



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
23rd / 24th September 2023
World Day for Migrants and Refugees

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement.



“You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.”
Matthew 20:4

Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus’ story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, ‘The kingdom is like ...’ and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event

that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged. The landowner’s final comment in the parable, ‘the last will be first, and the first, last’, is a perfect example of the challenging nature of Jesus’ kingdom parables. In the kingdom, those who hold themselves to be first in this world will be brought down, and those who are treated as least in this world will be exalted.

Scriptural context – Kingdom parables

A feature of the kingdom parables that Jesus used is a challenging ‘shift’ to the unexpected. Jesus only ever uses parables to describe what the kingdom is like, and never says exactly what it is or isn’t. In each parable he compares the kingdom of God to something that would be familiar to a 1st century audience but then he twists the familiar and makes the challenging shift by making the familiar, unfamiliar. (This ‘shift’ is sometimes called a ‘discombobulating shift’.) Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God disrupts our normal way of thinking, it turns our expectations upside down and it completely challenges our ‘normal’ relationships.

Have you thought? Equality or Equity?

How would you feel if you had done a full day’s work and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them – but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6.00 am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt? The landowner claims the right to be generous – is generosity unfair? There is a difference between treating people equally and equitably. What has the landowner done here?

✉ Greg Sunter

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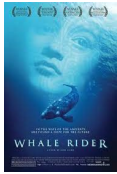
PARISH NEWS

ST NICK'S FLICK MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday **29th September** at **7.00pm**

we will be showing

Whale Rider



A 2002 New Zealand drama film written and directed by Niki Caro. Based on the 1987 novel *The Whale Rider* by Witi Ihimaera, the film stars Keisha Castle-Hughes as Kahu Paikea Apirana, a twelve-year-old Māori girl whose ambition is to become the chief of the tribe. Her koro Apirana believes that this is a role reserved for males only.

Please come along with your family and friends.

Popcorn and soup will be provided.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Our Children liturgy will not be held during the school holidays, it will recommence on **Sunday 15th October at the 10.00am mass.**

Congratulations to Fr Tom Green who was ordained a priest to the Parramatta Diocese on 21st September. We wish him all the best in his priestly ministry.



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anthony Tedesco, Frank Duffy, Roel Rizal Rejuso, and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: May Gale, Joseph & Maria Bugeja, Carmela & Gerald Sultana, Polly Melder, Glancy Consalves, Godfrey Gomez, George Nematalla, Peter Donnelly, Peter Howard, Mercedes Ragaza, Pura Alcantara, Joseph Montaut, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

SICK: Fr David Catteral, Kyla Agar, George Try, AJ, Charlie Spiteri, Val Sonter, Eric Nepomuceno, Peter Gale, Janice Cannon, Sabbir Siddique, Thomas Zotz, Olive Gyford, 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.

Mass Readings for 30th Sept / 1st Oct 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Ezekial 18: 25 - 28
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 24: 4 - 9
2nd Reading	Philippians 2: 1 - 11
Gospel	Matthew 21: 28 - 32

CONGRATULATIONS



We congratulate the following Catechists who successfully completed their Level 1 training, Craig Walsh, Margaret Hyde, Lesi Magata, Johan Soertsz, Regis Clement, Victor Borg and Cheryl Clark .

Women who Pray for their Children

The first meeting of this group was held last Tuesday on Feast day of our



Lady of La Salette. It was a successful meeting with 9 women attending. These meetings will be held **every Tuesday night in PMR1**, all welcome.



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

HSC Mass

There will be a special mass for our HSC students on Sunday 8th October at 10.00am and 6.00pm. Please call the parish office to register their names

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.

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times
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MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS YEAR

On the occasion of these milestone birthdays, we are reminded of the blessings bestowed upon us by the grace of God. This Sunday at 10am, we invite you to join us for a special 'Thanksgiving Mass'. Let us come together in prayer for these cherished parishioners. May they continue to be guided by faith, surrounded by love, and filled with joy. Following the Mass, there will be a joyous celebration to mark this significant occasion. Let us gather in faith and fellowship to offer our prayers and share in the joy of our beloved parishioners. With gratitude in our hearts, we ask for God's continued blessings upon them. Happy Birthdays to All! - Fr. Joe & Parish community.



Arnel
Alimangohan



Agnes & Ben
Bishop



Venus & Shan
Cabacar



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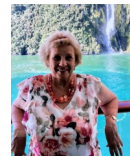
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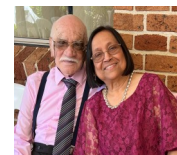
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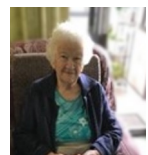
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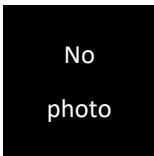
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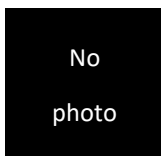
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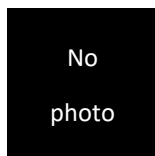
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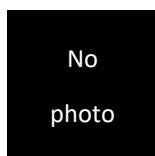
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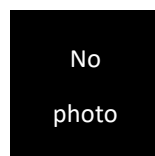
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Martinez



Vinita
Mohan



Jennifer
Oringo



Sue
Von Bock



Dear parishioners,

I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your prayers for our group who went to participate the feast of our Lady of Penafrancia in the Philippines in Bicol. It brings me immense joy to share that our experience was so touching. An astounding 1.5 million people came together in unity and devotion. Your prayers played a vital role in this spiritual journey, and I am deeply thankful for your unwavering support. You may look for our parish Facebook page for some photos of this feast. Special thanks to June Relunia and Ernesto Aaron, who were always beside my side. Thank you. Fr Joe



CALENDAR

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Mon 25/9	Tue 26/9	Wed 27/9	Thu 28/9	Fri 29/9	Sat 30/9	Sun 1/10
		St Vincent de Paul Memorial		Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Feast	St Jerome Memorial	26th Sunday of Ordinary time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Finance Committee Mtg 7.00pm Prayer Group Hall 7.00pm Mothers who pray for their Children mtg	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30 Mass Thornton Park	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm St Nick's Flicks movie night	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 30th September / 1st October

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 Ric Limjap		Sharon Falleiro	Connie Limjap	Allan Linga Mila Svehla	AMDG Youth	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Denis Wiggins Anthony Ruzgas		Margaret Scicluna	Evette Isaaks	Ramon Bru Luisa Davie	No Music	Carol Gillaus
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Remy Wood	Michael Tickner	Sue Von Bock	Peter Nematalla	Helen Wakeling Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	John Jordan Joe Tabone	Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Allan Johnson	Olga Kiss	Kathleen Pemberton Carmen Vella	Jane Chifley	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Jose-Elmer Simeon Ninea Nepomuceno	Ethan Moniz	Kathleen Smith	Janet Esteban	Lynda D'Lima Kathleen Smith	BNP Youth	BNP

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