St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
24 JANUARY 2021

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No bookings required. We are able to accommodate 100 people in the Church. Please remember to bring your masks to Mass and observe social distancing. Read our Covid-19 Safety guidelines on Page 3.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Eyes Have It

When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He *saw* Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He *saw* James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

✍Fr Michael Tate;
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*"How beautiful is the gaze with which Jesus regards us—how full of tenderness! Let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God."- **Pope Francis***

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

Reconciliation	Parent Information Session	Tuesday 16th February 7.00 pm
	Family Sessions	Saturday 6th, 13th, 20th March 4.30 pm **or** Sunday 7th, 14th, 21st March 8.30 am
	1st Reconciliation	Thursday 25th March 7.00 pm

PRAYERS SAID AT MASS

The Angelus

Jesus loved us enough to die for us so that we might live with Him eternally! When we pray the Angelus with humility and love, we are emulating Mary's faith in His goodness. We are blessed in that we can ask both God and His Blessed Mother for their assistance on our journey towards Eternal Life!

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

Daily Mass in January (Mon-Fri)

There is only one Mass from Monday to Friday at 9.30am in the month of January.

OUR MASS SCHEDULE

There is only one Mass from Monday to Friday at 9.30am in the month of January.

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*

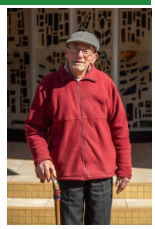
Sunday

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

Mass marked with an Asterix * will accommodate any overflow in the Parish Hall allowing for up to an additional 50 people to attend Mass.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 89th Birthday Stuart Paterson!



Wishing our Sacristan "Little Stuey" a wonderful birthday today the 24th of January. We are grateful for your life and honoured by your friendship! Thank you for your tireless commitment.

First Reconciliation for children in Year 3

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be in Term 1 next year. To be eligible for First Reconciliation, children must be in Year 3 or above and must be baptised. Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information meeting, here on Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 7.00pm. Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

Anyone who would like to assist by being a facilitator for the reconciliation family sessions which will be held at 4.30pm Saturday 6th, 13th, 20th March or 8.30am Sunday 7th, 14th, 21st March please contact Rodney Howard at sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au. Training will be provided if required.

Liturgical Formation

We encourage you to consider serving the community as a Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Communion to the sick & dying or a Minister at the Altar. Courses are available starting 11th February 2021 in the Parish Hall. If you are interested please pick up an enrolment form at the Parish Office or in the Church Foyer.

Happy 70th Birthday Ricardo Limjap
Happy Birthday Malachi Lufe

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED : John Ta, Lucinda King, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Moveen Stuart, Lucinda King, Mark McSpadden, Bridget Agnew D'Mellow & all those who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES : Matthew Edmunds, John Xiberras, George Attard, Rudolph Lesseps-Fonseca, Carmela Sultana, Michael Scerri, Carmen Sultana, Brian Bourke, Domenico DiMunno, Maurice McInerney, Jenny Rees, Conrad Marks, Pat Dugan, Jerry Szymko & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: John Nettar, Odette Bonnairre, Primitio Cortes, Lesni Pinto & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK : Esther Maria Biju, Ging Jongko, Jim Gable, Judith Clapham, Gary Pappin, Patricia Tate, Jody Sloane, Ivanka, George Bell, Magi Gahli, Charlie Camenzuli, Carmela Dimunno, Ron Northman, Melina Lyonello, Jocelyn Powell, Romas Leveris, Thomas P J, Annamma Thomas, Mildred Fitzgerald, Jaime Calero, Raymond J Keuana, Ronilo Galido, Fab Chavez, Nympha Miller, Ken Beatson, Melanie Castle, Eva Gilmour, Joanne Portelli, Daniel Varlow, Theresa Jordan, Jane & Hugh McCann, Pat McGovern and all who suffer from COVID-19.

