



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time — Year C
17th / 18th September 2022

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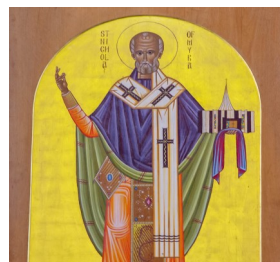
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

Gospel Focus – Using money

Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that

no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.



✍ Greg Sunter

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Parish Office Closed

Thursday 22nd September

Carpark Closure

From 7.00pm Monday 19th September to
6.00pm Friday 23rd September.

All Masses will still be held at their normal time.

PARISH NEWS

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 this Saturday. We extend our grateful thanks to Dennis and Marie for giving up their time to train them.



Thank You: A big thank to BNP group for organising and running the cake sale last weekend. Thank you all the parishioners who purchased the cakes, we raised \$1590 for the ongoing running expenses of the parish.

Acolytes & Audio Visual Operators: We are looking for Acolytes and Audio Visual operators to assist at funerals held in our Church. If you are able to assist please contact the parish office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



FAMILY SESSION 3

Saturday 17th September 4.30pm followed by 6.00pm mass

Sunday 18th September 8.30am followed by 10.00am mass

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.

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 **Vittorio Maiorana** who will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

His funeral will be held on Thursday 22nd September at 1.30pm.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jenny Grady, Frank Formosa, Vittorio Maiorana, Patricia Doyle, Queen Elizabeth II and Bonnie Buesel and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: John Xiberras, Noah & Sophia Attard, Nelida Laygan Posa, George Nematalla, Neville Isaaks, John Polle Chira, Soby Sakaria, Valsamma John, Mercedes Ragaza, Pura Alcantara, Evaristo Ragusa and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Donnelly, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettare, members of the Camilleri, Baiada, Gatt, Maronby, Micieca & Pace families and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Michael Vella, Trevor Rowe, John Vella, John Wakeling, 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 Oszust, Ting Cecilia, 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

MY LOVING FAREWELL—FR EVER

I came to your vibrant parish on 1st of November 2021. Now, it is time for me to say goodbye, as I am soon to leave sometime in the 2nd half of October this year. Truly, I wish that I could stay longer as I am learning to love and enjoy being with you and serving this community. Yet I have sometimes to comply with regarding my status as a priest. I am called to move to the Blacktown Parish of Mary, Queen of the Family to stay in a MSP (Mission Society of the Philippines) community with my confrere who is our Regional Superior as part of my integration to MSP.

Be assured of my prayers as I deeply treasure in my heart the experiences and the memories we have built together for a most graceful short time. Please pray for me too.

May God of abundance continue to afford us His special blessings as I lovingly express my gratitude to Fr Joe, Fr PJ and Deacon Willy, the parish staff, Pastoral Council and various ministries and each one of you who have become part of who I am, for your generous and big heart to embrace me to be part of the parish family.

Fr Ever

ST NICK'S FLICKS MOVIE NIGHT

Come and join us on Friday 30th September at 7.00pm when we will be showing the film "The Way".



"The Way" is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. [Martin Sheen](#) plays Tom, an American doctor who comes to St. Jean Pied de Port, France to collect the remains of his adult son (played by [Emilio Estevez](#)), killed in the Pyrenees in a storm while walking the Camino de Santiago, also known as The Way of Saint James.

MONTH OF ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to praying the Rosary.

During October we invite you all to come 30 minutes before every mass to pray the Rosary as a Parish community.



PARISH ROSTER 24th / 25th 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	J Simeon B Scott		N Perera	C Limjap	N Caleb D Scott	Heart & Soul	Josephine Linga
7.00am	J Sweeney R Ruzgas		M Scicluna	S Paterson	L Davie S Sweeney		Brian Rees
8.30am	M Tolentino C Walsh	G Peters	R Walsh	P Nematalla	O Nugpo C Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	J Relunia J Tabone	M Johnson	A Alimangohan	N Joseph	C Gillaus A Kosman	Br David & Choir	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	R Esteban C Clark	J Esteban	D Whalen	C D'Mello	D Streher K Wrightson	Adrian Catt	Jedd Kosman

CALENDAR

Monday 19/9	Tuesday 20/9 Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions Memorial	Wednesday 21/9 St Matthew Feast	Thursday 22/9	Friday 23/9 St Pius of Pietrelcina Memorial	Saturday 24/9	Sunday 25/9 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
			Parish Office Closed			
	CARPARK CLOSED					
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30 Mass Newmarch	9.30am Mass 10.30 Mass Summit Care 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Thornton Park 1.30pm Funeral Vittorio Maiorana	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Mass & Adoration 9.30am Reconciliation 3.00pm Confirmation catch up session 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

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DIOCESAN NEWS

MET Worship Formation for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying: 22 October

MET – Worship will be hosting a formation session for those already active in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying on Saturday 22 October from 9.30am – 3pm at the Bishop

Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The formation day includes a reflection on the Spirituality of Suffering, Working within Safeguarding Guidelines and the Practicalities of this ministry. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org

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.

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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