




St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



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8th / 9th October 2022

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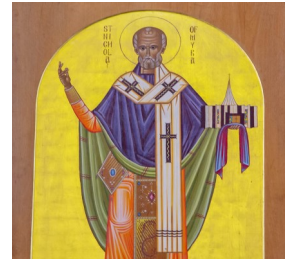
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel is one of the stories unique to the gospel of Luke. At the same time, it is a commonly known story that is often cited to demonstrate the value of saying thank you. However, as usual, there's more to this story than initially meets the eye. One of the recurrent themes of the gospel is at play here: the message of salvation that Jesus brings is available to all, not just the Jews.

The first reading is an interesting link with the gospel of Luke. In chapter 4 of the gospel, when Jesus visits Nazareth and preaches in the synagogue, he later tells a story about the prophets Elijah and Elisha responding to the needs of Gentiles rather than Jews. He tells the story to make the point that the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews. The incident involving Elisha that Jesus refers to in chapter 4 is the one we hear in today's first reading.

Whilst both the first reading and the gospel tell stories about the healing of those with skin diseases, the common factor is actually about their expressions of gratitude and conversion of heart. In the gospel, all ten men are healed but it is only the stranger; the foreigner; the Samaritan, who comes back to give thanks and to praise God. The others – Jewish men, presumably – are only concerned about themselves and have no time to acknowledge the graciousness of God that they have experienced. The gospel writer has Jesus emphasise the point that it is the Samaritan – the outsider – who has recognised God's activity in his cure and come back to give praise and thanks. It is only he who has experienced the change of heart; the conversion of faith.



Have you thought? – On the Borders

When Jesus encounters the ten men, he is travelling along the border between Galilee and Samaria. The level of distrust between the Jews of Galilee and the Samaritans were deep and abiding. The land that fell between the two countries

was sparsely populated and mostly barren. That Jesus should encounter the men in this environment is not surprising for these men literally and metaphorically were at the border of society. Not welcome in any town, the men roamed the very edges of society. They lived their whole lives on the borderline – welcome nowhere and belonging nowhere.

Gospel Focus – Where are they?

"The other nine, where are they?" asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these

men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

✉ Greg Sunter

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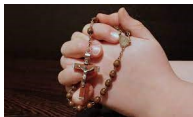
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PARISH NEWS

Farewell Mass for Fr Ever: We will have an opportunity to thank him for his ministry in our parish on **Sunday the 16th of October at the 10 am Mass** followed by morning tea in the hall. There will be a collection at the doors of the Church after each mass that weekend for a gift from the parish.

Thank you: Fr Joe returned late on Thursday night and would like to thank you all for your prayers for his family, especially his mother who has early stage dementia.

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.



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

Altar Society: New rosters for cleaning of the Church are available in the sacristy.

Acolytes, Minister at the Altar: There is a meeting on Saturday 22nd of October at 7.30am in PMR1 for all Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar, breakfast will be served. Please reply to John Sweeney at jps1244@bigpond.net.au regarding your attendance.

Deanery Meeting: The Western Deanery meeting will take place in our Parish on Tuesday 11th October. Fr Joe and Fr Ever will both be attending.

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 Tomislav Kolega
His funeral will be held on Thursday 13th October at 11.00am
He will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Theresa Duncan, Jenny Grady, Tomislav Kolega, Elsa Howell and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: John Xiberras, Nelida Laygan Posa, Diosdada De LaCruz, Patrick Gale, Ricardo Guballa, Edward Harrison and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Donnelly, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Netter, Aproniano Estaque, Godfrey Gomez, Canelina Frias, Miguel Dias 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



CONFIRMATION PRACTICE AFTERNOON

Tuesday 11th October 5.00pm to 6.30pm

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION for Confirmation candidates

Thursday 13th October at 7.00pm

WELCOME

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

Emma Rose Clancy, Arlo Davis, Frankie Cohen, Haisley & Kyren Elson, Emily Lapidario, Zara Tuituú, Jacob Walkerdan, Clayton Wade, Alessia Sultana, Faith Mifsud, Christopher Flitcroft, Blair Bunce, Riley & William Duncan, Arlo & Flynn Clancy, Zara Elliott.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulation to Denis and Grace Wiggin who celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on Friday 7th of October. May God continue to bless them and we thank Denis for all he does

for our Church.

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.

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

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH ROSTER 15th / 16th 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	J Buttigieg D Wheelahan	L Perera A Perera	S Perera	E Sicam	J Fullerton A Linga	AMEN Choir	T & M Perera
7.00am	R Sajonia D Wiggins		Y Baccan	C Bonus	R Bru L Davie		Vernon
8.30am	M Cobden R Wood	G Peters	P Nematalla	C Wright	U Gomez P Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Olivia Plucinski
10.00am	J Tabone M Tolentino	S Dias	D Dawson	L Alimangohan	C Gillaus M Knox	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	L Moniz J Simeon	J Joseph	D Whalen	C D'Mello	L D'Lima D Streher	CFC	Volunteer Needed

CALENDAR

Monday 10/10	Tuesday 11/10	Wednesday 12/10	Thursday 13/10	Friday 14/10	Saturday 15/10 St Teresa of Jesus	Sunday 16/10 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass 7.00pm Baptism Preparation	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am— 3.00pm Deanery Meeting at SNOM 5.00pm—6.30pm Confirmation Practice 7.00pm Prayer Group meeting 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 11.00am Funeral Tomislav Kolega 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Adoration	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

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

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

MET Worship Sacramental Teams Thanksgiving Mass: 28 October

The Worship - Mission Enhancement Team are inviting all Sacramental Teams, RCIA Teams, facilitators and volunteers to a Thanksgiving and Appreciation Mass on Friday 28 October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, at 7.30pm. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with one another and to be acknowledge for your work. To RSVP for catering purposes,

please contact the Worship team on (02) 8838 3456 or email mary.gale@parracatholic.org

MET Worship Formation for Ministers at the Altar: 12 November

The Worship – Mission Enhancement Team are organising an Ongoing Formation Day for Ministers at the Altar, Adult servers and Acolytes on Saturday 12 November at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 9.30am to 3pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. To register, please contact the Worship team on (02) 8838 3456 or email mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Glenbrook Parish Memorable Melodies Concert: 23 October

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a memorable melodies concert for voice, violin and organ on Saturday 23 October at 2pm in the parish church. The concert will feature Rebecca Daniel (violin/soprano) and Michael Taylor (organ). Entry is \$15 adults or \$10 concession. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or email glenbrook@parracatholic.org

LIFTED Live in the Forecourt is back for 2022!

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on 22 October from 7pm to 10pm for LIFTED Live. Encounter the vibrancy and dynamism of young people of our Church. Live performances, games, activities, art exhibition, and adoration. Share your gifts and talent with our Diocesan community by visiting www.parracatholic.org/liftedeoi. If you have questions? Email qwayne.guevara@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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