



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A  
11TH OCTOBER 2020

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**PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER: 4732 3039**

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Please remember to bring your masks to Mass and observe social distancing. Read our Covid-19 Safety guidelines on Page 3.

## REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Matt 22:1-10

### The Story

According to Jewish custom, invitations to an important feast or banquet typically did not state a time. It was simply a matter of when all the preparations were complete, the servants would be sent out to tell the guests to come. The people who were invited to the wedding but refused to attend in today's story, represent the religious leaders - they were invited to believe in the Messiah, but refused. Those who accepted - who came from the street corners - represent the Gentiles.

### Discussion

What is God's invitation? In this story it involved a community. The invitation was to come and be a part of a welcoming and celebrating community. Our families, schools and parishes are communities. Are they welcoming? What can you do in your communities to welcome others? Is your community marked by the spirit of joy? What can you do to bring joy and laughter into your community?

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## SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Growing up, I used to hear from my parents, 'Your Parish Church is your second home'. They used to tell me that the needs of your parish community are your own needs. I think, this is because many of us regularly gather for worship and sacraments in our parish church. Perhaps for some, this parish has been a 'second home' for the last 60 years or more. For others it has been home for 1-5 years. Recently, I called one of our elderly parishioners to see how she and her husband were doing during Covid-19. She said, she misses her 'church home' very much and told me how half her life is church. I felt that this was very true because I used to see her every single Sunday at 10 am Mass before Covid-19. It is a fact that for most of us, our parish church, is our second home.

As you are aware, that we are in the process of installing Solar panels for our facilities to reduce the expenses of electricity. Solar power is a 100% clean, renewable energy. Different studies revealed that the use of solar energy could reduce the global warming.

We are hoping to start the project within this month and the total cost of the project is just over \$50,000 after the government rebate. I sincerely thank you our parishioners, who have generously supported this project. We are now reaching out to those who can make a contribution no matter how small. We need your help. This is your parish; your second home, its needs are your needs and together, we can make it happen. On behalf of our Parish Team and Finance Council, I would like to thank you in advance for your support and for helping to ensure the future of our place of worship and our church community. Please feel free to approach me or Jacinta, our Business Manager, if you have any questions or concerns. Looking forward to your prayers and support. May God Bless you All.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Joe Manjaly PP



*Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Cor 9:7)*

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### CONFIRMATION 2020

There will be a meeting for parents who wish to enrol their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The meeting will be held in the Church on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm**. Please note that you must attend this meeting in order to enrol your child in the program. To be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, children must be baptised and made their First Holy Communion. They must also be in Year 5 or above. Further information will be provided at the meeting.

## PRAYERS FOR HSC STUDENTS

Please let us know on enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au if you are preparing for the HSC, we would like to offer up a special Mass for you on Sunday 18th October at 10am.

## SPECIAL FEASTS THIS WEEK

OCT 15 THUR ST TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR

## 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.

### Hail Holy Queen

*In the past, when the world has gone through enormous suffering due to war, epidemics, false teaching etc... Catholics have turned to God through our Blessed Mother, who is our protector and intercessor. Therefore, after every Mass, our parish community will recite the 'Hail Holy Queen' prayer and through this prayer we offer ourselves to God through the intercession of Mother Mary. I hope you will all join with the priests to pray for the suffering world.—Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP*

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us O holy Mother of God. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

## POSITION VACANT

We are seeking a suitably qualified Sacramental Coordinator to join our vibrant & friendly team. The position is part time, working a minimum of 15 hours per week. The suitable candidate will have some formation and knowledge of pastoral or sacramental theology and strong administration skills. For a Position Description please email Jacinta on manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au Applications close 4pm Wednesday 21st October.

## 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                           |

•Mass marked with an Asterix \* will be held simultaneously in the Church and Hall allowing for up to 50 people in the Hall.

•October is Rosary month, please join us 30 minutes before each Mass to pray the Holy Rosary.

## BECOME A CATHOLIC

### RCIA News

### Come and See

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Do you have friends or acquaintances who are questioning what Catholicism is all about?

Have you been baptised in another Christian tradition and would like to become a member of the Catholic Church?

