



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**24 OCTOBER 2021**  
**WORLD MISSION DAY**

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

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### WELCOME HOME

Our Church is open for all, regardless of vaccination status.  
Please follow COVID-19 signage.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION & OCTOBER WORLD MISSION MONTH

This passage from the Gospel of Mark draws to a close a significant section of the gospel. It stretches from 8:22 to this passage, 10:52. Like other examples in the Gospel of Mark, the stories at the beginning and end of the section are related and shed light on what they surround. Like this passage, the event at the beginning of the section is an account of the healing of a blind man. Contained within the two healings of blindness, as we have seen over the last six weeks, is an extended lesson on discipleship. Within this section, Jesus speaks about his upcoming death on three occasions and each time the disciples display their own form of blindness when they fail to understand what Jesus is trying to tell them quite explicitly. In this section, we have heard that discipleship involves suffering and hardship; it means placing one's own needs last and the needs of others first; and that discipleship is all about faith. In this healing of blind Bartimaeus, we see all the hallmarks of what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples in the preceding episodes. As a blind man, Bartimaeus would be regarded as 'imperfect' – incomplete – and consequently in a permanent state of uncleanness. He would not be allowed to live within the bounds of normal society, nor have contact with people. So it is that Jesus encounters Bartimaeus on the side of the road, outside the city walls as he is leaving Jericho. Learning that it is Jesus passing by, Bartimaeus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him and, placing the needs of the other first, asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' When Bartimaeus makes his request, Jesus announces that it is his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored. Bartimaeus, like a good disciple, then follows Jesus on the road.

### Living the Gospel – Bartimaeus, a model?

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of

the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession – his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.

✠ Greg Sunter  
Liturgy Help 2021

### October IS World Mission Month

This week Catholic Mission shares the story of Churai\*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok. Churai\*, experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

**Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.**

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Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



FOR WE CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

## RCIA | NEXT WEEKS GOSPEL REFLECTION

**The Gospel – The 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME** Mark 12:28-34.  
**Discussion Topic: Inside The Bible/The Evangelists**

Questions of primary importance to all of us are: **'What is the basic law that should govern our life? What's most important? What is the purpose of life?'** When we look at lifestyle - ours and that of others, we soon discover the answer to the question: **what's most important?** A question that challenges more than our values. It challenges the direction of our life and helps us answer the bigger question: **what is the purpose of life? In our relationship with God,** we can ask the same question: **what's most important?** How do such a questions impact on our prayer life, our family life, and our social life? What attitudes or characteristics do we display that identify us as followers of Christ? A scribe (*an expert in Jewish Law*) is seeking guidance and asks Jesus this:

**'Which is the first of all the commandments?'**

Jesus' responds to the question from the \*Shema, (*considered the core of the Jewish religion*) **"You shall love the Lord..."** Here Jesus demonstrates the value of a personal union with his Father and the Holy Spirit. To this instruction Jesus adds a verse from Leviticus 19:18 **"You shall love your neighbour..."** This meant showing loyalty and commitment to one's community. Love in this sense was not an inner emotion or psychological state. In Jesus' culture, love meant **faithfulness**, and the term **'neighbour'** meant **'fellow countryman.'** God's desire is for faithful individuals to form faith filled communities. Each person is to take ownership of how they respond to, and take responsibility for, the type of community they live in. Accepting both types of ownership is inherent in the command: **"Love God,"** because **loving God is the root of everything.**

### OUR GOSPEL REFLECTION AND QUESTIONS:

✠Christianity has used the **"Great Commandment"** as a lens to view the Ten Commandments. *The first three commandments fulfil love of God. The last seven fulfil love of neighbour.*

However, the command to love demands more. To love God requires God's help, and an openness to the Spirit. We cannot possibly live out God's Law by ourselves. With God's help, we can hope, and we can experience results.

