



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C
6TH FEBRUARY 2022



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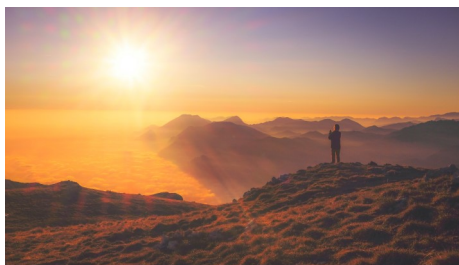
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of 'being called'. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be 'a man of unclean lips'. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, 'Whom shall I send?' Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, 'Here I am, send me!' This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man'. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, 'Do not be afraid,' and calls Peter to follow.



Scriptural context – The Call of the disciples

In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult

life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

Have you thought? – Do not be afraid

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten

our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

✍ Greg Sunter

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday

Monday	9.30am
Tuesday	6.45am 9.30am
Wednesday	9.30am 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 @SNOMPenrith

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Retreat for Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar and Eucharistic Ministers:

There is a retreat day organised for March 26th at Schoenstatt in Mulgoa starting at 9.30am and ending with Mass at 3pm. Our Parish Priests want all ministers to attend the day. It will cost \$20 each and the Parish will pay another \$20 for you. There will be a hot sit down lunch and we will have two guest speakers. You must register on the sheet in the foyer so we can have an idea of the number of people who intend to come. ✉ Craig Walsh & John Sweeny. *Please note there was an error in last week's bulletin. This is a retreat day for the Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes & Ministers at the Altar only*

Fr Joe's Holidays: Fr. Joe has arrived safely in India and after completing quarantine is able to visit with his sick mum and family. He extends his regards to the parish. Fr Joe will be back February 26th. Please keep him and his mother in your prayers. In his absence we thank Fr Ever for covering all weekday Masses and we welcome supply priests Fr Bong, Fr Dado & Fr Meng.

Legion of Mary: Welcome back to the Legion of Mary for 2022. Our new meetings times will commence on Wednesday 3 February at 11.00am and each Wednesday thereafter in PMR1. All are welcome to join.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED : Herminia Barazon, Maria Bugeja, Molly Hurley & all those who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES : Carmela and Gerald Sultana, George Attard, Gerald Barnes, Herminia & Estrella Bognot, Julia Geraldoz, Pura Alcantara, Anthony Peter, Issac D'Souza and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED : Tania Felice, John Nettare, Dennis Bryant, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Enrique Joves Sr., Gloria Joves, Nicanor Joves Sr., Natividad Borja, Rosalina Borjo, Margaret Donnelly, Bibiana Bru, Isidora Escobido & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK : Patricia Formosa, David Wakeling, Raymond Gale, Mel McSpadden and all who suffer from COVID-19.

Names submitted to the Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

NEXT WEEKS GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 6:17.20-26.

In this gospel we consider Luke's version of the Beatitudes which differ slightly from that of Matthew. **Matthew** has **eight beatitudes**; **Luke** has **four beatitudes** and **four woes**. Both have the same theme: a description of the kind of lives followers of Jesus will live if they trust in Jesus' revelation of God's love. It is important to note that the teaching of Jesus is addressed not just to his chosen disciples but also to "a great crowd of people" from both Jewish and non-Jewish regions. This is to say that the teaching is for everybody and not just the select few. The Beatitudes are not new standards of behaviour, not new obligations to be added to the Ten Commandments. Rather they express new insights into the potential for a special quality of life when one trusts in God. If we seek true happiness, then Jesus invites us to place our trust in God alone. It is not a special "vocation" but a way of life for all. The Beatitudes do however issue a fundamental challenge - where do we place our own happiness - wholly on earthly things - or on spiritual things - on things that bring short-term contentment - or on those that endure into eternity? In the Beatitudes Jesus teaches us the attitudes of a Christian.

Following Jesus begins in our heart and mind, and in our attitudes, and then flows over into our actions.

The source of true happiness is to love and be loved: the pure form of love we see in Jesus where we sacrifice ourselves for the benefit of others. When we experience His care and his love, it leads to faith which is the true foundation for love.

OUR GOSPEL REFLECTION AND QUESTIONS:

As Christians we have different priorities in different areas of life at different times. So, the question of selfless (poor) vs. selfish (rich) is not so clear cut.

However, you can choose to make changes in your life.

✚ Spend time with Jesus looking up at him on the cross contemplating his love for you. Find your happiness in Jesus, then you will be really happy and blessed.

✚ What can you do to become a little "poorer" and a little more "blessed," this coming week?

