



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
28th / 29th October 2023**

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith:



to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

Gospel Focus – Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

✉ Greg Sunter

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BAPTISM THANKSGIVING MASS



Last Sunday we celebrated a Thanksgiving mass for the children who have been baptised this year. It was a wonderful mass, celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long, ending with a special blessing for the children and their family. Afterwards there was a small morning tea provided.

We thank everyone who help in making this day a special day for the children and their family.



CATECHIST THANKSGIVING MASS

On Friday 20th October at the 12.10pm mass past and present Catechist gather to give thanks for their ministry in taking the Word of God to our children in the State Primary schools.

Afterwards they gathered in PMR1 for light luncheon, during which there was great conversations about their experiences, and catch up with old friends and meeting new ones. A big thank you to all for your contributions over the years in this meaningful ministry.



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ziad Youssef, Leonida Abriel, Kerry Hagarty, and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Lorraine Vella, Clare Gale, Wal Wheller, Vera Costello, Ethan Caburian Eduardo Limjap, Fred Galea, Herbert Merz, Sr Betty Bourke, Carmelo Xiberras, Anthony Buttigieg, Colin Vella, Pamela Dissanayake, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, 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 Brcar, 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 Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

SICK LIST

If any of your loved ones who are on our sick list have recovered from their illness through our continued prayers, can you please contact the Parish office to let us know so they can be taken off the list.

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
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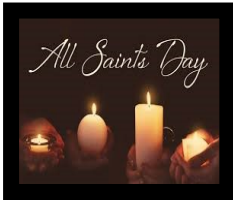
SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 4th / 5th November 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Malachi 1: 14 - 2:2, 8 - 10:4:
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 130
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 2: 7 - 9, 13
Gospel	Matthew 23: 1 - 12



Wednesday
1st Nov
**Mass at 9.30am &
7.00pm**



Thursday
2nd Nov
**Mass at 9.30am and
7pm.**

CATHOLIC MISSION



Thank you for your generous support last weekend, we have raised \$3650. You can still contribute, envelopes are at the doors of

the Church and can be placed in any collection basket or brought to the parish office during the week.



Thank you to all involved in the Ministers BBQ and Meeting last Tuesday. It was great evening of hospitality, comradeship and open discussion on issues pertaining to the various ministries.

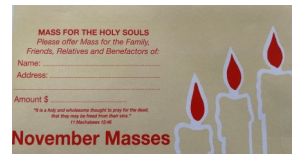
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

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.



HEALING MASS

On the 1st Saturday of each month at the 9am Mass, we have an anointing of the sick and prayers for the healing. Please come and join us on **Saturday, 4th November.**

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN



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

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 30/10	Tue 31/10	Wed 1/11 All Saints Day Solemnity	Thu 2/11 All Soul's Day	Fri 3/11	Sat 4/11 St Charles Borromeo Memorial	Sun 5/11 31st Sunday of Ordinary time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mothers who pray for their Children mtg 7.00pm: Prayer Group Hall	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 2.00pm Mass Governor Phillip Manor 2.30pm SNOM Liturgy 6.30pm RCIA PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Lady of Perpetual	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mass	6.45am Mass 9.15am SMM Mass Yr 4 10.30am Mass Mountainview 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Healing Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 11.30am Mass Our Lady of Penafraancia 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 4th / 5th November

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 Jenny Hogan		Kathleen Smith	Del Conejar	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	AMDG Youth	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Jacob French Anthony Ruzgas		Evette Isaaks	Yvonne Baccan	Ramon Bru Margaret Scicluna	No Music	
8.30am	John Jordan Rodney Howard	Michael Tickner Jostick Joseph	S Paterson	Peter Nematella	Peter Wheller Helen O'Connor	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Jun Relunia Joe Tabone	Michael Johnson	Maria Varua	Liza Alimangohan	Arnel Alimangohan	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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