✠**What is the basic law that governs your life?'**

✠**How do you love God and your neighbour?**

**For more information about joining the Catholic Church:** Ina & Norman Heffernan 4732 1751 inanorm@optusnet.com.au

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Mairead Stynes, Carmela Dimunno, Ria Omerovic, Flordeliza Villanueva, Christy Lado, Norma Agala & all those who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES :** Jack Bertles, Sr Marion O'Shannessy, Ester Limjap, Eddie Limjap, Ethan Caburian, Raymond Caburian, Ioane, Faaiu, Vilo, Tulatu, Therese May Mary Gale, Leelamma Thomas, Albert & Agnes Goh, Ana Lee, Gloria Joves, Tuding Corneja, Lolita De Vera and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED :** Tania Felice, John Nettar, Dennis Bryant, Ron Howe, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Barry Wilson, Anesia Catubigan, Anita Sequeira, Mary Menezes, William D'Souza, Michael Menezes & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK :** Anthony Ruzgas, Anthony Ruzgas Jnr, Connie Limjap, Salvatore Murru, Fay Smith, June Wilson, Matthew Thompson, Christopher Ware, Natasha Sullivan, Majid Lilleh, Easter Kalotay, Lyn O'Hare, Chris Ropati, Daryl Young, Jose Catubigan, Tu Tran, Elenita & Lolyn Velayo, Ann & Raymond Thompson, Suzan K. Ferreira, Rebecca Hackney, Terry Donnelly, Olivia Evans, Georgina Rastegorac, Baby William Martines, Ricardo Azores, Romas Levers, Yvonne Kore, Allen & Jackie Cullen, Charlie Camenzuli, Virgilio Cruz, Alexander Diana, Bernadette Garcia, Danilo Monilla, Henry Duffy, Filippa Borg, Nina Muscat, George Bell, Magi Gahli, Mildred Fitzgerald, Theresa Jordan, Jane McCann, Cirillo (Loy) Kabling, Erlinda Kabling, and all who suffer from COVID-19.

**THANKSGIVING:** Happy birthday to **Betty Relunia** (21 Oct), **Daphne Baria** (26 Oct), **Gabby Isaaks** (21 Oct). **Alice O'Hare** wishes to thank you all for her 100th Birthday greetings!

## 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 \* is live streamed through our Facebook @SNOMPEnrith

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mass & Rosary Triduum 27-29 Oct* To honour October as the month of the Rosary, there will be a Rosary Triduum held outdoors in front of Our Lady's Grotto. Rosary will start on Wed 27th Oct at 7pm and run each evening until Fri 29th Oct. Holy Mass will follow immediately after the Rosary, outdoors in front of the Grotto. Please bring a chair.



*All Saints Day: Mon 1st Nov Mass at 9.30am*  
*All Souls Day: Tues 2nd Nov Mass Times are at 6.45am, 9.30am, and 7pm.*

November 2nd is All Souls Day and our Remembrance Mass is at 7pm, outdoors in the School grounds. (please bring a chair). This is where we remember in a special way all those who celebrated their Funeral Mass here at St Nic's from Nov 2020—Nov 2021. We have endeavored to send out invitation letters to each of these families, with the details that we have on hand. If you have not received one, please contact the Parish office.



*November Mass Envelopes* The envelopes for the masses for holy souls in November are now available. Please print names clearly with an offering, so that they can be transferred to our Book of Remembrance, which will be kept on the Sanctuary throughout the month of November and updated each week. Envelopes may be put on either plate or in the office mail box on front veranda of the Presbytery. All masses celebrated at St Nicholas in the month of November will be offered for all those who have died, especially for those whom our parishioners have asked to be remembered.

*Funeral Mass of Mairead Stynes* Parishioners are invited to farewell our long time, devoted, leader and parishioner on Monday 25th October at 10.30am, here in the Church. We offer our condolences to the family and friends of dear Mairead.



*Prayers for Carmela DiMunno* Please pray for the soul of Carmela DiMunno who passed away on Thursday 21st October. Details of her funeral will be announced next week.

## BIBLE TRIVIA

### LAST WEEKS WINNER:

1st place: Sandra Murdoch  
2nd place: Ricardo & Connie Limjap  
**Congratulations!**



Thank you to all parishioners who participated in our Bible Trivia on Zoom. There will be no more Zoom sessions.

