



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
14th / 15th October 2023**

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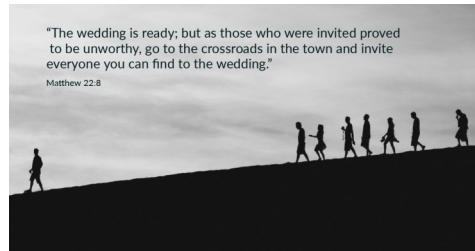
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour,



the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded

as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

Have you thought? – Inclusivity

This gospel parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. In many ways, Jesus was a scandal in his society because he didn't obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the 'shunned' and 'left out' in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today's society?

Gospel Focus – 'How did you get in here?'

In light of the inclusive kingdom metaphor in this passage, the final portion of the gospel may be a bit troubling to readers. When a guest is not wearing a wedding garment he is cast out of the banquet. We might say that being invited at the last minute the guest was unable to find suitable clothing. It is a sign that although he has been an unlikely inclusion in the banquet, he has not made any effort to respond to the generosity of the king and take up one of the cloaks that would have been provided and thus give due honour to his host. This is symbolic of those who refuse to change their ways and do not live as followers of Jesus even when they have been included in the kingdom.

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Catholic Mission is partnering with Sr Carolina, a nurse, and the Salesian Sister in Timor-Leste to continue to provide essential community projects that address the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities.

Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar to these people. With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next weekend Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church this weekend to take home and return next week.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Christopher Graham, Agatha Goh, Godofredo Verceles, Martha Azike, Geoffrey Gathuku and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Lorraine Vella, Robert Ross, Carlos Guevara, Tintu Joseph, Ferusia Guballa and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettar, Frderico Alcantara, Leonardo Ragaza, Alexander Bunders, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Susan Voros, Wilfredo Alcantara, Bob Wrightson, Roseanne Shirley, Fr David Catteral, Kyla Aggar, 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-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 Hefernan, 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION (cont)

Questions for Adults

When have you ever excused yourself from an invitation because it was 'inconvenient'?

What message was Jesus trying to convey to the Chief Priests and elders through this parable?

What is the message of this parable for a modern audience?

What does the expulsion of the ill-dressed guest tell us about responsibilities?

✉ Greg Sunter

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Mass Readings for 21st / 22nd October 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Isaiah 45: 1, 4 - 6
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 92:1, 3 - 5, 7 - 10
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 5
Gospel	Matthew 22: 15 - 21

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN



This group will meet **every Tuesday night at 7.00pm in PMR1**, all welcome.

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

Thanksgiving Mass for all past and present Catechists



Friday 20th October at 12.10pm
with tea, coffee, a light lunch, and spirited conversation to follow, in PMR1.

Please contact Margaret at catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au
Or 4721 2509
before the **16th October** to register your name and the num-

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program **Reconciliation**

Practice
Tuesday 17th October 5.00pm - 6.00pm
First Reconciliation
Thursday 19th October 7.00pm

Diocesan Synod

The First Diocesan Synod is taking place this weekend, From our Parish, Dominic Dawson, the chair of Parish Pastoral Council, Leo Tucker and Fr. Joe are participating in the Synod. Let us keep them, and all Synod members in our prayers as they embark on this journey of collective discernment and decision-making for the betterment of our local church community.

Baptism Thanksgiving Mass

Next Sunday, **the 22nd of October at the 10.00am mass** we will celebrate a special Thanksgiving mass for the children who have been baptised in our parish this year. **Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Bishop of Parramatta** will be the celebrant. If your child or grandchild was baptised this year, and you have not responded to the letter sent regarding your attendance at this mass please contact the Parish office by Tuesday 17th October.



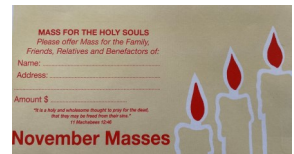
Mass of Remembrance

The 2nd of November is All Souls Day and our Remembrance Mass is at 7.00pm. This is where we remember in a special way all those who celebrated their Funeral Mass here at St Nicholas of Myra from 1st November 2022—30th October 2023. We have endeavored to send out invitation letters to each of these families. If you have not received one, please contact the Parish office.

We also invite you to contact the Parish office if your parents or siblings have died elsewhere within the past 12 months so they can be included in this mass.

November Mass Envelopes

The envelopes for the masses for holy souls in November are now available in the foyer and near the doors of the Church. Please print the names clearly with an offering, so that they can be transferred to our Book of Remembrance, which will be kept on the Sanctuary throughout the month of November and updated each week. Envelopes may be put in collection baskets or handed in to the Parish Office. All masses celebrated at St Nicholas in the month of November will be offered for all those who have died, especially for those whom our parishioners have asked to be remembered.



MONTH OF ROSARY



During October we invite you all to come 30 minutes before every weekday mass and before the Vigil and 6.00pm masses on the weekend to pray the Rosary as a Parish community.

Our Rosary Triduum will be held on **Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th of October commencing at 7.00pm** with the rosary followed by Holy mass at our Grotto.

On the final day of the Triduum, we shall gather for a candle-light procession with the statue of Blessed Mother, accompanied by the Rosary.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy will recommence this Sunday, **15th October at the 10.00am mass.**



GOD'S WORD 2024

A limited number of copies are available from the Parish office, weekdays 9.00am - 5.00pm. **Price: \$20.00**



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.

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Please do not move the pews as it is causing damage to the pews and the carpet.

CALENDAR

Mon 16/10	Tue 17/10 St Ignatius of Antioch Memorial	Wed 18/10 St Luke Feast	Thu 19/10	Fri 20/10	Sat 21/10	Sun 22/10 29th Sunday of Ordinary time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass New-march House 5.00pm Sacramental Program Reconciliation Practice 7.00pm Mothers who pray for their Children mtg	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 7.00pm Defibrillator Training PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass The Royce 7.00pm Sacramental Program First Reconciliation	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass - Catechist Thanksgiving 7.30pm BNP Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Baptism Thanksgiving, Bishop Vincent celebrating 6.00pm Mass
Catholic Mission Appeal						

PARISH ROSTER 21st / 22nd 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	Joe Buttigieg Brian Scott	Sreya Dias	Sharon Falleiro	Kathleen Smith	Allan Linga Lee Scully	Heart & Soul	Samara Dias
7.00am	Anthony Ruzgas Dennis Wiggins		Yvonne Baccan	Evette Isaaks	Ramon Bru Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Remy Wood	Michael Tickner	Peter Nematalla	Sue Von Bock	Lyn Olander Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gillaus
10.00am	Rodney Howard Jun Relunia	Alison Joseph	Allan Johnson	Maria Varua	Carol Gillaus Kathleen Pemberton	Br David & Marian Choir	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Rey Esteban	Irene Gobin	Natasha Joseph	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello Kathryn Wrightson	Sound of Worship	Jedd Kosman

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