



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
29th / 30th July 2023

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found."

Matthew 13:44



Scriptural context – Matthew Ch 13

Over the last few weeks we have now heard Matthew Chapter 13 almost in its entirety. We heard first the parable of the sower then last week three short parables about weeds amongst the wheat, the mustard seed growing into a great tree and leaven in the flour. Finally, today we have had these additional pithy parables. The entire chapter seeks to paint metaphoric images of the kingdom. Woven through these images is a suggestion that the kingdom is open to all – all are presented with the invitation – but not everyone will accept that invitation or respond to it in the same way.

Have you thought? Interpretation

In today's passage the gospel writer appears to describe himself: 'every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.' It is a fantastic description of what it means to be an interpreter of the gospel. To interpret scripture, one must draw on what is old; applying understandings of the text in its original context and its original audience. But one must also draw on what is new; making connections between that original setting and the context in which it is being read today.

✍ 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 next Friday at 7.00pm, 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
Angela Grskovich

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on
Thursday 3rd August at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bob Rideout, Angela Grskovich, Baby Ryan Jackson, Filonena Bugeja, Felicitia Cutajar, Charles Spiteri, Ronnie Deversa and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Lucy Saenz de Sicilia, Federico Racelis, Lolita Declaro, Angelo Muscat, Noreen Latham, Lourdes Mendiola, Raymond Gale, Joseph Xiberras, Orlando Palacio 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: Peter Gale, 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-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 Sperineck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecila, Moises Milena, 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

SUBMISSIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE SYNOD CLOSE THIS-MONDAY THE 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.

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.

DEFIBRILLATOR



Our new defibrillator has been installed in the Sacristy of the Church.

We sincerely thank the parishioner who generously donated to support this purchase.

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

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times
FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 5th / 6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord

1st Reading	Daniel 7: 9 - 10, 13 - 14
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 96: 1 - 2, 5 - 6, 9
2nd Reading	2 Peter 1: 16 - 19
Gospel	Matthew 17: 1 - 9

THANKSGIVING MASS

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.

The first of our Thanksgiving masses is on the **24th of September at the 10am Mass** for milestone birthdays, for those who celebrate their 21st, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th and 90th and above birthdays this year.

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

enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au
or phone 4721 2509

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the BNP group for organising and running the bake sale last weekend and to you our parishioners who supported the sale, we raised \$2000 which will go to support the ongoing maintenance cost in the parish.



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

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 or the foyer of the Church and must be returned to the Office by Monday 21st August.

Ministry Roster

The roster for August - October has been emailed. If you did not receive the email, copies are available in the sacristy.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Our Children liturgy will take place at the 10.00am mass each week.

Liturgy Committee Meeting

The Liturgy Committee is meeting on Thursday 3rd August to plan our liturgical celebrations for the next few months. If you have any suggestions to enhance these celebrations please contact Arts Calub on arts.calub@gmail.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.

CALENDAR

Mon 31/7 St Ignatius of Loyola Memorial	Tue 1/8 St Alphonsus Liguori Memorial	Wed 2/8	Thu 3/8 St Dominic Memorial	Fri 4/8 St John Vianney Memorial	Sat 5/8	Sun 6/8 The Transfiguration of the Lord
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass	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 11.00am Funeral Angela Grkovich 7.00pm Liturgy Meeting	6.45am Mass 10.00am Mass Mountainview 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm Young Adult Salsa and Dine night	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 11.00am Mass Our Lady of Penafrancia 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 5th / 6th AUGUST

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		Kathleen Smith	Del Conejar	Allan Linga Debbie Scott	AMDG Youth	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Jacob French Anthony Ruzgas		Evette Isaaks	Yvonne Baccan	Ramon Bru Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Carol Gillaus
8.30am	John Jordan Rodney Howard	Michael Tickner	Stuart Paterson	Peter Nematalla	Helen O'Connor Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Jun Relunia Joe Tabone	Mark Johnson Alison Joseph	Maria Varua	Liza Alimangohan	Arnel Alimangohan Carol Gillaus	Jane Chifley	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Margaret Cobden	Angelo Aish	Natasha Joseph	Carolyn D'Mello	Lynda D'Lima Kathryn Wrightson	BNP Youth	BNP

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