



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



15th Sunday of Ordinary Time — Year C  
9th / 10th July 2022

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid.

The parable is told in response to the question, 'And who is my neighbour?' Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognised the familiar story structure - things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbour, the lawyer cannot even say 'the Samaritan' - he says 'the one who took pity'.

The story concludes with the instruction, 'Go and do the same yourself'. The commandment is to act with compassion towards others - even those you may not like. The priority of compassion over the Law is a major theme of the gospel of Luke. It is often described as the gospel of compassion. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of 'patterned' behaviours and attitudes.



Jesus challenges the lawyer - and us - to 'Go and do the same'.

### Historical context - Priests and Levites

The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a

person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem - towards the Temple - to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their 'crime' was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.

### Scriptural context - The 'Rule of Three'

Jesus was a good storyteller. He used a lot of the 'tricks of the trade' of good storytellers. Using a rule of three remains a common device to help storytellers remember the story. (Think of the number of times fairy tales use this device.) In the rule of three, the third repetition of an event or action always holds the key. Jesus used this device to great effect in his parables because he invariably broke the rule! He used the rule to lull his audience into a predictable story and then turned things upside down by having the unexpected occur.

✍ Greg Sunter

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## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Adult Confirmation: 1 September

Adult Confirmation 2022 will be held on **1 September 2022 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral** with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on **Saturday 20 August at 9:30am at the Bede Heather Centre** (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or [anne.stanton@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org).

### Stella Maris Australia Sea Sunday: 10 July

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert Lawson**.

His funeral will be held on Tuesday 12th July at 12.00pm.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Wray** who entered into eternal life on 1st July.

His funeral will be held on Wednesday 13th July at 11.00am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Richard Baczelis**.

His funeral will be held on Thursday 14th July at 11.30am.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Richard Baczelis, Robert Lawson, John Wray, John Engle Brit Liao (Fr Ever's nephew) and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Fausta Da Costa, Hugh Keavy, Stephen and Neville Corbert, Ignacio Bendanio, Gloria Aviles, Chammy Micua, Anthony Chia, Francis Spillane, members of the McIlvenna & Dobranski family and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Donnelly, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Godfrey Gomez, Yvon Neveur, Enrique Esmayor, Ian Howitt, Michael Yabsley & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK:** Lisa Sperineck, Anne Maree Geagea, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Ashley Sawaya, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Cheryl Clark, John Sullivan, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Louise Goderie, Danielle Kazare, Georgia Sullivan, Sheryl Oszust, Ting Cecila, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Ursula Gomez, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, Raymond Gale, Mel McSpadden, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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**NO FOOD OR DRINK  
OTHER THAN WATER  
IS ALLOWED INSIDE  
OUR CHURCH AT ANY  
TIME.**

**Working Bee:** The Parish will be holding a Working Bee on Saturday 16th July from 9.30am — 11.00am. Jobs will include weeding and tidying of our gardens. Please bring gloves, digging implements etc. **Many hands make light work.** Your help will be most appreciated.

**Choir Leaders Meeting:** The Parish is inviting the leaders and 1 or 2 representatives of each of our Choir groups to a meeting on Friday 22nd July at 7.00pm in the parish office. to share your thoughts and reflections on our music ministry.

**Advertise in our Bulletin:** If you or someone you know would like to advertise in our bulletin please contact the Parish Office.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet has resumed:** Every 2nd Friday of the month after the 12.10 pm Mass.

**Legion of Mary:** Our meetings time is 11.00am each Wednesday in PMR1. All are welcome to join. For further enquiries on Legion of Mary email Edmund Bishara at [edmund.bishara@bigpond.com](mailto:edmund.bishara@bigpond.com)

**St Nicholas of Myra Prayer Group:** invites everyone to come and listen to God's reflection on the Sunday's liturgy every 2nd and last Tuesday of month at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

## THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

**St Benedict:** Born in Norcia (Italy) about 480, died at Monte Cassino about 547. After studying in Rome, he became a hermit at Subiaco, and then founded a monastery. He is remembered for his widely influential monastic rule, combining work and prayer.

