupy the central seat of pews first, starting from the front pews of the church, so that others who come after you will be able to occupy the aisles while observing social distancing.
- Please continue to refrain from singing throughout liturgy.
- There will neither be a solemn entrance procession nor a recessional by the celebrant and ministers.
- No altar servers will be needed and there will be no procession of gifts, gifts will be kept at the credence table near the altar.
- The sign of peace will be exchanged without physical contact.
- During the communion, the social distancing will be observed and therefore communion will be brought to your seat. Communion should be received only in the hand.
- Only one acolyte/ senior server and one Extra-ordinary minister of communion would be required other than priests/ deacon to serve during the Mass.
- The collection baskets are kept at the entrances of the church and hall rather than passed during the Mass.
- As you prepare to exit the church please exit starting with the rows that are closest to the entrances.
- The obligation to participate in Sunday Mass is still lifted.
- It is important for everyone to maintain physical distancing and follow all health and safety guidelines. Our utmost concern is the health and well being of our parishioners. Therefore, those who are feeling ill, or who have symptoms of fever, cold, dry cough or sore throat should not come out to attend Mass but watch our live stream Mass at 10am on Sundays.

FINANCE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 out of 4, parish staff's wages continue to be supported by Job keeper
- The Finance council thanks the Parish Team for their efforts in acquiring a \$5,000.00 grant for additional CCTV cameras
- Due to a directive from the Diocese to cease all major works during the Pandemic Stage 3 of the Roof restoration was postponed
- The Solar Panel Project which was postponed, is now progressing, we thank all who have donated to this project so far
- The Parish will receive a 'Tap n Go' machine which will provide a contactless way to donate to the 1st and 2nd collection
- The Finance report presentation for parishioners for the financial year is on hold until Mass resumes back to normal
- *The Parish Finance Council thanks your continued support and stewardship during these difficult times.*

OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday

Monday	9.30am	
Tuesday	6.45am	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30 am	
	7.00pm	(followed by Our Lady of Perpetual help Novena)
Thursday	9.30am	
Friday	6.45am	12.10pm

Saturday

Mass	9.00am
Reconciliation	9.30am-10.30am & 5pm-5.45pm
Adoration	After Saturday Morning Mass
Filipino Mass	11.00am (1st Sat of the month)
Vigil Mass	6.00pm*

Sunday

Mass	7.00am, 8.30am
	10.00am *(no Children's Liturgy)
	6.00pm

Masses marked with an Asterix * will be held simultaneously in the Church and Hall allowing for up to 50 people per location.

PRAYERS

Spiritual Communion

O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive your sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion!

O Jesus, my divine Saviour, save me. O my God, hiding myself with a humble confidence in your dear wounds, I give up my soul into your divine hands. Oh, receive it into the bosom of your mercy. Amen.

Morning Offering

Lord, I give you today my prayers, thoughts, works, and actions, that they may be for your glory and for the good of the world.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED Jeff Brennan, & all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES John Xiberras

DECEASED Margaret Mary Sullivan, Sr Maria Alipia, Tania Felice, John Nettare, Bernard and Norah Wilding, Dennis Bryant, Boleslaw Gwiazda, Lynnette Moss, Thomas Tony, Tess Verbesey, Paul Xeberras, Anita Sequeira, Michael & Mary Menezes and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

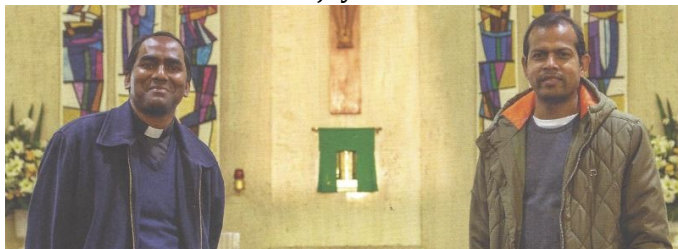
SICK Moveen Stewart, Mercedes Ramos, Ronilo Galido, Fab Chavez, Nympha Miller, Ken Beatson, Melanie Castle, Eva Gilmour, John Wakeling, Peter Gale, Charlie Tabone, Joanne Portelli, Daniel Varlow, Theresa Jordan, Jane McCann, Patrick McHugh and all who suffer from COVID-19.

CONGRATULATIONS


FR JOBI & FR JOE


celebrate the anniversary of their ordination
as priests on the 8th September.

May you continue to be sustained by His grace, and
may your lives in God's service always be filled with
joy.



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ROSTER 12/13 SEPT 2020

Please Note: If you are unable to attend Mass as rostered
below, please find a replacement. Thankyou

[VIGIL] Acolytes : R Howard
Reader : S Falleiro **Comm. Rep :** J Hogan
Eucharist Minister: N Calub
Music: Billy **AV:** S Dias
(VIGIL HALL) **Acolyte :** J Buttigieg
Reader : C Limjap

[7.00 A.M.] Acolytes : A Ruzgas
Reader: Ali Johnson **Comm.Rep:** S Paterson
Eucharist Ministers: J McSpadden
AV : B Rees

[8.30 A.M.] Acolytes : R Wood
Reader : J Musa **Comm. Rep:** O Plucinski
Eucharist Ministers : R Bryan
Music: J Mizzi **AV:** Tuckers

[10.00 A.M.] Acolytes : J Relunia
Reader : L Gal **Comm. Rep:** Alan Johnson
Eucharist Ministers : M Knox
Music: AMDG **AV:** Zamanda
(10.00 AM HALL) **Acolyte :** J Tabone
Reader : M Varua

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

15TH FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PENAFRANCIA & FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LASALETTE

At St Nicholas of Myra Church

Saturday 19th Sept 2020

9.30am Rosary | 10am Mass

NB: Adoration & Confession cancelled



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Over the next two weekends
at additional Masses, 73 of
our children will be making
their **First Holy Communion**.



*First Holy Communion is very important in the child's
life. I am sure that this is a very important occasion not
only for the child but also for their families and friends.
May your children and family experience peace, love
and happiness together with our dear Lord, Jesus
Christ. This also enriches the whole parish family and is
a wonderful sign of the Holy Spirit bringing nearer to
completion our youngest members of the body of
Christ.*

*Congratulations to their parents, godparents, teachers
and sacramental coordinator for preparing them so
well. May they begin a life long relationship with Christ,
the Good Shepherd through frequent prayer and
communion.*

God Bless them all!

PLANNED GIVING & DONATIONS

After considering your own needs at this difficult time, if
you wish to make a direct deposit of your Planned Giving
envelopes or a donation to the Parish, you can give
through credit card by contacting the Parish office or
through your bank account with the following details.

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• **IF YOU WISH TO CHANGE YOUR DIRECT DEBIT** please
contact Jacinta for a form.

• **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** Please collect your
Planned Giving Envelopes from the foyer of the church.

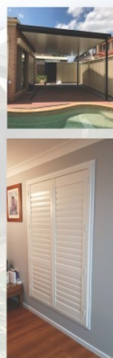
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