



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time — Year C
24th / 25th September 2022
World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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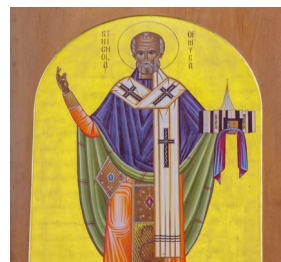
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

Gospel Focus – Rising from the dead

At the end of the passage, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great

prophets throughout time, then 'they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'. This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel – some 50+ years after Jesus – most of the Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

Living the Gospel – Paying attention

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.



Scriptural context – Gates

The poor man, Lazarus, is described as sitting at the gate of the rich man. We have a picture of Lazarus sitting on the outside looking in at all that he cannot have. Gates are used both literally and metaphorically throughout the gospel of Luke. In the cities and towns of Palestine, gates marked a physical barrier between those who were 'in' and those who were 'out'. But they also marked the boundaries of society. Those who were permitted to sleep within the walls were the acceptable of society. Those who were shut outside the gates and outside the city of an evening were the unacceptable.

✍ Greg Sunter

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PARISH NEWS

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.

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.

Carpark: The repairs to the carpark were completed last week, we thank you for your cooperation with the closure of the carpark during this time.



WELCOME



We welcome the following children to our community who were baptised with water in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit during August.

Mary Taggart, Eli Bacon, Lilliana Borsato, Sophie Debrincat, Elise Pirota, Harlow Smith, Avayah Smith, Ariana Turner, Noah De Paz, Zia Macarubbo, Kaia Kriss, Jordan Oliveux, Marli O'Brien, Aidan Day, Adrian Militano, Violet Hackenberg, Andreas Mitchell, Briella Middleton Riley Johnson.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jenny Grady and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: John Xiberras, May Gale, Godfrey Gomez, Nelida Laygan Posa, George Nematalla, Neville Isaaks, Mercedes Ragaza, Pura Alcantara, Mrs M P Thresia, members of the McIlvenna family and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

SICK: Phil Thatcher, Michael Vella, Brian Scott, Stanley Mascarenhas, 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, John Sullivan, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Georgia Sullivan, Sheryl Oszust, 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.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

If you are a volunteer in our parish and have not completed your safeguarding training the diocese is offering opportunities for you to complete.

If you are not sure of your status in relation to this training please contact the Parish office to clarify.

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training this spring.

- Full-day training session on Monday 17 October from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown
- Weekly training sessions on Monday 24 and 31 October and Monday 7 November from 10am to 11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.
- Full-day training session on Saturday 29 October from 10am to 3pm at St Matthew's Parish, Windsor.

To register for one of these options, please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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 1st / 2nd October

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 Limjap D Wellfare	L Perera A Perera	D Conejar	J Doman	A Calub N Calub	AMDG Youth	T & M Perera
7.00am	J French D Wiggins		C Bonus	Y Bacchan	R Bru L Davie		Volunteer Needed
8.30am	E Sajonia R Sajonia	M Tickner	C Wright	O Plucinski	M Nyss H Wakeling	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	R Wood J Tabone	A Joseph	Alan Johnson	S Falleiro	C Vella J Vella	Jane Chifley	Rachael Wilson
6.00pm	C Nepocumeno N Nepocumeno	E Moniz	K Smith	N Joseph	L D'Lima K Wrightson	BNP Youth	Marve

CALENDAR

Monday 26/9	Tuesday 27/9 St Vincent de Paul Memorial	Wednesday 28/9	Thursday 29/9 Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Feast	Friday 30/9 St Jerome Memorial	Saturday 1/10 St Therese of the Child Jesus Memorial	Sunday 2/10 27th 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 7.00pm Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm St Nick's Flicks Movie Night	9.00am Healing Mass & Adoration 9.30am Reconciliation 10.30am 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

PLANNED GIVING

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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

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees": 25 September

The Diocese of Parramatta's "Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" Team invites you to a family friendly event on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sunday 25 September in Blacktown. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm by Bishop Vincent Long at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown, followed by an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Please register at www.shorturl.at/ahxyZ or call 0476 873 519.

The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org and register their expression of interest. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@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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