**St Bonaventure:** Born in Bagnoregio (Italy) about 1218, died at Lyons (France) on 15th July 1274. Joined the Franciscans and eventually became minister general of the order. He is remembered as a teacher, for his extensive biblical & mystical writings, and for his holiness, gentleness and compassion.

## GOOD NEWS SHARING

Dear friends, the celebration of the Eucharist is not a private devotion but rather a communal gathering much like a family meal. The actual partaking of the food is referred to as "communion," a joining together of the members of the community, not only with our God but also with each other. The Gospel itself is Good News. Too many of us, because of all the bad news, forget to share the Good News! So as a parish family we will resume our 'Good News' sharing after the announcement. It is important to share all that is good in our life. People need to hear, see, and experience the Good News. People need our witness and conviction in a world filled with doubt and suspicion. They need to see our joy in a world filled with sadness and numbness. Following Jesus is living live abundantly! By sharing the good news, we in fact thank our Lord, who is author of all that is good. This good news can be your birthday or your friend's birthday, marriage anniversary, a new job, a newborn child, a healing experience, a special faith experience, etc...

Fr Joe Manjaly

## PARISH ROSTER 16th / 17th July

*If you are unable to attend Mass please find a replacement.*

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	J Buttigieg B Scott	L Perera A Perera	C Limjap	J Hogan	R De Bono A Linga	Volunteer Needed	T & M Perera
7.00am	E Sajonia R Sajonia		M Scicluna	C Bonus	R Bru L Davie		Volunteer Needed
8.30am	M Cobden C Walsh	M Tickner	O Plucinski	J Doman	H Wakeling P Wheller	J Mizzi	Tuckers
10.00am	J Tabone R Wood	M Johnson	P Samuelu	S Falleiro	C Vella J Vella	BNP Chapter	Rachael Wilson
6.00pm	S Aish R Esteban	J Esteban A Aish	D Whalen	K Smith	C D'Mello K Wrightson	Adrian Catt	Antonio

## CALENDAR

Monday 11/7	Tuesday 12/7	Wednesday 13/7	Thursday 14/7	Friday 15/7	Saturday 16/7	Sunday 17/6
<b>St Benedict Memorial</b>				<b>St Bonaventure Memorial</b>		<b>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.30pm BNP Mass	9.00am Mass & Adoration 9.30am Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass
	12.00pm Funeral Robert Lawson 7.00pm Prayer Group in Hall	11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 11.00am Funeral John Wray	11.30am Funeral Richard Baczelis 7.00pm SVDP Regional Mtg in PMR1	7.30pm Christian Life Program PMR1	9.30am—11.00am Working Bee	

## PLANNED GIVING

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

### **FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation**

BSB 067 950  
Acct No 00004265  
Acct Name Parramatta Diocesan Clergy  
Reference 6029 [SURNAME DONATION]

### **SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish**

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Acct No 00000487  
Acct Name Penrith St Nicholas Catholic  
Church  
Reference [ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]

### **Planned Giving Envelopes:**

Dear friends in Christ,  
The 2022/2023 Planned Giving envelopes period will commence on the weekend of 2/3 August. We thank all those who give so generously through the envelopes and we also thank the many parishioners who have taken up the option to give to the St. Nicholas of Myra, Parish Planned Giving via Credit/Debit Card payments or Direct Debit/ Credit. Over the last 2 ½ years we have had a number of Planned Giving envelopes issued with many of them not being collected.

If you have not collected your envelopes for this year but you wish to remain on the Planned Giving envelope system, please phone, or email the Parish office.

If we have not had any contact from you by the end of June no further envelopes will be issued and you will be removed from the Parish Planned Giving.

If you would like to alter your way of giving or join the Parish Planned Giving, please phone the Parish office to make arrangements.

### **Before Covid-19 the average weekly collections**

First collection: \$2400.00

2<sup>nd</sup> collection Loose: \$1800.00

2<sup>nd</sup> collection envelopes: \$2200.00

Direct debit and direct credit monthly: \$ 6500.00

### **Collections for 2nd/3rd July**

First collection: \$1000.00

2<sup>nd</sup> collection loose: \$1150.00

2<sup>nd</sup> collection envelopes: \$740.00

Tab & Go: \$230.00

Direct debit and direct credit monthly: \$4600.00



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