



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



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10th / 11th September 2022

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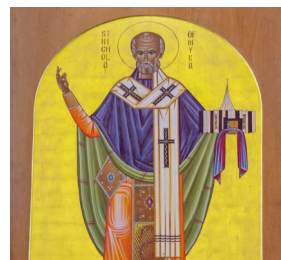
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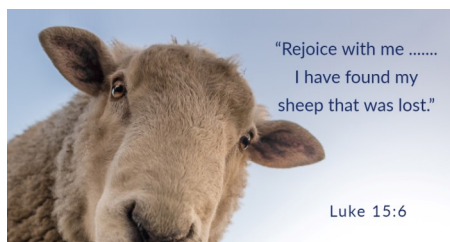
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The gospel passage begins with an accusation that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. This is the gravest social accusation one could level at another because who you ate with was a reflection of your own status. To welcome sinners and to eat with them was to effectively become one of them yourself. In response to this accusation, rather than mounting an argument, the gospel writer has Jesus tell three parables about the lost being found. The answer to the accusation is that those dismissed as 'sinners' are the 'lost' who will be celebrated with extravagant rejoicing when they have been 'found' again through their acceptance of the message of Jesus.

The parable of the lost son is usually taken in isolation and rarely is heard in the full context of the three parables of the lost being found. We need all three to recognise the ridiculous nature of the celebration of the forgiving father's actions. All three parables display great folly. What shepherd would leave 99 of his sheep in the wilderness to go in search of just one? Similarly what woman is going to reveal to her friends how poverty-stricken she really is by inviting them to rejoice with her at the finding of one lost drachma – the least valuable of coins. When we come to the father rejoicing at his son's return, this too would have seemed a ridiculous folly. Because of his actions, the son completely shamed himself and his father. The father's expected and justified response would have been to turn his back on his son and banish him forever. To welcome him back would have been unthinkable to Jesus' audience. In an echo of God's ridiculous and un-



"Rejoice with me
I have found my
sheep that was lost."

Luke 15:6

bounded loving forgiveness, the father welcomes his son with open arms and reclaims him as his own.

Historical Context – Scandal at the dinner table

The accusation that Jesus eats with sinners would have been considered incredibly insulting and defamatory. In that time, dining was as much a political act as it was a social one.

Breaking bread together had incredible significance. To break bread or share a meal with someone was to acknowledge them as a person and to in some way become one with them. So to eat with sinners was to also become one with them – to become a sinner yourself. For Jesus to deliberately seek out opportunities to dine with sinners was scandalous behaviour. It challenged one of the basic social principles.

Scriptural context – Parables of the lost

The three parables that appear in Luke 15 are unique to the gospel of Luke – none of the other gospels use these parables. They are used by the gospel writer to further highlight a theme that runs throughout this gospel: the release and acceptance of those who are oppressed and afflicted. It stems from the declaration of Jesus' mission in Ch 4 when he reads from the scroll of Isaiah. More than any other gospel, this one portrays Jesus as having a special care and compassion for those who have been rejected by society.

✍ Greg Sunter

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PARISH NEWS

Thank you: A very special thank you to Robyn Sawtell for her many years of service to our Church especially the Banner Committee. She has been the master mind of many of our beautiful banners. We wish her all the best for future as she moves to Port Macquarie.



Thank you: A very big thank you to CFC Nepean Blue Mountains for the wonderful Father's Day breakfast last weekend and to our parishioners who supported the event. They raised \$1700 for the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal.

Thank you: to everyone who contributed to the Bishop's Father's day appeal either through the envelopes, credit card or

at the website. If you still wish to donate you can use the envelopes at the Church doors and place in any collection or go to parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

Catholic Outlook: The Spring addition of Catholic Outlook is available in the foyer and the carpark door of the Church.

Altar Servers: Over the past 4 weeks a new group of altar servers have been trained by Dennis Wellfare and Marie Prendeville. They will be commissioned at the Vigil Mass next Saturday. We extend our grateful thanks to Dennis and Marie for giving up their time to train them.



FR JOE'S HOLIDAYS

Fr Joe will be taking holidays from 19th September to 6th October to visit his sick mum in India. Please keep him and his mum in your prayers

CAKE SALE

There will be a cake sale from BNP group after all masses this Sunday with all proceeds being used for the ongoing running costs of our parish community.

