

St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
4 JULY 2021



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*No bookings required to attend Mass. We are able to accommodate 1 person per 2 square meters in the Church. Please observe social distancing. Read our Covid-19 Safety guidelines on Page 3. **NOT APPLICABLE DURING LOCKDOWN***

GOSPEL REFLECTION © Greg Sunter

This week's gospel sees Jesus returning to his home town of Nazareth. He is well and truly into his public ministry at this point in the gospel and his reputation is obviously growing as a healer and teacher. When he goes to Nazareth the locals are quick to 'put him in his place'. They remember the boy, the teenager, the young man apprenticed to his father's craft. He's a nobody as far as they are concerned; just young Yeshua (Jesus) who grew up here. It is much the same within families and local communities today. No matter how successful and authoritative a young woman or man may have become, a trip home will quickly remind them that in the eyes of those they grew up with nothing has changed. In the gospel passage they even say, that's Jesus – he's just James' brother; no one special! Why would they think they had anything to learn from a brat who grew up in their own town? What could he possibly tell them? They try to force Jesus back into the mould of the person with whom they were previously familiar and comfortable.

Questions for Adults

Q. Have you ever had an experience like that of Jesus when he returned home?

Q. Have you ever reacted to an old friend in the way Jesus' childhood neighbours did?

Q. Have you experienced an unlikely or unexpected encounter with the presence of God?

Q. Why do some people find change and growth threatening?

Q. What do you feel is the message of this passage for a contemporary audience?

ONLINE MASSES

During the lockdown, there will be no public masses. Masses will be live streamed on our Facebook page on

Monday—Friday at 9.30am

Saturday at 9.00am and 6.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 10.00am

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm for emergency pastoral needs.

WHATS HAPPENING IN RCIA

The Gospel – **The 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**
Mark 6:7-13.

Note: *The RCIA will not be meeting this coming week, but we invite you to share the gospel reflection we will reflect on privately during the break.*

Today's gospel is the framework for how the early Church began. The disciples are sent out in twos to continue the work already begun by Jesus.

The Gospel today says two things to us:

Firstly: as a Christian we are called not only to be a disciple but also to be an apostle. **A disciple** (*discipulus, from the verb discere, to learn*) is one who hears, accepts, and carries out the teaching of Jesus in their life. A disciple follows Jesus, imitates Jesus, and becomes Christ centred.

An apostle (*apostolos, is not only a follower but also an evangeliser*). The word comes from a verb which means to be **sent on a mission with a message** from a superior – an ambassador, an envoy.

Every person who has been baptised has this mission and this calling - to actively to share their faith with others.

Secondly: Jesus is saying that we are to go through our lives with the maximum of freedom and the minimum of burdens.

We often go through our lives laden down with superficial things; with property and possessions which can be an endless source of worry and anxiety. We soon become their slaves. We become overwhelmed with unnecessary worries and anxieties which paralyse us and prevent us living full and enriching lives.

Perhaps we would do well to reflect today on how free our lives are and where real wealth is to be found.

OUR GOSPEL REFLECTION AND QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

If you had been one of the Twelve, what would your response to being sent out almost empty-handed have been?

Give one example of how you have already participated in Jesus' ministry of teaching or healing.

What prayer or practice might help you to grow in trusting God to work through you?

How does this Gospel help you to prepare to meet acceptance or rejection? *Dare you let the real you show through?*

As you continue your spiritual journey what material things might you require?

As you help others on their spiritual search, what helps you and what slows you down?

For more information about joining the Catholic Church:

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED : Elisabetta Catanea, Heather Hort, Luzmilda Ponce-De-Leon, Max Baker, Eliana & all those who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES : Richard Gale, Keith McSpadden, Magda Tatrai, Antonio Leone, Olga & Inacio Moniz, Enrique Es-mayor, Fausta Da Costa, Michael Bartley, Paul & Gino Vassallo, Joseph Lusch, Gloria Jones, Hugh Keavy & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED : Tania Felice, John Nettare, Dennis Bryant, Ron Howe, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Barry Wilson, Anesia Catubigan & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK : Natasha Sullivan, Juan Garate, Easter Kalotay, Lyn O'Hare, Chris Ropati, Daryl Young, Jose Catubigan Sr., Gail Beevor, Tu Tran, Elenita & Lolyn Velayo, Ann & Raymond Thompson, Suzan K. Ferreira, Rebecca Hackney, Terry Donnolley, Olivia Evans, McEwen Pereira, Georgina Rastegorac, Baby William Martines, Ricardo Azores, Romas Levers, Yvonne Kore, Allen & Jackie Cullen, Flor-deliza Villanueva, Charlie Camenzuli, Virgilio Cruz, Alexander Diana, Suzan K. Ferreira, Bernadette Garcia, Danilo Monilla, Henry Duffy, Filippa Borg, Nina Muscat, George Bell, Magi Gahli, Carmela Dimunno, Mildred Fitzgerald, Jaime Calero, Theresa Jordan, Jane McCann, Lauren and all who suffer from COVID-19.

PARISH PICNIC TO MUDGEES (27-28 JULY)

Fr. Joe is arranging a tour to Beautiful Mudgee on July 27th & 28th. The bus will leave at 8.30 am on 27th July and will be back at 4.30 pm on 28th July.

