



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**21st / 22nd October 2023**  
**MISSION SUNDAY**

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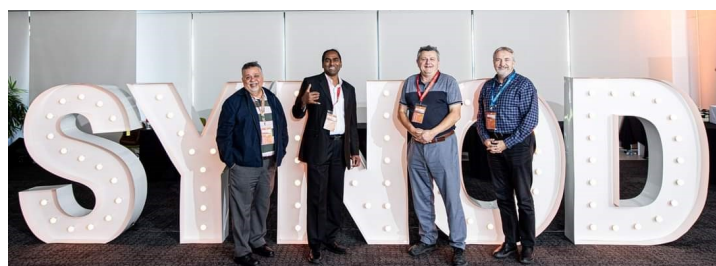
## REFLECTIONS OF THE 4 SYNOD MEMBERS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

**Dave Brebner-** The Synod was a most enjoyable and refreshing time for me spiritually. I witnessed so many great people listening to the Holy Spirit for the future direction of our Diocese. The comradery, respect, and good humour of people, even those of differing opinions and understandings, gave me great hope for the future of our Diocese and the Church in general. It was marvellous to meet so many people eager to seek and serve God and his will for us all! I am excited about our future going forward and the innovations that will make us even more effective as a part of the Body of Christ in Western Sydney.

**Dominic Dawson:** I feel truly blessed to have been part of the first ever Synod of our Diocese. The discussion and ideas that occurred over the 3 days reminded us of all that we are all committed by baptism to do our part in our own way to welcome people and make them feel a sense of belonging, to be a humble church and a healing church. The work over the last few days built on the consultations that many in our parish were involved. I look forward with hope to the outcomes of the days to assist us in our ministry at our parish and the diocesan level.

**Leo Tucker:** Our table began to reflect on the simply question “why are we here?” I was reminded of a term used by St Pope John XXIII in opening the Second Vatican Council. It was an Italian term “aggiornamento”. It is a term which means to listen closely to the signs of our times. He deeply believed too that “we are not here to guard a museum, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life!”. Our Diocesan Synod for me was a time to listen to the Holy Spirit and each other. Our Synod process was centred on listening, silence, reflection and prayer. This process frustrated some and enlivened others. Personally, it was a process of discernment through listening to the voices of the loud and the quiet that gave me a profound sense of the Holy Spirit with us.

**Fr. Joe Manjaly:** The First Synod of the Parramatta Diocese was a profoundly moving event. It commenced with a solemn Mass at the cathedral, setting a reverent tone for the proceedings. Subsequently, Synod members walked in procession with candlelight to the Comm Bank Stadium's Synod Hall, where the atmosphere buzzed with anticipation and purpose. Personally, it was a grace-filled experience to be part of this gathering, as I listened to the diverse aspirations and expressions of faith from so many individuals. It was undeniably humbling to witness the collective dedication to the spiritual journey and the shared mission of the community. This Synod left an indelible mark on my heart, reminding me of the strength and beauty that emerges when a community comes together in faith.





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. This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being. The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far. Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholic-mission.org.au/timor](http://catholic-mission.org.au/timor). Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Agatha Goh, Rani S Nepomuceno and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Lorraine Vella, Charlie Camenzuli, Margaret Donnelly, Anthony Xerri, Kudilil Thomas, Leelamma Thomas, K.C. John, Faaiu & Vilo Tuliatu, Raymundo Caburian, Ester Limjap, Carmel DuMunnio, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettare, Godfrey Gomez, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK:** Cheryl Clark, Georgia Eleftheriades, Cecily Hart, Wilfredo Alcantara, Susan Voros, 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, 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.

## Sacramental Program

### Reconciliation

We congratulate the 83 children who received their first reconciliation on Thursday 19th October. We thank the parents for their commitment to the program and the Sacramental Team for their facilitation of the Family meeting and help with the Liturgy on Thursday.

## SAFEGUARDING NEWS

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that children and vulnerable adults in our community are safe. Therefore **all volunteers in our parish** need to complete the **Mandatory Safeguarding Training Modules 1, 2, 3.**

It can be complete online or at face to face meetings. The diocese is planning face to face training in our deanery early in 2024.

