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THE NAMES OF OUR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE EN-**TERED INTO ETERNAL LIFE NOVEMBER 2021 — OCTOBER 2022**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



Estelita Alminaza **Richard Baczelis** Vickie Balic Gloria Barrett **Barry Blanchard** Salvatore Bombardiere **Filippa Borg** William Byrne Charlie Camenzuli Joseph Camenzuli **Cheryl Camilleri Josephine Carey** Anthony Caruana

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DIOCESAN NEWS

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 <u>www.parrawyd.org</u> and register their expression of interest. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head

Mission Engagement – <u>james.camden@parracatholic.org</u> **Registrations for pilgrims open 11th November 2022.**

MET Event

Registrations are STILL OPEN for next week TUESDAY 15 NOV: ADVENT SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT with Dr Michele Connolly rsj INVITE others and <u>SIGN UP</u> now! Venue: 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, off Flushcombe Road

(Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre)

Glenbrook Parish Advent Concert: 27 November

You are invited to St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook's Advent Concert, as part of their 'Music for the Soul' series on Sunday 27 November at 3pm in the Parish Church. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or email <u>secretary@stfinbars.org.au</u>

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at https:// officeforworship.org.au/



We wish Margaret Edmunds a very happy 80th birthday for the 13th of November.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: All who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Gaspar Meloren, Bienvenida Saniel, Sylvia Vassallo, Margaret Donnolley and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Godfrey Gomez and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Billy Downes, Sue Wheelahan, Heather Whitborn, Phil Thatcher, Michael Vella, Stanley Mascarenhas, Trevor Rowe, John Vella, John Wakeling, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.

Historical Context - Expectation

Hollywood has done very well out of movies about the end of the world and the term 'apocalypse' has come to have this meaning. However, 'apocalypse' comes from the Greek word meaning, 'to lift a veil' or 'to reveal'. The apocalypse is not the end of the world, but rather the revelation that will come at the end of the world. Writings such as today's gospel passage about what will happen at the end of the world and how God will be revealed are described in the Christian tradition as 'apocalyptic writing'. The most famous of these writings is the book of Revelation.



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PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times **FIRST COLLECTION** goes to the Clergy Foundation

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PARISH NEWS

November Mass Envelopes

The envelopes for the masses for holy souls in November are now available on the pews, in the foyer and near the doors of the Church. Please print the names **clearly** with an offering, so that



they can be transferred to our Book of Remembrance, which will be kept on the Sanctuary throughout the month of November and updated each week. Envelopes may be put in either collection or in the office mail box on front veranda of the Presbytery. All masses celebrated at St Nicholas in the month of November will be offered for all those who have died, especially for those whom our parishioners have asked to be remembered.

God's Word 2023

Copies are available to buy from the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.00am—5.00pm and from the Piety Shop after the 8.30am and 10.00am Sunday masses . **Limited Stock.** Cost is \$20.00

Wedding Anniversary Mass December 18th at 10am

We will celebrate a special wedding anniversary mass for couples who have celebrate their 1st, or quinquennial (i.e 5th, 10th, 15th, every 5th year) wedding anniversary this year.

If this is you please RSVP to

manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au by 12th December if you will be attending this mass.

St Nicholas Feast Day Mass December 4th at 10am

As well as celebrating our patrons feast we will also celebrate all the children who have been baptised in our church this year, invitations have been send to all these families. The mass will be followed by a morning tea in the Parish hall.

There will be a special raffle, drawn on the day, tickets will be \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and will be sold after each mass on the weekends of 19/20th and 27/28th November

The money raised will be split equally between a charity and the purchase of an advent wreath for the Church.

1st Prize: A framed diamond dotz picture of the Last Supper. 1.1m x 0.6m (handmade & donated by Margaret Cobden)



2nd Prize: Surprise Complimentary prize **3rd Prize:** Surprise Complimentary prize

RCIA Information meeting 22nd of November at 7.00pm

Please tell your friends, if they are discerning to learn about our faith or to become a Catholic.

CALENDAR

Monday 14/11	Tuesday 15/11	Wednesday 16/11	Thursday 17/11 St Elizabeth of Hungary Memorial	Friday 18/11	Saturday 19/11	Sunday 20/11 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 10,30am Mass Newmarch	9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Summit Care 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 7.00pm Mass followed by Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.15am SMM Kindy Liturgy 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass The Royce	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7,.30pm Mass BNP	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

PARISH ROSTER 19th / 20th NOVEMBER

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 D Wheelahan		N Perera	S Perera	J Fullerton M Svehla	Amen Choir	T & M Perera
7.00am	A Ruzgas D Wiggins		Y Baccan	S Paterson	R Bru L Davie		Vol. Needed
8.30am	M Cobden C Walsh	G Borg M Ostrea	R Walsh	C Wright	O Nugpo H Wakeling	J Mizzi	Olivia
10.00am	J Relunia R Wood	A Joseph A Ross	D Conejar	O Kiss	M Knox A Kosman	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	S Aish N Nepomuceno	J Joseph E Moniz	K Smith	N Joseph	L D'Lima K Wrightson	A Catt	S Shahoud

REMEMBERING ALL OUR DEARLY DEPARTED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS DURING NOVEMBER



Lino Mapa, Bebot Mapa, Centes Mapa, Fredo Mapa, Azon Espos, Romualdo Espos, Wennie Esquibel, Salvador Esquibel Sr., Juliana Esquibel, Leonardo Galon, Elsa Galon, Frances & MorGalon, Gina Anasco and Rosario & Roberto Mapa. Alex Cakaev, Luke Christigth, David Gieseman, Alex Rowe, Carmel Rowe and Alma & Shirley Gieseman. Ann, Leonard & James Gable, Judith Clapham, Percival & Dorothea Wright, Percival & Alice Wright, Dominic & Maria DiNuzzo Eduardo, Evelyn, Edwin Baby, Anastacia Reyes, Adolinaria Uiyas, Hilario Fausthso, Anastacio (Abe) Fausthso Andrew John Oçonnor, Gloria O'Brien, Alphonse Oçonnor, Clifford Fernandes, Jeremy Lawrence, Mabel & Jack Wellfare, Margaret & John Prenderville, Anthony, Michael, Leo, Jery, Patrick Prenderville, Ian & Aeila Bain, Veronice & Bill McSweeney, Zita Daves Griffith, Ron Wellfare, Mary Columbas, Molly Bain,

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