



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
1st / 2nd July 2023
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.

At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.



It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians,

there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

Historical Context - A cup of cold water

Jesus says, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water' to a disciple spreading the gospel, then their ultimate reward is assured. To give 'a cup of cold water' or 'a cold drink' to another person was the most basic act of hospitality or service. It is a metaphor for doing the absolute least service to another. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognises the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that 'practical loving kindness' is both the test and the result of discipleship.

Gospel Focus - Anyone who welcomes

Having spelled out the difficulties of discipleship throughout Ch 10, the gospel writer has Jesus reassuring the disciples that anyone who welcomes them welcomes him. There are echoes here of other parts of the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes, with its blessings on the poor and humble of heart; the welcome of children, the 'little ones' of the kingdom; and the Last Judgment (Mt 24), that reminds us that whatever we do for the least in the world we do for Jesus. Jesus even describes the disciples as 'little ones' - a reminder both to them and to those who welcome them.

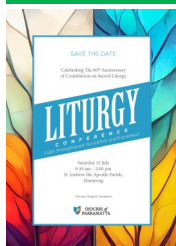
YOUNG ADULT EVENT

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, commencing 7th July in Parish Hall, 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!



LITURGY CONFERENCE



The Diocese is holding a Liturgy Conference on Saturday 15th of July from 9.30am to 2.00pm at St Andrew the Apostle Parish at Marayong. Keynote speaker is Very Rev Peter G Williams AM VG. There will be a choice of workshops, 2 will held on the day. Lunch provided. Cost

\$30.00

For further information, program and to register scan the QR code.



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

Margaret Condon

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on **Tuesday 4th July at 11.30am**

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Condon, Adelaide Sinio, Bill Moore, Brian Yardley and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Therese Chua, Keith McSpadden, Richard Gale, Mary Harrison, Antonio Ciulli, Hugh Keavy, Josef Lusch, Ivor Keuneman, Eliana Gandarillas 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: Olive Gyford, Saxon Oxlade, Pauline Morton, Vince Hardy, Bob Rideout, 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

Our parish community will hold a consultation on

Tuesday 11th July at 7.00pm.

Please register on the form 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.

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 8th / 9th July 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Zechariah 9: 9 - 10
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 144: 1 - 2, 8 - 11, 13 - 14
2nd Reading	Romans 8: 9, 11 - 13
Gospel	Matthew 11: 25 - 30

**Fr Chris de Souza 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.**

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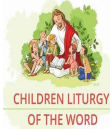
If you've donated, thank you for your compassionate, life-changing help! If you haven't had a chance, **you can still help the homeless and people experiencing hardship.** Our community drop-in centres provide practical assistance for anyone in need. With Government funding for Catholic Care's Housing, Care and Support program **ceasing 30 June, your support and tax-deductible gift is critical.** Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. **Thanks for being a Good Samaritan!**



LEGION OF MARY

Our meetings time is 11.00am each Wednesday in PMR1. All are welcome to join. For further enquiries on Legion of Mary email Edmund Bishara at edmund.bishara@bigpond.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Our Children liturgy will not be held during the school holidays, **it will recommence on Sunday 23rd July at the 10.00am mass.**



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.

DEFIBRILLATOR



The parish wishes to purchase a Defibrillator (\$2095) to be installed in the Sacristy of the Church. If you wish to support the purchase of this invaluable piece of equipment please contact the Parish Office. Thank you in advance.

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 3/7 St Thomas Feast	Tuesday 4/7	Wednesday 5/7	Thursday 6/7	Friday 7/7	Saturday 8/7	Sunday 9/7 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.30am Funeral: Margaret Condon	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 2.00pm Mass Governor Phillip Manor 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 10.00am Mass Mountainview 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm Salsa - Dine Night for Young adults (18 - 40) Hall	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Fr Chris de Souza celebrating 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 8th / 9th 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	Jenny Hogan Brian Scott	Sreya Dias	Connie Limjap	Sharon Fallerio	Jim Fullerton Deborah Scott	CD	Samara Dias
7.00am	Jacob French Anthony Ruzgas		Evette Isaaks	Yvonne Baccan	Luisa Davie Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Michael Tolentino Craig Walsh	Grace Peters	Sue Von Bock	Rose Walsh	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gill
10.00am	Margaret Cobden Remy Wood	Alison Joseph	Liza Alimangohan	Olga Kiss	Arnel Alimangohan Andrew Kosman	AMDG Adult Christine	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Cheryl Clark Rey Esteban	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Kathleen Smith	Carolyn D'Mello	Lynda D'Lima Kathryn Wrightson	CFC Janet	CFC

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