✚ When was the last time you did some good for someone else? *How did that make you feel?*

✚ How have you been involved in "social justice" activities? In what ways have they blessed you?

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Reconciliation

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will open on our [web-site](https://stnicholasofmyra.org.au/sacraments/#reconciliation), <https://stnicholasofmyra.org.au/sacraments/#reconciliation> on

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

and close on

Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 4.00pm

The website contains the requirements and commitments for parents and children and the dates of the Parent Information Evening, Commitment masses, Family sessions, Trivia / Movie afternoon and Reconciliation

To be eligible for First Reconciliation,

Children must be in Year 3 or above and must be baptised

BE PART OF THE TEAM!

Would you like to volunteer as part of the Sacramental Team? We are looking for parishioners who are passionate about the Sacraments of Initiation and who are great at facilitating groups. You would require a WWCC and ideally complete a Safeguarding course online. If this sounds like you please contact Rodney now.



All enquiries to Rodney Howard at
St Nicholas Parish
Ph:4721 2509

Building Safe Parishes Together in 2022

An Update from the Office for Safeguarding **An Invitation to Face – To – Face Training...**

We are excited to accept St Nicholas of Myra's invitation to present the Mandatory Safeguarding Training onsite in the Parish Hall. The dates for the 2022 face-to-face sessions are:

- Module 1 – Introduction to Safeguarding: Tuesday 15th March at 7.00pm (60 min)
- Module 2 – Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct: Tuesday 22nd March at 7.00pm (90 min)
- Module 3 – Safeguarding Adults at Risk: Tuesday 29th March at 7.00pm (90 min)

Volunteers across the Diocese are asked to participate in this training to ensure our parishes are inclusive and safe for children and adults at risk. We are very grateful for the commitment already demonstrated within the Parish by those who have completed the training via zoom and online during 2021.

Our participation is an expression of our personal commitment to living the values of the Gospel in this modern world. It is also an opportunity to show how we can combine our gifts and talents to ensure our parish is a faith-filled and welcoming community for all people.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have not already to register for the Face-to-Face Training sessions. Of course, you are most welcome to complete the training independently on our online training platform if you wish. You can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace.

If you do have any questions about the Safeguarding Training or you would like to be registered for the online modules please email me directly at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

I am looking forward to working with you all in ensuring that, together, we are building a safe parish for all our faith community.

Maria Kervin

PARISH ROSTER

ROSTER 12/13TH FEBRUARY 2022

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

[6.00 P.M.] Acolyte/MATA : J Hogan, R Howard
Altar Servers: Volunteers Needed
Reader: E Sicam **Comm. Rep :** I Bentham
Eucharist Ministers : E DeBono, J Fullerton
Music : Billy **AV :** Samara Dias

[7.00 A.M.] Acolyte/MATA E Sajonia, J Sweeney
Reader: C Bonus **Comm. Rep:** M Scicluna
Eucharist Ministers: R Bru, S Sweeney
Music : **AV:** B Rees

[8.30 A.M.] Acolyte/MATA J Simeon, G Isaaks
Altar Servers: G Peters
Reader : P Nematalla **Comm. Rep:** Volunteer needed
Eucharist Ministers : E Isaaks, O Nugpo
Music: J Mizzi **AV:** O Plucinski

[10.00 A.M.] Acolyte/MATA M Tolentino, R Wood
Altar Servers:
Reader : D Dawson **Comm. Rep:** Alan Johnson
Eucharist Ministers : A Alimangohan, C Gill
Music: AMDG Adult **AV:** Volunteer Needed

[6.00 P.M.] Acolyte/MATA M Guterriez, N Nepocumeno
Altar Servers: J Esteban
Reader: K Smith **Comm. Rep :** D Whalen
Eucharist Ministers : C D'Mello, K Wrightson
Music : C F C **AV :** S Shahoud

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COVID-19 SAFETY



- **Our Church doors are open for all regardless of vaccination status.**
- **Masks are mandatory**
- **Please check in with the QR Code and show proof of check in to the door volunteer.**
- **Please do not attend Mass if you have any signs of cold or flu symptoms. Our 10am Mass is live streamed on our Facebook page. Mass for You at Home airs on Channel 10 at 6am each Sunday, and also on Aurora (Foxtel Channel 173) at 10am. It can also be accessed on this [website](#) from 7am on Sunday.**
- **There will be no physical exchange of peace and singing by the congregation is discouraged.**
- **We are able to accommodate approximately 300 parishioners in the Church. From Mon 27 Dec please observe 1 person per 2sqm.**
- **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 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.**
- **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.**

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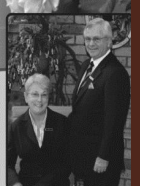
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