



# St Nicholas of Myra

## Catholic Parish

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21ST NOVEMBER 2021



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### GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.

#### Gospel Focus – Truth

Jesus says to Pilate that he came into the world 'to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my

voice.' That is where today's gospel passage finishes but as the gospel continues on, Pilate famously asks Jesus 'What is truth?' and the question is left dangling; unanswered. The truth Jesus has borne witness to is the truth of his whole life – the revelation of God's love for humanity. It is for proclaiming this truth that Jesus is placed on trial and is brought before Pilate.

#### Historical Context – Christ the King

Unfortunately, political and military images of kingship have played a dominating role in the Church since very early in its history. The very earliest Christians, or followers of the Way, did

not conform to social and political hierarchies of their day. But when Emperor Constantine declared Christianity to be the official religion of the Roman Empire the structure of the Church quickly adopted the political and social structures of the empire. At times in history the Pope has adopted a regal status and led huge armies into battle. Many of these structures persist today and we sometimes struggle to recapture Jesus' intention when he declared himself a king.

#### Have you thought? The Kingdom of God

When Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of God he never gives a particularly clear picture of what he means. He usually refers to the kingdom with metaphoric language ('the kingdom of God is like ...') and often the kingdom is defined by what it is not. The kingdom is also a real contradiction: it is here and now and yet it is still to come; it is almost impossible for some to enter the kingdom while others are assured a place; it is within us and in our hearts and yet is a great banquet to which all are invited.



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## RCIA | NEXT WEEKS GOSPEL REFLECTION

**The Gospel** – First Sunday of ADVENT Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

### Discussion Topic: Advent Candles & Practices

This weekend is the First Sunday in Advent and the beginning of the new Church year. During this cycle we will reflect on the Scripture readings and prayers for **YEAR C**, and we reflect on the **Gospel of Luke**.

The term 'Advent' derives from a Latin word meaning 'coming,

arrival', and the four weeks of Advent is a time of welcoming

Jesus into our lives. It is a time to celebrate Jesus' coming in the flesh as well as his final coming in glory; it is also a time for us to open ourselves to the Lord's coming into our lives and into our world today.

The readings during Advent point to Jesus' second coming and remind us that as Christians we ought to shape our faith in terms of hope as well as memories. Sometimes it seems that peace and justice in our world is impossible to achieve. However, the message of Advent is that even when confronted with suffering and death we must never lose hope. When we express our hope through love for one another we are working at claiming our share of the future Jesus promised.

**Advent therefore is a time of grace** allowing us time set aside to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. *Don't miss out on the grace God is offering you this Advent.* Use Advent as a time to deepen your relationship with God, to prepare your heart for meeting God when you are called from this life and to prepare your heart for our celebration of Christmas.

### OUR GOSPEL REFLECTION AND QUESTIONS:

**We think of ourselves as searching for God and forget that it is he who is searching for us.**

Choose one area in your life that makes you anxious.

❖ How can faith turn your anxiety in this area into anticipation?

❖ In what ways does God give you hope?

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

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Colleen Hardle, Linda Sword, Peter Lech, Denzil Wilson, Celine Lawford, Paula Schuster, Ameris Yassa, Leonila Varca & all those who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES :** Sebastian Madappattu, Anamma Mathew, Dorothy Tipping, John Tipping, Arthur Tipping, Leonila Varca, Panayoty Griplas, Rosina Paulo Siasaga and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED :** PC George, 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 :** Paul James, Josie Carey, Joe Tabone, 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 & Lelyn Velayo, Ann & Raymond Thompson, Suzan K. Ferreira, Rebecca Hackney, Terry Donnolley, 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) Kabiling, Erlinda Kabiling, and all who suffer from COVID-19.

## 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
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Mass marked with an Asterix \* is live streamed through our Facebook

## SVDP CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



The Penrith Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners to prepare Christmas hampers for the poor and disadvantaged families in the Penrith Area. Please see the Notice board for all details of Hamper categories, stickers and suggested items.

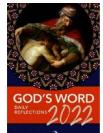
**HAMPER RETURN:** Hampers will need to be returned to the Parish Meeting Room 1 on **Sat 11th Dec or Sun 12th Dec**, or approximately 1 hour before or after each Mass.