DIOCESAN AWARDS

On the 8th of August two of our parishioners were acknowledged for their volunteer service to our Church by being presented with the Diocesan Service award by the Bishop.

We congratulate Norman Heffernan and Juan Caceres on their awards. We will recognise both these recipients at this weekend's masses, Norman at the Vigil mass on Saturday and Juan at the 10.00am mass on Sunday.



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Philippa Borg, Jenny Grady, Frank Formosa, Eleu, Jack Patrick Reddan, Vittorio Maiorana and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Wayne, McIlvenna, John Xiberas, Noah & Sophia Attard, Lucia Newell, Sr Betty Bourke, Boleslaw Gwiazda, Mira Jakob and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Donnoley, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, George Attard and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: John Vella, John Wakeling, Michael Vella, Trevor Rowe, Alice, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Charlie Camenzuli, 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, Danielle Kazare, Georgia Sullivan, Sheryl Ozust, Ting Cecila, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, Mel McSpadden, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19

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 17th / 18th SEPTEMBER

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	R Howard R Limjap	L Perera A Perera	C Limjap	N Perera	K Pemberton L Scully	AMEN Choir	T & M Perera
7.00am	E Sajonia J Sweeney		Y Baccan	M Scicluna	R Sajonia S Sweeney		Vernon
8.30am	M Cobden R Wood	G Borg	C Wright	R Walsh	B Brainwood P Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	O Plucinski
10.00am	J Relunia J Jordan	S Dias	M Varua	D Conejar	A Alimangohan M Knox	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	S Aish N Nepocumeno	J Joseph A Aish	K Smith	D Whalen	C D'Mello D Streher	Adrian Catt	Volunteer Needed

CALENDAR

Monday 12/9	Tuesday 13/9 St John Chrysostom Memorial	Wednesday 14/9 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast	Thursday 15/9 Our Lady of Sorrows Memorial	Friday 16/9 Sts Cornelius & Cyprian Memorial	Saturday 17/9 NO 9.00am Mass or Recon- ciliation	Sunday 18/9 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Prayer group Hall	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 11.00am Funeral Philippa Borg 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass the Royce	6.45am Mass 10.00am Funeral Frank Formosa 12.10pm Mass 7.30pm BNP Mass	9.30am Rosary followed Mass Feast of our Lady of Penafrancia 4.30pm Confirmation Family Session 3 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 8.30am Confirmation Family Session 3 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

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DIOCESAN NEWS

What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?

As God's stewards, we're entrusted to use the gifts we are given wisely for the greater good of our family, our faith community and God's kingdom. A gift in your Will is an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessings beyond your lifetime. During *Include A Charity Week*, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider a gift in your Will to our Parish, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, the Clergy Support Foundation or one of our Diocesan Catholic ministries. Even the most modest gift will significantly advance our Church's works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. **For information on remembering the Church in your Will: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinWills**

Glenmore Park Parish St Padre Pio Feast Day Celebrations

Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for their parochial feast of St. Padre Pio. The parish will be holding a Triduum Novena and Mass to St Padre Pio from 22 – 24 September. On 25 September at 10am, there will be a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Solemn Feast Mass, Blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio and other festivities. For enquiries, please call the parish office on (02) 4789 2232 or email glenmore-park@parracatholic.org.

OUR LADY OF PENAFRANCIA

Let Us Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia (17th Sept) and Our Lady of La Salette (19th Sept) this Saturday.

The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia and Our Lady of La Salette this Saturday 17th Sept will start with the Rosary at 9.30am followed by a solemn mass at 10:00 am at St Nicholas of Myra Church. Very Reverend Peter Williams Vicar General of Diocese of Parramatta will be the main celebrant.

After the mass, please join us at 12:15 pm to watch the 30 minute fluvial procession on the Nepean River along the riverbanks from the Factory Rd Reserve.

After the fluvial procession, please join us for free lunch, program and entertainment at the Factory Rd Reserve.

Hope you can join us

Viva La Virgen



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FAMILY SESSION 2

Saturday 10th September 4.30pm followed by 6.00pm mass

Sunday 11th September 8.30am followed by 10.00am mass

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr. Joe's 2nd Holy Land & Jordan Pilgrimage together with La Salette Holy Mountain will be taking place next year in the middle of November 2023. This trip will give you a unique, unforgettable, and most memorable experience of your life. More information will come shortly. If you are interested please register at joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au




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