



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
11th / 12th February 2023**

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of prophetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.

By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.

Historical Context – But I now say to you...

There is a distinct pattern to the teaching examples Jesus provides: 'You have heard it said ...'; 'but I now say to you...'. This was a common method of teaching in Jesus' day and is often used as an example to suggest that Jesus was regarded as a Rabbi in his day. It is a typical rabbinical method of interpreting scripture. The rabbi quotes the teaching (you have heard it said...) and then offers an interpretation or reinterpretation of that teaching (but I now say to you). While it is an unfamiliar teaching style for us today, it would have been common in Jesus' time.

Have you thought? – Teaching examples

Jesus cites several examples of the Law to demonstrate the way in which he has come to fulfil those teachings, rather than to abolish them. He reinterprets the teachings on killing, adultery, divorce and oath-breaking. When there is an attitude of observing the very literal meaning of law, there is a tendency to look for loopholes wherever possible. This attitude had become the norm in Jesus' day. His reinterpretations are designed to challenge people to think about the law in a broader context and to take the law into their heart rather

than looking for ways to get around it.

Living the Gospel – Interpretation

Jesus demonstrates the crucial nature of interpretation. It is easy for us today to look at something like the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and dismiss them as irrelevant. Taken literally, they may seem to have fairly limited application to our modern lives. However, interpreted in a broader context and within the context of our own lives, such ancient codes of behaviour can take on new significance. Jesus points us towards the importance of looking beyond the surface and searching out the truth of such statements. Interpretation of scripture for our modern lives and modern world is vital to living life to the fullest.

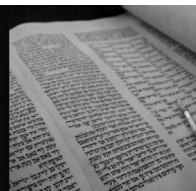
"Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets."

Matthew 5:17



"You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord."

Matthew 5:33



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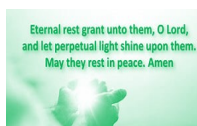
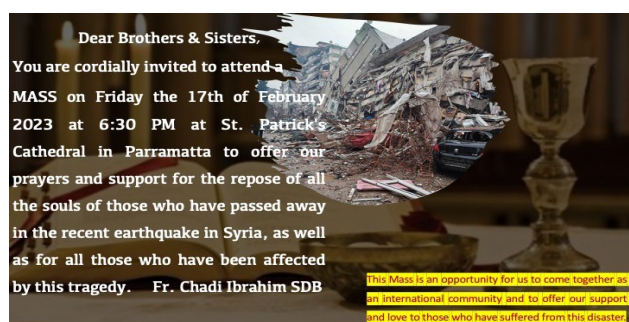
DIOCESAN NEWS

MET LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT: 21 FEBRUARY

Looking for a Scripture reflection session on the season of Lent? You and your key contacts are most welcome to attend the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Scripture Reflection Night with Dr Laurie Woods. Tuesday 21 February – 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/lent2023>

MET FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE COURSE: STARTING 23 FEBRUARY

Want to learn more about the Bible? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on Scripture with Dr Michele Connolly rsj, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Thursdays: 23 February, 2 March and 9 March. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Noah (Lily) O'Brien

and for their family

The funeral will be held on **16th February at 11.00am**

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Noah (Lily) O'Brien, Angela McIntyre, Anne Burgess and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Lawrence & Rosaria Cacciottolo, Muriel Saparamadu John Condon, Frank Dowling and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettar, Russell Shannon, Mildred De Silva, Fred Galea, James Gill and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Michael Nolan Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Bob Hardy, Kieren Brocktoff, Rita Bonello, Charles Tabone, 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, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Sheryl Oszust, Ting Cecilia, Moises Milena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2023

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.

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN OUR PARISH AND ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY.

BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER

Children's Guardian Act 2019 & the Child Safe Standards

From 1 February 2023, the Children's Guardian now has power in law to take action to ensure organisations comply with the Child Safe Standards.

What can each one of us do to actively demonstrate how the 10 Child Safe Standards play a very important role in ensuring children in our Parish are cared for and safe in our community?

Our 6 points of Safeguarding Training demonstrates that each person in parish ministry is compliant in Standard 7. Our training also informs all those in parish life of their role and responsibility in ensuring each of the other Standards can be demonstrated as well.

If you are still to finalise your Safeguarding Training, please take advantage of the upcoming face to face opportunities around the Diocese. Next week the 'New Year's Dash Training' begins at: Glenbrook, Rooty Hill, Springwood and Quakers Hill. Check with your Parish Office for dates and time. You are welcome to register for any of these training sessions by contacting: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would like to complete the training independently on our online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace.

Sign up onto the platform by clicking on this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

Let's get this done and show our Parishes are committed to building safe communities!

We wish a very Happy Birthday to



Norman Heffernan for the 7th February.

Eva Lusch for the 8th February.

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 18th / 19th February 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Leviticus 19: 1 - 2, 17 - 18
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 102: 1 - 4, 8, 10, 12 - 13
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 23: 16 - 23
Gospel	Matthew 5: 38 - 48

Sacramental Program

Confirmation

Parent Information Night

14th February 7.00pm in the Church

SAVE THE DATE

The Parish will be holding a Lenten Reflection for all Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Readers, Commentators, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick, Choir groups, AV operators, Pastoral Council member, Finance Council members, Altar Society and volunteers on

Saturday March 25th

at Winbourne from 10.00am - 3.00pm

Please register on the sheet in the foyer from this weekend.

The cost is \$50.00 per person but the Parish will subsidise \$20.00 per person.



22nd February 2022

**Mass times: 6.45 am, 9.30am
and 7 pm**



**Please come and join us to pray
the Stations of the Cross every
Friday during Lent commencing
Friday 24th February.**

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS



We have a limited supply of the Lenten Reflection Book "From Ashes to Hope"

It contains daily reflections for Lent and the Easter Octave.

Cost \$5.00 available from the Parish office or after the all masses next weekend.

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" John 8: 31-32

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CALENDAR

Monday 13/2	Tuesday 14/2 St Cyril & Methodius Memorial	Wednesday 15/2	Thursday 16/2	Friday 17/2	Saturday 18/2	Sunday 19/2 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.30pm Prayer Group in Hall 7.00pm Confirmation Parent Information Night	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	9.15am SMM Opening School Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass The Royce 11.00am Funeral Noah (Lily) O'Brien	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.30pm Mass BNP	9.00am Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Mass	Confirmation Commitment Mass 7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Baptism Welcome 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 18th / 19th FEBRUARY

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		J Hogan	S Falleiro	J Fullerton M Svelha	Amen Choir	Volunteer Needed
7.00am	A Ruzgas D Wiggins		Y Bacchan	S Paterson	R Bru L Davie		C Gill
8.30am	M Cobden C Walsh	M Ostrea	R Walsh	C Wright	O Nugpo H Wakeling	Jeffrey Mizzi	Olivia
10.00am	J Relunia R Wood	A Joseph A Ross	A Johnson	O Kiss	M Knox A Kosman	BNP Chapter Cary	BNP
6.00pm	S Aish N Nepomuceno C Geraldez	J Joseph E Moniz	K Smith	N Joseph	L D'Lima K Wrightson	Adrian Catt	Sharon Shahoud

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