



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



18th Sunday of Ordinary Time — Year C
30th / 31st July 2022

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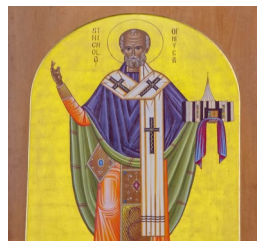
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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings of Peace and Joy!

Last week, more than 20 choir group leaders and representatives had a meeting which started with prayer and reflection. During our reflection we shared the differences between 'choir and "church choir"'. There were quite a few thoughts, but the most outstanding difference that stood out in our sharing was that 'the choir' normally exists for music and performances. But the "church choir" exists to lead people through religious celebrations, and to help people praise and adore God'.

As a faith community we gather every Sunday around the altar of the Lord to offer our lives, its pains, and sorrows. We participate in Jesus' Life, Passion, Death, and Resurrection through the celebration of the Eucharist. We can't do this meaningfully without actively participating.

The "church choir" help us to enter fully into this celebration. They take hours and hours to prepare and practice the hymns, so that they can lead the congregation to praise and adore God in the Eucharist. But most times we do not take part in singing hymns or prayers.

Pope Francis at the Third International Meeting of Choirs said that the duty of the "church choir" is to "help community sing, not to replace its voice".

During our meeting we discussed what can be done to encourage our community to participate in singing hymns and prayers.



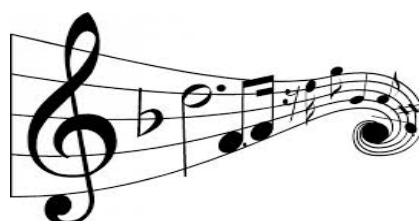
The few important thoughts from the meeting are as follows:

1. The choir group will often remind parishioners to sing with them.
2. They will endeavour to sing and introduce new and old hymns before the Mass to the community so that all become familiar with the hymns and so will sing and participate during the Mass
3. The community is also encouraged to actively participate by singing in the parts of the Mass that they are already familiar such as – Glory to God in the Highest, Holy, Holy, Lamb of God.

I think everyone needs to join in praising and adoring God. Pope Francis at the International Meeting of Choirs said, "Music can help make the Gospel efficacious in today's world, through a beauty that still captivates and makes it possible to believe, entrusting ourselves to the love of the

Father."

God bless you all!
Fr. Joe Manjaly



PARISH NOTICES



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



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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH
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MENDATION , WE
STRONGLY ENCOURAGE
YOU TO WEAR A FACE
MASK IN OUR CHURCH.**



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**IF YOU WISH TO PLACE
ANY MATERIAL / PAM-
PHLETS OR OBJECTS IN
THE CHURCH FOYER OR
ON NOTICE BOARDS,
PLEASE SEE THE PARISH
OFFICE FOR PERMISSION
FIRST. ALL UNAUTHOR-
ISED MATERIAL WILL BE
REMOVED.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation open on our website on Wednesday 3rd August. All the dates for the program are available on our website now.

To be eligible for Confirmation the child must be in Year 5 or above and have received Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bernice Bratchford, Joe (Peppi) Xiberras and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Fausta Da Costa, Olga Moniz, Lolita F Declaro, Paul & Gino Vassallo, Tess & Eddie Evangelista, Evelyn & Claude Fernandez, Joseph D'Costa, Mauro Mariano, Charlie & dois Schembri and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Donnelly, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettare, Mary, Joseph, Bill and Charlie Spiteri & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Melisa Maisseeh, Lou Doyle, Charlie Camenzuli, Norm Heffernan, Robin Harkin, Lisa Sperineck, Anne Maree Geagea, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Ashley Sawaya, Antonio Malicdem, Janet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Cheryl Clark, John Sullivan, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Louise Goderie, Danielle Kazare, Georgia Sullivan, Sheryl Oszust, Ting Cecilia, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Ursula Gomez, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, Mel McSpadden, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19

Lost and Found: A Flybuys card has been handed into the office. If you have lost a card, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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

Reminder 6th August 1st Sat Novena and Mass (Our Lady of Penafrancia) at 11:00 am Fr Joe Manjaly and Fr Mike Gimena, a devotee of Our Lady of Penafrancia will be celebrating the mass at 11:30 am with novena at 11:00 am.. There will be blessings of the August birthday celebrants and those celebrating their wedding anniversaries in August. There will be a blessing of the sick using the Manto (Dress) Of Our Lady of Penafrancia. After mass, there will be fellowship. Everyone is invited. Viva La Virgen.



We wish Mary Goh, our admin assistant, a very happy birthday for the 29th July.

We wish Lyn Olander a very happy 70th birthday for the 30th July.

We wish Marie Jifking a very happy birthday for 4th August.

CATECHISTS REQUIRED

Can you spare an hour a week to be a scripture teacher in public primary schools?

If so, please contact Margaret Wilson at

catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or phone the Parish 4721 2509.

This voluntary teaching in our parish assists the spreading of the Word of God to the children. Mentoring and training will be provided.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



The parish will be training new altar servers to serve at the altar. The training will be held on August 17th, 24th and 31st at 4 pm in the Church. Parents and grandparents, please encourage and support your children to become altar servers especially if they finished their First Holy Communion this year.

Please call the parish office to register your child.

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 life 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 6th/7th August

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	J Buttigieg D Wheelahan	L Perera A Perera	C Limjap	J Doman	A Calub N Calub	AMDG Youth	T & M Perera
7.00am	J Sweeney A Ruzgas		C Bonus	Y Baccan	R Bru L Davie		Brain Rees
8.30am	J Jordan C Walsh	G Borg	O Plucinski	R Walsh	B Brainwood U Gomez	Jeffery Mizzi	Volunteer Needed
10.00am	J Relunia R Wood	S Dias	Alan Johnson	S Falleiro	A Alimangohan C Gillaus	Jane Chifley	Rachael Wilson
6.00pm	S Aish J Simeon	A Aish	N Joseph	C D'Mello	L D'Lima D Streher	BNP Youth	Marve

CALENDAR

Monday 1/8	Tuesday 2/8	Wednesday 3/8	Thursday 4/8	Friday 5/8	Saturday 6/8	Sunday 7/8
St Alphonsus Liguori Memorial		St Dominic Memorial	St John Vianney Memorial		The Transfiguration of the Lord Feast	19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass 2.00pm Mass Governor Phillip 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.00 am Mass St Mary Mackillop 9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 10.00am Mass Mountainview 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Healing Mass & Adoration 9.30am Reconciliation 11.00am Novena Mass for Our Lady of Penafrancia 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass
		10.30am Funeral John Cleverly 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1		7.30pm CFC Christian Life Program		

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

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SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish

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Reference **[ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]**



Planned Giving Envelopes:

The 2022/2023 Planned Giving envelopes are available, please collect from the Church Foyer.

Dear friends in Christ,

The 2022/2023 Planned Giving envelopes period will commence on the weekend of 6/7 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. 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 July (average weekly collection)

First collection: \$1300.00

2nd collection loose: \$1500.00

2nd collection envelopes: \$1200.00

Tab & Go: \$400

Direct debit and direct credit monthly: \$4600.00

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