## PARISH GROUPS

*Legion of Mary Zoom* Please join our regular Tuesday meetings to pray the rosary at 7pm, please email edmund.bishara@bigpond.com to register.

*Divine Mercy* The Divine Mercy group invites all to re-join them for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and adoration, every second Friday of the month after the 12.10pm Mass.

*Community of Risen Christ* CRC will host a Zoom Meeting to pray The Divine Mercy & Holy Rosary Zoom Meeting. Every Saturdays 7:30PM All backgrounds - most welcome to pray with Mother Mary. Contact Steffi Sequeira - 0436 395 763 or email steffi.parry.sequeira@gmail.com

## PARISH ROSTER

**ATTENTION CHOIRS: ONLY 10 PERFORMERS ARE PERMITTED IN A CHOIR.** All choir members and musicians must be double vaccinated. Please send proof of vaccination status to your choir leader prior to your rostered time. All Choir leaders must ensure each member present has proof of double vaccination (either digital or hard copy) on hand, ready for inspection, if asked.

### ROSTER 30-31ST NOVEMBER 2021

*A new roster will be available for pick up in the Sacristy next weekend. Please Note: If you are unable to attend Mass as rostered below, please find a replacement. Thankyou*

<b>[VIGIL] Acolytes :</b>	B Scott
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	L & A Perera
<b>Reader :</b> C Limjap	<b>Comm. Rep :</b> I Bentham
<b>Eucharist Minister:</b>	D Scott, F Keuneman
<b>Music:</b> Vic & Alana	<b>AV:</b> Joshua & Jordan
<b>[7.00 A.M] Acolytes :</b>	A Ruzgas
<b>Reader:</b> R Sajonia	<b>Comm.Rep:</b> M Scicluna
<b>Eucharist Ministers:</b>	S Sweeney, L Davie
<b>AV :</b> Volunteer Needed	
<b>[8.30 A.M] Acolytes :</b>	G Isaaks
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	A & L Joseph
<b>Reader :</b> S Von bock	<b>Comm. Rep:</b> R Walsh
<b>Eucharist Ministers :</b>	H O'Connor, E Isaaks, H Wakeling
<b>Music:</b> J Mizzi	<b>AV:</b> The Tuckers
<b>[10.00 A.M] Acolytes :</b>	J Relunia
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	W Ezekiel & I Idris
<b>Reader :</b> D Dawson	<b>Comm. Rep:</b> A Kosman
<b>Eucharist Ministers :</b>	M Gutierrez, A Stanton, M Cobden
<b>Music:</b> Victoria Sebi	<b>AV:</b> U Gomez
<b>[6.00 P.M] Acolytes :</b>	M Tolentino
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J Esteban & X Whalen
<b>Reader:</b> C Neopmuceno	<b>Comm. Rep :</b> D Whalen
<b>Eucharist Minsters :</b>	C D'Mello, C Clark
<b>Music :</b> CFC Youth	<b>AV :</b> Nicole

## PLANNED GIVING

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**Planned Giving envelopes are now available for pick up in the Church Foyer**

## Year of St Joseph Prayer

✠ Hail guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage and defend us from very evil. Comfort us by interceding these prayers to your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ Amen.

## COVID-19 SAFETY



- Our Church doors are open for all regardless of vaccination status.
- All normal Mass times have resumed.
- We are listed as a COVID Safe business and an updated COVID-19 Safety plan can be found at the entrance of the doors.
- Please wear a mask.
- Please check in with the QR Code and show proof of check in to the door volunteer.
- Please observe 1 person per 4sqm indoors and 1 person per 2sqm outdoors social distancing at all times.
- Please occupy the middle of the pew first, to avoid contact with others. Those seated on the ends of the pew please exit first to avoid contact with others.
- There will be no sign of peace or singing by the congregation.
- Members of a Choir must be double vaccinated. They must send proof of vaccination to their Choir Leader and also have it on their person (digital or hard copy), ready for inspection at Mass, if asked.
- **Communion will be distributed to the community in their seats. Please remain in your pew and stand as the priest or minister approaches you for communion.**



# Thanksgiving Offertory

I will give thanks to you, Lord,  
with all my heart.

*Psalms 9:1*

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