



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**24th / 25th June 2023**

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.



It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

### Living the Gospel – From the house-tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

### Scriptural context – The Q source

This gospel passage that appears at Mt 10:26-33 is virtually reproduced in the gospel of Luke (12:2-12) but does not appear in the gospel of Mark. Both the gospels of Matthew and Luke draw extensively on the gospel of Mark as a source for their writing but scholars have also deduced that they shared another unknown source. The content of this lost source can only be deduced by the identification of parallel passages such as this one that appear in Matthew and Luke but not Mark. The undiscovered document is known as the 'Q source' after the German word, *Quelle* (source)

✉ Greg Sunter

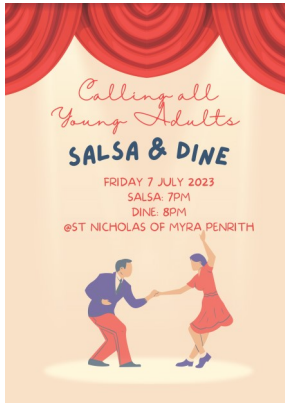
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## YOUNG ADULT EVENT

### 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!



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  
**Renee Carter**  
and for her family

Her funeral service will be held on  
**28th June at 11.00am**



Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Margaret Condon**  
and for her family

Detail of funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Renee Carter, Margaret Condon, Hazel Scully and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Magda Tatrai, Donato Uy, James Cobden, Julita Doss, Julian & Carmen Felice, Wally & Anna Samoluk, Maria Ontivero, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK:** Vince Hardy, Bob Rideout, Peter Gill, Isabella Agius, Karan Bradburn, Aiden Burke, Elwyn Geerin, Helen Wakeling, Gregory Hurney, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Bracar, Baby Ema DeGioga, 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 Hefferman, Lisa Sperineck, 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

Our parish community will hold our consultations on  
**Monday 26th June at 10.30am or**  
**Tuesday 11th July at 7.00pm.**  
**Please register on the forms in the foyer of the Church**

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.

## PLANNED GIVING

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**SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish**

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## PARISH NEWS

### Mass Readings for 1st / 2nd July 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

<b>1st Reading</b>	2 Kings 4: 8 - 11, 14 - 16
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 88: 2 - 3, 16 - 19
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 6: 3 - 4, 8 - 11
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 10: 37 - 42

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.

**Fr Chris will celebrate the 10.00am mass on Sunday the 9th of July at St Nicholas.**

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

Fr Joe PP



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

### 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.

**ST NICK'S FLICK MOVIE NIGHT**  
On Friday 30th June at 7.00pm  
we will be showing

### Moonstruck

An American romantic comedy-drama film starring Cher, Nicolas Cage, Danny Aiello, Olympia Dukakis, and Vincent Gardenia. The film follows Loretta Castorini, a widowed Italian-American woman who falls in love with her fiancé's hot-tempered, estranged younger brother.



**Please come along with your family and friends.**  
**Popcorn and soup will be provided.**

The parish will be training new altar servers to serve at the altar. The training will be held on July 19th and 26th and August 1st and 8th at 4 pm in the Church. Parents and grandparents, please encourage and support your children to become altar servers especially if they finished their First Holy Communion this year.

**Please contact the Parish office to register their names.**

### SAVE THE DATE

The Parish will be holding a BBQ followed by a **compulsory meeting** of all Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Readers, Commentators, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick, on

**Tuesday 24th October at the Church  
commencing at 6.00pm**

The Parish will be taking photos during major liturgical celebrations and other events to promote the Parish mission and may use these photos in the Parish Bulletin, Facebook page or website. If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Office.

## CALENDAR

Monday 26/6	Tuesday 27/6	Wednesday 28/6 St Irenaeus Memorial	Thursday 29/6 Sts Peter & Paul Solemnity	Friday 30/6	Saturday 1/7	Sunday 2/7 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time
<b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Synod Consultation Hall	<b>6.45am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 7.00pm Prayer Group	9.00am SMM Yr 1 Liturgy <b>9.30am Mass</b> 11.00 Funeral Renee Carter 11.00am Legion of Mary in Hall <b>7.00pm Mass &amp; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> 7.00pm Liturgy Meeting	<b>6.45am Mass</b> <b>12.10pm Mass</b> 7.00pm Movie Night	<b>9.00am Healing Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation</b> 11.00am Mass Our Lady of Penafancia <b>5.00pm Reconciliation</b> <b>6.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>7.00am Mass</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.00am Mass</b> <b>11.45 Baptisms</b> <b>6.00pm Mass</b>

## PARISH ROSTER 1st / 2nd July

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

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Ricardo Limjap Joe Buttigieg		Del Conejar	Connie Limjap	Allan Linga Mila Svehla	AMDG Youth Christine	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia		Stuart Paterson	Evette Isaaks	Ramon Bru Luisa Davie	No Music	Carol Gill
8.30am	John Jordan Craig Walsh	Grace Borg	Rose Walsh	Peter Nematalla	Helen Wakeling Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Volunteer Needed
10.00am	Joe Tabone Remy Wood	Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Puleiala Samuelu	Allan Johnson	Kathleen Pemberton Carmen Vella	Jane Chifley	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Cedric Giraldez Jose Simeon	Ethan Moniz	Kathleen Smith	Natasha Joseph	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	BNP Youth Marve	BNP

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