**The journey starts here....**

We invite those seeking answers to their questions or want to find out more about the process in becoming a Catholic to contact:

Ina & Norman 4732 1751 inanorm@optusnet.com.au

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Fr Tony Abuan MS., Charlie Gatt, Janine Whiteway, Elizabeth Anne Davis & all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES** Milagros Palmes, Angelo Vella, Teodoro Borlongan, Tom Grieve, Edward Harrison, Anita Sequeira, Terry Fernando, Trevor Ross, Robert Ross, Raymundo Caburian Jnr., Lila Patau and Rosy Lanappan .

**DECEASED** Margaret Mary Sullivan, All members of Menezes & Sequeira families, Aproniano Estoque, Joseph Goh, Sr Maria Alipia, Tania Felice, John Nettar, Bernard & Norah Wilding, Dennis Bryant and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK** Charlene Mikhael, Jaime Calero, Raymond J Keuana, Moveen Stewart, Mercedes Ramos, Ronilo Galido, Fab Chavez, Nympha Miller, Ken Beatson, Melanie Castle, Eva Gilmour, John Wakeling, Peter Gale, Joanne Portelli, Daniel Varlow, Theresa Jordan, Jane McCann, Patrick McHugh, Mark McSpadden and all who suffer from COVID-19.

## HOLY ROSARY MONTH

**Holy Rosary:** We are reciting the Rosary before every Mass during October. Please join us 30 minutes prior to Mass.

**Holy Rosary Triduum:** A Rosary Triduum has been planned for Wed 28th – 30th Oct in front of the 'Mary Help of Christians' Grotto at 7pm each evening. Followed by Mass. Please bring chairs or a picnic rug. There will be no procession.

### Legion of Mary is looking for new members to join:

Parishioners are invited to join us in prayers and doing God's work. A recruitment drive for Senior members (18+) and Junior members (School aged children) will take place at Mass next weekend. Meetings are held on Saturdays at 10.30am in PMR1 for the Seniors and Sundays at 11.30am for the Juniors. Please approach us for any questions next weekend. We look forward to welcoming you to the Legion of Mary.



*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*

## NOV 2—MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

November 2nd is All Souls Day. We have sent invitation letters to all families who have celebrated a funeral here this past year and we wish to also remember any of your siblings or parents who have died recently – outside of this Church. Please contact us to put their names and photograph in a special Mass at 7pm.

### ROSTER 17/18 OCTOBER 2020

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

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>[VIGIL] Acolytes :</b>     | B Scott                        |
| <b>Reader :</b> P Sequeira    | <b>Comm. Rep :</b> E Sicam     |
| <b>Eucharist Minister:</b>    | R DeBono                       |
| <b>Music:</b> Amen Choir      | <b>AV:</b> T & M Perera        |
| <b>[7.00 A.M] Acolytes :</b>  | D Wiggins                      |
| <b>Reader:</b> Alison Johnson | <b>Comm.Rep:</b> S Paterson    |
| <b>Eucharist Ministers:</b>   | J McSpadden                    |
| <b>AV :</b> N Davie           |                                |
| <b>[8.30 A.M] Acolytes :</b>  | M Tolentino                    |
| <b>Reader :</b> O Plucinski   | <b>Comm. Rep:</b> S Von Bock   |
| <b>Eucharist Ministers :</b>  | P Wheller                      |
| <b>Music:</b> J Mizzi         | <b>AV:</b> Nicole              |
| <b>[10.00 A.M] Acolytes :</b> | H McCann                       |
| <b>Reader :</b> M Varua       | <b>Comm. Rep:</b> L Alimangoha |
| <b>Eucharist Ministers :</b>  | M Nyss                         |
| <b>Music:</b> BNP Chapter     | <b>AV:</b> U Gomez             |
| <b>[10.00 AM HALL]</b>        | <b>Acolyte :</b> J Jordan      |
|                               | <b>Reader :</b> O Kiss         |
| <b>[6.00 P.M] Acolytes :</b>  | J Buttigieg                    |
| <b>Reader:</b> K Smith        | <b>Comm. Rep :</b> L Ross      |
| <b>Eucharist Minsters :</b>   | K Wrightson                    |
| <b>Music:</b> Adrian Catt     | <b>AV :</b> V Rodrigues        |

## COVID-19 SAFETY

- The number of people inside the church are limited to 100, which excludes essential persons to the Liturgy
- There is now only one extra Mass in the Parish Hall with maximum of 50 parishioners on Sundays at 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.

## PLANNED GIVING & DONATIONS

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.

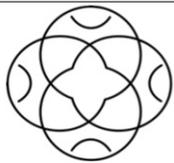
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