RCIA NEWS THIS WEEK

RCIA meetings have recommenced and we continue our preparation to receive **James Ranjit** into full communion at the coming Easter Vigil. ***During the Vigil Mass on Saturday 30th January, we will conduct a Rite of Welcome which is the first formal step to introduce James to our community***. ***Please keep him in your prayers.***

✞ In our meeting Monday 25th January we will read the Gospel for Sunday - Week 4 Ordinary Time - Mark 1: 21-28.

Our gospel reflection questions to think about are:

✞ In what ways have you reacted to Jesus' power?
✞ When was the last time you had a moment of grace: *a time of divine insight and healing?*
✞ Was that time a "signpost" in your life?
✞ Are you still affected by that graced moment? *How would you explain the effect that has had on you*
✞ What word would you like to hear God speak?
✞ How would you like to be healed?
✞ Take a few moments this week to listen to God and prepare yourself for his loving touch.

For more information about joining the Catholic Church:

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

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.

FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Support

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Please contact Jacinta if you wish to change your direct debit.

ROSTER

ROSTER 30/31 JANUARY 2021

Please Note: January & February Rosters have been emailed. A printed copy is in the Sacristy for pick up if you wish. The Music & AV Rosters for Feb-April have been emailed. If you are unable to attend Mass please find a replacement. Thankyou

[VIGIL] Acolyte: J Buttigieg — **Altar Server:** L & A Perera
Reader: J Hogan — **Comm. Rep:** E Sicam
Eucharist Minister : A Linga, M Svehla
Music: Vic & Alana — **AV:** Joshua
***[HALL]* Acolyte:** Rodney Howard — **Reader:** *Volunteer needed*

[7.00 A.M] Acolyte : J Sweeney — **Altar Server:**
Reader: Y Baccan — **Comm. Rep:** J French
Eucharist Minister : S Sweeney
AV : Natasha

[8.30 A.M] Acolyte : J Simeon — **Altar Servers:** P & M Lufe
Reader: O Plucinski — **Comm. Rep:** P Nematella
Eucharist Minister : K Pemberton
Music: J Mizzi — **AV: The** Tuckers

[10.00 A.M] Acolyte : J Jordan — **Altar Server:** J & H Jacobs
Reader: O Kiss — **Comm. Rep:** D Dawson
Eucharist Minister : P Samuelu, D Streher
Music: CD — **AV:** J Kosman
***[HALL]* Acolyte:** J Tabone — **Reader:** L Gal

[6.00 P.M] Acolyte : M Tolentino — **Altar Server:** X Whalen
Reader: C D'Mello — **Comm. Rep:** C Clark
Eucharist Minister : K Wrightson
Music : CFC Youth — **AV :** V Rodrigues

PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE MASS AND SIGN IN ON THE ESSENTIAL WORKER SPREADSHEET AT THE CAR PARK ENTRANCE. IF YOU HAVE NOT ARRIVED AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR, A REPLACEMENT WILL BE ASKED TO STEP IN.

COVID-19 SAFETY

•The number of people inside the church is limited to 100 people, which allows for social distancing of 4quare meters. This number excludes essential persons to the Liturgy.

•Please scan the Service NSW QR code outside the church ***or*** 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.

•There are now 2 extra Masses in the Parish Hall if the Church has reached maximum capacity. The hall allows a maximum of 50 parishioners on Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm or Sundays at 10 am.

•Once we have reached maximum capacity, or the Mass has started, there will be no entry into the Church. Parishioners will be redirected to Mass in the Hall if available or can choose to remain socially distanced outside whilst listening to Mass and receive communion outside.

•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. Groups to sit in smaller pews. There is no standing permitted.

•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.

• The congregation should not participate in any singing or chanting

•Altar Servers are now rostered on

•The sign of peace will be exchanged without physical contact.

•During the communion, 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.

•Wardens have resumed taking up the 1st and 2nd collection. The collection baskets now have long handles to minimise contact. Thank you for your stewardship.

•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.

•There is a separate QR Code for the Chuch, Hall and Parish Office. You must sign in to those areas, each time you enter,

Happy New Year 2021!
From Fr Jessie, Fr PJ, Fr Joe, Deacon Willy and all the Parish Staff!

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