



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
15th / 16th July 2023

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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Psalm 95:2

“Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise”!

Dear friends in Christ,

Last year, our parish community organised two special thanksgiving celebrations during Mass.

The 1st one was a Wedding anniversary Mass for couples who have reached special years of their marriage. We thanked God and acknowledged the couples for their special milestones in marital life.

The 2nd was a thanksgiving Mass with the families of newborn children who have received the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish.

Both these thanksgiving celebrations brought so much joy and happiness to our parish community. As Christians, thanksgiving has a deeper, more profound meaning. These celebrations give us opportunity to give thanks to God and deepens our faith life.

Our Parish liturgy committee acknowledged in our last meeting the need for ‘special’ thanksgiving Masses for our community. This sort of celebrations helps us to deepen our faith life and enriches our relationship with God. The more we thank Him, the more we see Him working in us and around us. Gratitude helps us sense God’s presence, His personal care, and His love.

This year we are planning three ‘special’ thanksgiving Masses for our community. Please see the dates below.

1. On the **24th of September at 10am Mass** we will be holding a Thanksgiving Mass for milestone birthdays for those who celebrate their 21st, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th and 90th and above birthdays this year.
2. On the **29th of October at 10 am Mass** we will be holding a Thanksgiving Mass for those who have been baptised this year in our Parish.
3. On the **17th of December at 10 am Mass** we will be holding a Thanksgiving Mass for milestone wedding anniversaries, for those who celebrate their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th and 70th and above wedding anniversary this year.

If you or any your family members are celebrating any of these milestones this year, please contact the Parish office to register your name.

The parish community and the priests are looking forward to these celebration with your family and loved ones. We thank God for his blessings in our lives and community.

May God bless us all!

Fr. Joe Manjaly



PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

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SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish

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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 Wheelahan

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on
Friday 21st July at 10.00am



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Pauline Landrigan

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on
Thursday 27th July at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Carl Ashton, Rosa Aquino Punza, Margaret Wheelahan, Patricia Jefimec, Pauline Landrigan, Lesley-Ann Trilonas, Lupita Segura, Klaudia Matinac, Darren Hern and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony Chia, Francis Spillane, Joe Melder, Bill Bedding, Bert & Eileen Burborough, Teresa Tan Avila, Frank Harlowe, Lolita Declaro, Luis Limjap and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, Alliette Fabian, Isaac Arsene, Marlene Tatur, Patricia Dickson, Paula Amour and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Sabbir Siddique, Thomas Zotz, Olive Gyford, Saxon Oxlade, Pauline Morton, Vince Hardy, Bob Rideout, Peter Gill, Isabella Agius, Karan Bradburn, Aiden Burke, Elwyn Geerin, Helen Wakeling, Susan Wheelahan, Gregory Hurney, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Bracar, Baby Ema De-Gioga, Daryle Young, Todd Soden, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Ivan Topic, Lyn De Vos-Brockhoff, 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 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 - PARISH LISTENING CONSULTATION

Over 50 parishioners have attended the 2 listening consultation sessions we have held for the Synod. The group were led in a process of Listening and Discernment in small groups culminating in the writing of a group submission which we will forward to the Diocese. As part of the process the small groups reflected on the verse from Isaiah 43: 19 using "What did I hear from the scripture and how that's made me think of my life experience" (you can watch the reflection here by holding CTRL key and click on this [link](#))



Each person had an opportunity to share their thoughts while others listened, making notes on what they had heard. This was followed by sharing within the group by responding to the question "What have I heard from the group".



During Tuesday night's session, the small groups also spent some time considering the following 3 questions in the context of their scripture reflection.

1. What are the factors that make a great community? What brings people together?
2. What are the challenges or pressures that stop you from being more engaged in your local faith community?
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.

The groups then moved to writing the final submission.

All of the information that was written up the groups will be submitted to the Diocese as part of the process.



If you wish you can prepare and make your own submissions as an individual, family, work team, etc to be submitted by 31st July 2023. To make a submission please go to https://parracatholic.org/synod_getinvolved/

A big thank you to all who attended and the parish council for preparing and holding this important event.



If you wish to be a member of the Synod to be held on 12th - 15th October 2023 please go to https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_membership/ to register your interest.

PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 22nd / 23rd July 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Wisdom 12: 13, 16 - 19
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 85: 5 - 6, 9 - 10, 15 - 16
2nd Reading	Romans 8: 26 - 27
Gospel	Matthew 13: 24 - 30

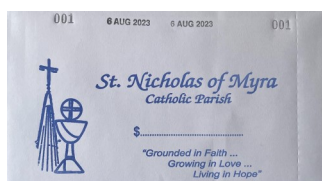
Planned Giving Envelopes

The 2023/2024 Planned Giving envelopes period will commence on the weekend of 5th / 6th August. We thank all those who give so generously through the envelopes and we also thank the many parishioners who have taken up the option to give to the St. Nicholas of Myra, Parish Planned Giving via Credit/Debit Card payments or Direct Debit/ Credit or Tap and Go.

Over the last 3 years we have had a number of Planned Giving envelopes issued with many of them not being collected. **If you have not collected your envelopes this year (2022/2023) but you wish to remain on the Planned Giving envelope system, please phone, or email the Parish office.**

If you would like to alter your way of giving or join the Parish Planned Giving, please phone the Parish office to make these arrangements.

The new envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church from this weekend onwards.



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

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.

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.

MUSICIANS / SINGERS



We are looking for musician, and singers for a choir to assist in the celebration of the 6.00pm mass on Sundays. If you are interested please contact the Parish office.

PARISH CONTACT LIST

If you would like to receive emails from the Parish for the Parish Bulletin and other Pastoral information please contact the Parish office to have your email added to our contact list.

ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA BAKE SALE FUNDRAISING:

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH ON SUNDAY THE 23RD OF JULY

THERE WILL BE BAKE SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PARISH ON-GOING BUILDING COSTS AND A CHANCE TO MEET AND GREET FELLOW PARISHIONERS.

TIME 7:00AM, 8:30 AM 10: 00AM AND 6:00PM MASSES.



CALENDAR

Monday 17/7	Tuesday 18/7	Wednesday 19/7	Thursday 20/7	Friday 21/7	Saturday 22/7 St Mary Magdalene Feast	Sunday 23/7 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30 am Mass Newmarch 11.30am SMM Altar Servers Talk	9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Summit Care 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass The Royce	6.45am Mass 10.00 Funeral: Margaret Wheelahan 12.10pm Mass 7.30pm Mass BNP	9.00am Mass, Adoration and 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 22nd / 23rd 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	Joe Buttigieg Brian Scott	Sreya Dais	Sharon Fallerio	Kathleen Smith	Ray DeBono Lee Scully	Heart & Soul Arts	Samara Dias
7.00am	Jacob French Denis Wiggins		Yvonne Baccan	Evette Isaaks	Ramon Bru Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Ninea Nepomuceno	Michael Tickner	Peter Nematalla	Sue Von Bock	Pater Wheller Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Jun Relunia Joe Tabone	Elidie Gal Nicholas McWhirter	Allan Johnson	Maria Varua	Carol Gill Kathleen Pemberton	Br David and Marian Choir	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Rey Esteban Cedric Geraldez	Joshua Esteban Irene Jobin	Natasha Joseph	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello Kathryn Wrightson	CD	Sharon Shahoud

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