



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



16th Sunday of Ordinary Time — Year C
16th / 17th July 2022

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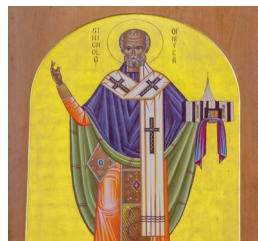
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality. This theme has featured in the gospel readings for the last couple of weeks. It is a theme that the writer returns to over and over again throughout the gospel to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people. Taken at a literal level, this week's gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus.

On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty – even in service of God – is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company.

When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is pre-

sent when we welcome a guest.

Scriptural Context

It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbour. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbour whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.

Have you thought? – Action vs Reflection

This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

✍ Greg Sunter

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SAFEGUARDING NEWS

All people who volunteer in our parish have to undertake Safeguarding Training which is **mandatory** and is valid for 2 years. If you have not completed this training you can complete it online, at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

On this platform you are able to register yourself and choose the Safeguarding Modules that are relevant to you.

The three mandatory modules (tagged gold) are:

- ⇒ Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards
- ⇒ Legal Compliance and Safeguarding: Risk of Significant Harm and Reportable Conduct
- ⇒ Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

Those with coordinator and leadership roles within the parish are also asked to complete two elective modules. You will find these Leadership Elective Modules (tagged blue) on the platform.

New users are invited to 'sign up' onto the platform using their unique email address, identifying their parish and naming their role in the parish. Once logged into the platform, click on the 'Modules' link to locate the mandatory compliance modules as well as the elective modules. Click on 'Enrol' to begin each module.

The Parish has a list of volunteers who have completed or partial completed the training, if you need assist or to check your status please call Rodney on 47212509.

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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

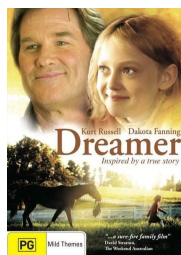
RECENTLY DECEASED: Michelina Barbara, Tony and Peter Harkin, Elena Allison and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Fausta Da Costa, Luis Limjap, Anne Tucker, Shane Eric Jordan, Bill Hawkins, Lolita F Declaro, Patricia Dickson, Jean Culhane, Paul & Gino Vassallo, Henry Nyss, Olga Moniz and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Donnelly, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Netter, Sam Chetcuti, Reno Camilleri, Ian Howitt, Enrique & Camila Esmayor, Celina Moronha, members of the Camilleri, Baiada, Moriera, Pace, Cordina & Moroney families & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Norm Heffernan, Robin Harkin, 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

ST NICK'S FLICKS MOVIE NIGHT



His daughter has a dream and he's going to help her live it.

Ben Crane is the most talented horseman in the industry, but his career ends the day prized horse, Sonya, breaks her leg. She is considered as good as dead by her owner, Ben's boss, so along with his walking papers, Ben is given Sonya as severance pay. A bleak future awaits both Ben and his maimed horse

... that's until his daughter, Cale, asks the impossible of her father to rescue and rehabilitate Sonya, so she can race again. Kurt Russell, Dakota Fanning, Elisabeth Shue, Kris Kristofferson and David Morse star in this uplifting and heart-warming story inspired by a true story of a little girl's dream, a father's undying love and the miracle that saved them both.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Acolytes & Ministers at the Altar: The parish is inviting all acolytes and ministers at the altar to a social gathering on 11th September commencing at 11.30am. Please place in your diaries.

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

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 23rd / 24th July

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	R Howard R Limjap	J Joseph	C Bonus	M Prendeville	D Scott L Scully	Heart & Soul	J Linga
7.00am	A Ruzgas J French		Y Bacchan	S Paterson	E Sajonia R Sajonia		B Rees
8.30am	C Nepomuceno M Tolentino	G Borg	P Nematalla	R Walsh	K Pemberton C Wright	J Mizzi	O Plucinski
10.00am	J Relunia J Tabone	S Dias A Joseph	D Dawson	M Varua	M Nyss P Samuelu	Br David & Choir	S Clarke
6.00pm	N Nepomuceno R Esteban	J Esteban A Aish	N Joseph	D Whalen	M Gutierrez D Streher	Volunteer needed	S Shahoud

CALENDAR

Monday 18/7	Tuesday 19/7	Wednesday 20/7	Thursday 21/7	Friday 22/7	Saturday 23/7	Sunday 24/7
				St Mary Magdalene Feast		17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Newmarch House	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass The Royce	6.45am Mass 12.10pm 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
	6.00pm Viewing and Vigil for Elena Allison	10.00am — 2.30pm Clergy Conference 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1		7.00pm Choir Leaders Meeting 7.30pm Christian Life Program PMR1		

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

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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

2nd collection Loose: \$1800.00

2nd collection envelopes: \$2200.00

Direct debit and direct credit monthly: \$ 6500.00

Collections for June (average weekly collection)

First collection: \$1800.00

2nd collection loose: \$1600.00

2nd collection envelopes: \$1200.00

Tab & Go: \$400

Direct debit and direct credit monthly: \$4600.00

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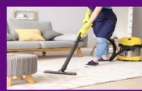
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