



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
17th / 18th June 2023

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The portrait of Jesus that is painted by the gospel of Matthew is as the one who has come to fulfil the Jewish tradition. This is sometimes incorrectly interpreted as being anti-Jewish but that is not the case at all. The community for whom Matthew was writing were Jewish Christians and they saw the pathway taught by Jesus as the best way to live out the Jewish tradition. It is in this context that today's gospel passage must be considered. The way the commissioning of the Twelve begins is very significant: 'When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.' This is the gospel writer describing the people of Israel as a whole – harassed and dejected and without a shepherd. For the Matthew community, Jesus was that shepherd the Jews needed. But Jesus also knew that one person alone could not bring about the change within Judaism that was required. He chose the Twelve and named them as apostles (those who are sent) to continue the work that he had begun.

The gospel writer describes Jesus as giving the apostles 'authority' over unclean spirits. For the Matthew community, authority was a defining question. They had recently been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and the authority of Jesus had been called into doubt. Yet, for this community, real authority lay with Jesus and those whom he sent out to do his work. Throughout this gospel, Jesus is described as exhibiting 'authority' so as to reaffirm to the original community that they were right in choosing to follow the way of Jesus and not bend to the authority of the Jewish leaders who were oppressing them.



Have you thought? – The labourers are few

This passage is often used as the basis for sermons, conversations or even marketing about vocations – vocations to religious life as well as lay vocations. The image of a rich harvest with not enough labourers to reap the harvest is a powerful one. In the Western world in particular today it is very true of priestly and religious vocations. However, it is equally true of lay vocations. Too few people are prepared to 'own' their faith and live the message of the gospel in their day to day work and interactions with others. In what way are you a labourer in the harvest?

Living the Gospel – Apostles, not disciples

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.

✉ Greg Sunter
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YOUNG ADULT EVENT

Calling all young adults!

If you are between the ages of 18 and 40 and are looking for fun, friendship and food we need you. We are hosting FREE beginner salsa classes on the first Friday of every month. Then join us afterwards for dinner and chat at one of Penrith's local restaurants. RSVP to Gabrielle on 0425 348 667. We hope to see you there!



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PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Aileen Hewitt, Frank Xiberras, Jocelyn Tababa, Delia Camot Higoy, Sonito Guy and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Dennis Bryant, Jim Fullerton Snr, Mick Ryan, Sandra McSpadden, Phillip Thomas, Antonio Attard, Romualdo Santos and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, Gregorio & Manuel San Pedro, Rosaller & Amor Tolentino, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Peter Gill, Isabella Agius, Karan Bradburn, Aiden Burke, Elwyn Geerin, Helen Wakeling, Gregory Hurney, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Bracar, Baby Ema De-Gioga, Daryle Young, Todd Soden, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Ivan Topic, Lyn De Vos-Brocktoff, Nympha Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Charles Tabone, Billy Downes, Heather Whitborn, Michael Vella, Stanley Mascarenhas, Trevor Rowe, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Lisa Sperneck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecila, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

On **June 24th from 6.30 to 9.30 pm** there is a Western Deanery Consultation for the Synod at **Holy Spirit Church, St. Clair.**



You are invited to participate in this consultation .

Register at www.parracatholic.org/synod2023

For the last few weeks we have been praying and reading about our Diocesan Synod that will take place in October.

Our parish community will hold our consultation on **Monday 26th June at 10.30am or Tuesday 11th July at 7.00pm.**

The information given below will help us to prepare for this consultation.

The fundamental question that will guide our listening and consultation process towards the synod is:

In what ways can we respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to be a more synodal Church in the Diocese of Parramatta?

The Diocese of Parramatta will use the three key dimensions expressed as pillars of a synodal church to guide local discussions for submissions. These are **Communion, Participation, and Mission.**

To assist participants to explore the fundamental question, the following questions aim to provide a framework for discussion in a one-on-one or group setting. These questions serve as a catalyst for discussion. Participants are welcome to explore topics relating to the life and mission of the local Church beyond the questions provided.

Communion

1. What are the factors that make a great community? What brings people together?
2. How can the church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains deepen communion, and still honour the rich diversity of our community?
3. How do you try to accompany or 'walk with' family and friends through their struggles and joys?

Participation:

1. What are the challenges or pressures that stop you from being more engaged in your local faith community?
2. How can we encourage greater participation in the life of the Church at both a local and Diocesan level?
3. How does your community effectively identify and share the gifts of its people?

Mission:

1. What do you believe the mission of the Church is in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains?
2. How do we ensure the ongoing nourishment of our faith communities, while expanding the tent for others to be included?
3. Describe your local community and the needs you perceive. What are the ways in which we can meet the needs of today and into the future? Provide one practical suggestion on how we could meet that need.

PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 24th / 25th June 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Jeremiah 20: 10 - 13
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 68: 8 - 10, 14, 17, 33 - 35
2nd Reading	Romans 5: 12 - 15
Gospel	Matthew 10: 26 - 33

Dear Friends

We congratulate and pray for **Fr Chris De Souza**, Vicar General for the Diocese of Parramatta and former Parish Priest of St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith, who has been appointed as the new General Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference (ACBC). He will commence his new role in Canberra in August.

He will be here to celebrate the 10.00am mass on Sunday the 9th of July.

Please come along to say thank you and to wish him well in his new position

Fr Joe PP

The Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent- Belarus

The sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent, Belarus, will be selling religious goods during this weekend Masses. They wish to raise funds for their ministry especially for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults. Please come and say Hello and take a look at what we can do for this ministry.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH?

Become a Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying or Minister at the Altar.

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Course is running again starting on 4th of September in Blacktown. Application forms are available from the Parish Office and must be returned to the Office by Monday 21st August.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Holy Communion

We congratulate the 96 children who made their 1st Holy Communion over the last 2 weekends and thank their parents for their support during the family sessions.

Liam Ball, Massimo Bartuccio, Celest Benozza, Lucas Besa, Marian Bonus, Michael Brennan, Lucas Breust, Jonas Buen, Boston Bunce, McKinley Calder, Gabrielle Canda, Eli Canderle, Zachary Christie, Matilda Corcoran, Lincoln Cornelly, Mihika Costa, Charlotte Cropper, Blake Cummins, Chase Danby, Tyla Danby, Evangeline Delos Reyes, Lawrence Delos Reyes, Harley Deuchar, Anna Dissanayake, Sebastian Douch, Zephaniah Dsouza, Sophie Edwy-Smith, Phoebe Ellis, Archie Facciolli Evans, Zavier Fakhouri, Isaac Fedeli, Isabelle Felipe, Callum Folitarik, Ruben Fung, Skye Gale-Veriketis, Briana Geoghegan, Katelyn Groger, Toren Grundstrom, Callie Gudaitis, Samuel Hall, Michelina Head, Olly Heterick, Leo Hooke, Jack Jenkins, Heath Johnson, Beau Johnston, Jasper Johnston, Georgia Kapitanow, Koah Kriss, Orlando Lagos, Samantha Lagos, Vivienne Lander, Cruz Laurente, Lucy Lenihan, Loreley Lestal-Braid, Blake Lock, Indyy Mangion, Fletcher Medhurst, Oliver Milosev, Liam Milson, Christiano Morales, Louella Morales, Nicholas Munro, Xavier Murphy, Zoe Nash, Connor Needham, Annabelle Nehme, Stephen Noveloso, Sabastjan Petrovski, Gabriella Petulla, Sienna Petulla, Allannah Powell, Lianna Priyanath, Isabella Ramires-Saw, Michael Reales, Ryder Reynolds, Charlotte Rossi, Aden Rubelj, Noah Rubelj, Alexis Sajonia, Madison Sajonia, Tyrone Salva, Hans Santos, Kaela Santos, Jonah Schafer, Leo Simpson, Maxwell Snow, Ethan Teuma, Hudson Tickner, Natasha Utama, Anika Van Den Broek, Cassandra Van Den Broek, Marcus Van Den Broek, Khloe Veloso, Ashton Weaver, Erin Yap.

A special thank you to the Sacramental Team, David Bullcock, Cheryl Clark, Sharon Clarke, Phil Margerison, Marie Prendeville, Margaret Rowen and Rodney Howard for their commitment in preparing the children and their families.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy will be held at the 10.00am mass each Sunday.

CALENDAR

Monday 19/6	Tuesday 20/6	Wednesday 21/6 St Aloysius Gonzaga Memorial	Thursday 22/6 Sts John Fisher & Thomas More Memorial	Friday 23/6	Saturday 24/6 The Nativity of St John the Baptist Memorial	Sunday 25/6 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Pastoral Council Mtg PMR1	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in Hall 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.00am SMM Yr 4 Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Thornton Park	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 10.00am Pilgrimage Mtg Hall 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 24th / 25th June

If you are unable to attend the Mass please find a replacement.

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Jenny Hogan Dennis Welfare	Sreya Dias	Natasha Joseph	Sharon Fallerio	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	Heart & Soul Arts	Samara Dias
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia		Stuart Paterson	Margaret Scicluna	Luisa Davie Sue Sweeney	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Caitlin Nepomuceno Remy Wood	Manuel Credo Marco Credo	Carol Wright	Peter Nematalla	Yvonne Baccan Orlan Nugpo	Jeffrey Mizzi	VOLUNTEER NEED- ED
10.00am	John Jordan Jun Relunia	Mark Johnson	Maria Varua	Dominic Dawson	Andrew Kosman Puleiala Samuelu	Br David	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Cheryl Clark Ray Esteban	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Kathleen Smith	Carolyn D'Mello	Darlene Streher Kathryn Wrightson	Adrian Catt	Sharon Shahoud

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