



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
22nd / 23rd July 2023
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

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Lunch: 1pm – 1.30pm (*Office closed*)

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

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The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is *Chametz*, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.



Have you thought? – Leaven

The parable of the woman placing leaven in three measures of flour is an intriguing one. In some translations, the text reads, 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.' Whilst you might initially hide yeast in some dough, it doesn't take very long for the yeast to become apparent as it makes the dough rise. Such a large quantity of flour suggests the bread is being prepared for a festival – perhaps Passover when only unleavened bread was used? That would put a different spin on the woman's action!

Living the Gospel – Agents of change

We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus is to be counter-cultural. These parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation. What does it mean to be counter-cultural today? Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that 'irritate' in our own small way to make a difference in the world .

Sacramental Program

Reconciliation

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will open on our website, stnicholasofmyra.org.au on

Wednesday 2nd August 2023

and close on

Wednesday 16th August 2023

The website contains the requirements and commitments for parents and children and the dates for the Parent Information session, commitment masses, family session, practice and Reconciliation Liturgy

To be eligible for Reconciliation Children must be in Year 3 or above and must be baptised.

All enquiries to Rodney Howard at sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

or
Ph: 4721 2509

DIOCESAN SYNOD

SUBMISSIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE SYNOD CLOSE ON MONDAY 31st OF JULY

You can make a submission as an individual, family, work team, etc To make a submission please go to https://parracatholic.org/synod_getinvolved/

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.



We wish a very happy 100th Birthday to

Thelma Fogarty

for the 16th July

PARISH CONTACT LIST

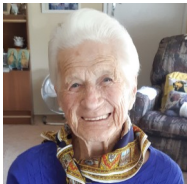
If you would like to receive emails from the Parish for the Parish Bulletin and other Pastoral information please contact the Parish office to have your email added to our contact list.

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

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 **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: Wendy McKnight, Atty Cecilia Curso, Filomena Bugeja, Felicita Cutajar, Angela Krkovich, Elgazar Aragon, Klaudia Matinac, Pauline Landrigan Bob Rideout and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Lolita Declaro, Anne Tucker, Victoria Cauchi, James & Ada Thompson, Jean Culhane, Aveline & Angelo Gois, Luke de Saipath, Ambrose Muscat, Evelyn Fernandez, Claude Boosey and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnolley, John Nettare, Johana Gutwein and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Janice Cannon, Sabbir Siddique, Thomas Zotz, Olive Gyford, Pauline Morton, Vince Hardy, 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 Sperneck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecilia, 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.

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.



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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Acct Name Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
Reference [ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]

PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 29th / 30th July 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	1 Kings 3: 5, 7 - 12
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 118: 57, 72, 76 - 77, 127 - 130
2nd Reading	Romans 8: 28 - 30
Gospel	Matthew 13: 44 - 52

THANKSGIVING MASSES

Psalm 95:2

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

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.

1. On the **24th of September at the 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 **22nd of October at the 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 the 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 of your family members are celebrating any of these milestones this year, please contact the Parish office to register your name. either by email to enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or phone 4721 2509

WORLD YOUTH DAY

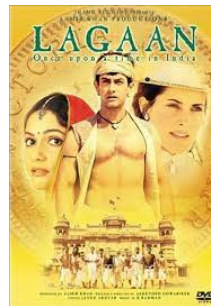
Bon voyage to Vernon D'Souza and Imelda Wright, of our parish youth, and the 167 other pilgrims from Paramatta Diocese as they travel to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day. Please keep them in your prayers.

ST NICK'S FLICK MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday **28th July** at **6.30pm** (note different start time)

we will be showing

Lagaan



A beautiful Bollywood movie which tells the story of an Indian village who fight against unprecedented land tax on its citizens through a game of cricket.

Please come along with your family and friends.

Popcorn and soup will be provided.

Planned Giving Envelope

The new envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church

We thank all those who give so generously through the envelopes, Credit/Debit Card payments or Direct Debit/Credit or Tap and Go.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy will recommence this Sunday at the 10.00am mass and continue each week.



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.

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 24/7	Tuesday 25/7 St James Feast	Wednesday 26/7 Sts Joachim & Anne Memorial	Thursday 27/7	Friday 28/7	Saturday 29/7 Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus Memorial	Sunday 30/7 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Thornton Park 11.00am Funeral Pauline Landrigan	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass SNOM Primary Grandparent's day 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 11.30am Mass CFC 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 29th / 30th 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	Jose Simeon Dennis Wellfare		Connie Limjap	Marie Prendeville	Lee Scully Mila Svehla	CD	Joshua & Jordan Goh
7.00am	Caitlin Nepomuceno Anthony Ruzgas		Stuart Paterson	Yvonne Baccan	Ramon Bru Luisa Davie	No Music	Carol Gill
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Remy Wood	Michael Tickner	Peter Nematalla	Sue Von Bock	Helen Wakeling Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	John Jordan Michael Tolentino	Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Puleiala Samuelu	Maria Varua	Carmen Vella Mary Knox	Billy	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Cheryl Clark	Angelo Aish Irene Jobin	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello	Lynda D'Lima Kathryn Wrightson	CFC Youth Janet	CFC

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