**HAMPER DELIVERIES:** Once again, we ask for your generous help in the distribution of hampers. If you can spare an hour on: **Sat 18th Dec**, between 8am and 11:30am in PMR1. We will provide face masks, gloves, sanitiser etc, and we have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place to ensure the safety of our parishioners. If you have any enquiries, please contact Brian Brainwood on 0433 256 518 or Joe Tabone on 0412 234 651. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Orange Bus Trip** We are inviting all who signed up for the cancelled Mudgee trip, and any parishioners who are interested, to come and join Fr Joe on a Bus Trip to beautiful Orange. **Cost:** \$225each, twin share or \$300 for a single room. **The bus** will leave at 10am on 8th Dec and will return at approx. 4.30 pm on 9th Dec. The trip includes breakfast, drinks, snacks. Lunch and dinner is not included as part of the package. 30 people are required for the trip to go ahead, so invite a friend, RSVP before the 25 Nov and come and enjoy a good time! Call into the Parish Office with a deposit of \$100 to book your spot. Those who have already made a deposit but cannot make this trip please pick up your refund and those who wish to pay the balance can do so at the Parish Office or via bank transfer (bank details on Pg3).

**God's Word 2022** God's Word is back for 2022, this is the perfect journal gift for someone special this Christmas. It features daily Mass readings and reflections on the Gospel for the new Liturgical year with space to write your notes. God's Word is on sale from this weekend onwards for \$20.



**Thank you!** A special thanks to Margaret Cobden and the small Hospitality team for their hard work in providing and serving morning tea for Fr Jessie's farewell.

**November Mass Envelopes** The envelopes for the masses for holy souls in November are available. Please print names clearly with an offering, so that they can be transferred to our Book of Remembrance. 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.

# This Christmas, will you help homeless women and children?

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



## CHRISTMAS APPEAL

No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. CatholicCare's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. Your kind donation today will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child.

Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal online or the giving envelopes available in the pews or at the doors of the Church.

**OUR APPEAL WEEKEND IS THE  
27/28 NOVEMBER**

## PLANNED GIVING

*We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times*

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**Planned Giving Envelopes are available in the Foyer of the  
Church for pick up.**

## PARISH ROSTER

### ROSTER 27/28 NOVEMBER 2021

*Please Note: If you are unable to attend Mass as rostered below, please find a replacement. If you are able to fill in for the below positions, please present yourself to the Acolyte before Mass.*

#### [VIGIL] Acolytes :

#### Altar Servers:

**Reader :** Volunteer Needed

#### Eucharist Minister:

**Music:** Heart & Soul

#### [7.00 A.M] Acolytes :

**Reader:** M Scicluna

#### Eucharist Ministers:

**AV :** B Rees

#### [8.30 A.M] Acolytes :

#### Altar Servers:

**Reader :** C Bonus

#### Eucharist Ministers :

**Music:** J Mizzi

#### [10.00 A.M] Acolytes :

#### Altar Servers:

**Reader :** S Falleiro

#### Eucharist Ministers :

**Music:** Seniors Choir

#### [6.00 P.M] Acolytes :

#### Altar Servers:

**Reader:** E Marshall

#### Eucharist Ministers :

**Music :** Sheridan

M Tolentino, R Esteban

D & J Lestal

**Comm. Rep :** E Sicam

I Bentham, L Scully, R Debono

**AV:** J Linga

A Ruzgas, J French

**Comm. Rep:** Y Baccan

E Sajonia, S Sweeney

J Simeon,

P & M Lufe

**Comm. Rep:** E Isaaks

M Nyss, O Nugpo, H Wakeling

**AV:** Olivia

J Relunia, C Clark

B Powell & E Moniz

**Comm. Rep:** N Joseph

M Gutierrez, P Samuelu

**AV:** J Kosman

J Jordan, L Moniz, D Whalen

X Whalen & J Esteban

**Comm. Rep :** K Smith

N Nepomuceno, K Wrightson

**AV :** S Shahoud

***Reminder: We need AV operators for the Christmas period. If you are available, please email Mary***

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**ADVENT'S SUNDAY READINGS**  
TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 7PM AEDT  
Email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) for registration

## COVID-19 SAFETY



- Our Church doors are open for all regardless of vaccination status.
- We are now able to accommodate approximately 300 parishioners in the Church, there will be no extra Masses in the Hall, please come early to avoid disappointment.
- 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 place a red sign in between you and another family when sitting in the pews and observe 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 (maximum of 10) 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.
- **Please process up the aisle for communion whilst maintaining a distance from the person in front of you.** There are markings on the floor to assist you with social distancing.

# Thanksgiving Offertory

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

Psalm 9:1

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