Online training can be completed at any time by going to: [learning.safeguarding.org.au](http://learning.safeguarding.org.au).

For further information or help please contact Rodney Howard the Parish Safeguarding Champion at the Parish office on 4721 2509 or [manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

## 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](mailto:edmund.bishara@bigpond.com)

## LOST AND FOUND

The following items have been found in our Church.

1 small gold bracelet

1 blue puffer jacket

If you have lost one of these items please come to the Parish office to claim.

## PLANNED GIVING

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

<b>BSB</b>	067 950
<b>Acct No</b>	00004265
<b>Acct Name</b>	Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
<b>Reference</b>	<b>6029 [SURNAME DONATION]</b>

**SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish**

<b>BSB</b>	067 950
<b>Acct No</b>	00000487
<b>Acct Name</b>	Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
<b>Reference</b>	<b>[ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]</b>

## PARISH NEWS

### Mass Readings for 28th / 29th October 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

<b>1st Reading</b>	Exodus 22: 20 - 26
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 17: 2 - 4, 47, 51
<b>2nd Reading</b>	1 Thessalonians 1: 5 - 10
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 22: 34 - 40

We welcome Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Bishop of Parramatta, who will be celebrating our Baptism Thanksgiving mass at 10.00am this Sunday, 22nd October.



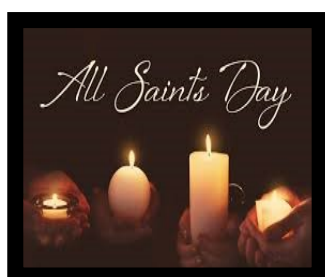
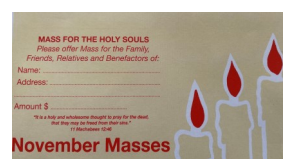
### Mass of Remembrance

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.



### Wednesday

**1st Nov**

**Mass at 9.30am &  
7.00pm**



### Thursday

**2nd Nov**

**Mass at 9.30am  
and 7pm.**

**There will be NO 6.45am Mass next Friday  
27th October**

### ATTENTION EVERYONE

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

### MASS AND ROSARY TRIDUUM

Rosary Triduum and Mass on **Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th of October commencing at 7.00pm**



held outdoors in front of our **Mary Help of Christians grotto**

On the final day of the Triduum, we shall gather for a candlelight procession with the statue of our Blessed Mother,

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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



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 23/10	Tue 24/10	Wed 25/10	Thu 26/10	Fri 27/10	Sat 28/10 Sts Simon & Jude Feast	Sun 29/10 30th Sunday of Ordinary time
9.15am SMM 40th Anniversary Liturgy <b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>6.45am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 6.00pm Ministers BBQ and meeting 7.00pm Mothers who pray for their Children mtg	<b>9.30am Mass</b> 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 6.30pm RCIA PMR1 <b>7.00pm Rosary Triduum and Mass</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Mass Thornton Park <b>7.00pm Rosary Triduum and Mass</b>	<b>12.10pm Mass</b> <b>7.00pm Rosary Triduum and Mass</b>	<b>9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation</b> <b>5.00pm Reconciliation</b> <b>6.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>7.00am Mass</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy</b> <b>11.45am Baptisms</b> <b>6.00pm Mass</b>

## PARISH ROSTER 28th / 29th 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 Dennis Welfare		Connie Limjap	Marie Prendeville	Lee Scully Debbie Scott	CD	Jordan & Joshua Goh
7.00am	Jacob French Anthony Ruzgas		Stuart Paterson	Yvonne Baccan	Evette Isaaks Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Carol Gillaus
8.30am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Michael Tickner	Sue Von Bock	Peter Nematalla	Helen Wakeling Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Rodney Howard Michael Tolentino	Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Margaret Wilson	Maria Varua	Carol Gillaus Mary Knox	Billy	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Cheryl Clark	Angelo Aish Irene Gobin	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello	Lynda D'Lima Kathleen Smith	CFC Youth	CFC

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