The trip includes breakfast, drinks, snacks. Lunch and dinner is not included as part of the package.

The trip will cost in twin share basis :

group of 30-39 people- \$175.00;

group of 40-47 people- \$160.00 and

group of 48-53 people- 150.00 ;

single room supplement-\$250.00.

There are currently 32 people attending. Please pay a deposit of \$100 at the Parish Office at the time of the booking.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Altar Server Training We are seeking the support of our boys and girls who have completed the sacrament of Eucharist to consider being an Altar Server. Altar serving is an important Ministry in the Catholic Church. It is such a humble and reverent way of contributing to the Mass. The training sessions will be conducted on **Thursday 22 July, 29 July & 5 Aug from 4pm to 5pm** at the Church.

All enquiries to Rodney Howard at the Parish Office Ph:4721 2509 (Mon & Wed) or sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Thank you very much for your valued support of our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal raising funds to support our seminarians prepare for the priesthood. We have raised \$5,152.00 out of our quota of \$13000.00. If you have not been able to donate yet, you can make a donation at

<https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Journey Towards Eternity A parishioner Anthony Ruzgas has written and published a book titled 'Journey Towards Eternity' - it is a journey of life. The book is available for purchase by order or online through Amazon. If you wish to purchase a copy, there are some available through Stuart Pateron, who will take orders. If you wish to contact Anthony, his number is 0419693597.

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Alive in the Spirit is an innovative virtual conference, from 8 to 10 July 2021, with access till end of December: www.aliveinthespirit.com.au. This conference seeks to enliven and inspire the Church in Oceania through a variety of keynotes, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences, and calls us to new vision, new energy, and new life in our efforts to become the community Christ calls us to be. Bishop Vincent invites the participation of individuals and faith communities, saying, "I fully support the Alive in the Spirit Conference, and warmly encourage you to take full advantage of this excellent initiative." His full message can be found on the website. **A group discount is available for parishes who wish to run a group. If you have a number of people interested, please contact the parish.**



Adult Confirmation

If you or someone you know, who has received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and is over 16 and wants to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Sacramental Coordinator for further information.

ROSTER 10/11 JULY 2021

Please Note: The July—August roster is now available for pick up in the Sacristy. You will notice that a Minister at the Altar will scaffold an experienced Acolyte/Senior Server for the next few months. The roster has also been emailed to all who have provided their email address. If you are unable to fill your roster, please organise a replacement. Thankyou

[VIGIL] Acolyte : R Howard, R Limjap **Altar Server:** L and A Perera
Reader: J Doman **Comm. Rep:** S Falleiro

Eucharist Minister : K Pemberton, A Linga

Music: Billy **AV:** S Dias

[7.00 A.M.] Acolyte : A Ruzgas, R Sajonia

Reader: E Marshall **Comm. Rep:** M Scicluna

Eucharist Minister : S Sweeney, J French

AV : B Rees

[8.30 A.M.] Acolyte: C Walsh, C Limjap **Altar Servers:** L and E Loughlan Larsen

Reader: R Walsh **Comm. Rep:** P Nematella

Eucharist Minister : B Keavey, H O'Connor, C Wright

Music: J Mizzi **AV:** Olivia

[10.00 A.M.] Acolyte : R Wood, L Moniz **Altar Server:** L and J Wheelahan

Reader: P Samuela **Comm. Rep:** O Kiss

Eucharist Minister : J Vella, M Stynes, C Gillaus

Music: AMDG Adult Choir **AV:** M Johnson

[6.00 P.M.] Acolyte : J Relunia, C Clark **Altar Server:** J Esteban

Reader: N Joseph **Comm. Rep:** K Smith

Eucharist Minister : A Alimangoha, K Wrightson

Music: CFC **AV:** S Shahoud

COVID-19 SAFETY (NOT APPLICABLE DURING LOCKDOWN)

- Masks are mandatory in places of worship.
- Singing by the congregation is not permitted.
- We are currently using the social distance of one person per 4 square meters. This excludes essential persons to the Liturgy.
- Those who have visited a recent hotspot, 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 Facebook live stream Mass at 10am on Sundays. (@SNOMPenrith)
- Upon arrival please scan the Service NSW QR code outside the church or see the Door Volunteers who will take your details electronically - these will be kept confidential- but are necessary in case anyone contracts the virus.
- Ministers/volunteers who are essential to the Liturgy must arrive and sign on at least 15 minutes before Mass starting.
- Please sanitize your hands as soon as you enter the church.
- Once we have reached maximum capacity or the Mass has started, there will be no entry into the Church. Parishioners can choose to remain socially distanced outside whilst listening to Mass and receive communion outside.
- Groups of 5 or more are to sit in the smaller pews, please follow the directions of the volunteers to socially distance. There is no standing permitted.
- Those who enter a pew first should occupy the central seat, 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 sign of peace will be exchanged without physical contact.
- A Eucharistic Minister or Priest will come to your pew to distribute Holy Communion. Please remain in your pew and stand as the Blessed Sacrament approaches.
- 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.
- Please do not congregate in large groups outside the Church.
- There is a separate QR Code for the Church, Hall and Parish Office. You must sign in to those areas, each time you enter.
- The obligation to participate in Sunday Mass is still lifted.



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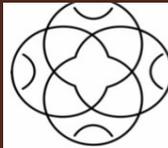


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