



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
7th / 8th October 2023**

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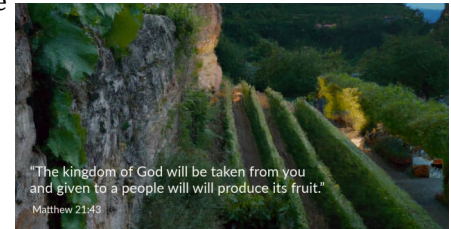
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.



Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

Have you thought? The benevolent landowner
One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

Living the Gospel – Different View: Using scripture to justify hatred

This text is one that has been used by some Christians to justify their hatred and persecution of Jews. They point to the parable Jesus told as evidence that Jesus blamed the Jewish people for his death. It is a strange fact that some people believe that the only way to justify their own beliefs is to try to destroy the beliefs (and believers) of other faiths. For hundreds of years Christians abused and tormented Jews, driving them out of cities and even countries. The terrible treatment of Jews in World War II was drawing on a long history of Christians persecuting Jews.

✉ Greg Sunter

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**Mass Readings for 14th / 15th October
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading	Isaiah 25: 6 - 10
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 22
2nd Reading	Philippians 4: 12 - 14, 19 - 20
Gospel	Matthew 22: 1 - 14

YOUNG ADULT EVENT

If you are between the ages of 18 and 40 and are looking for fun, friendship and food we need you. We are hosting a FREE beginner salsa classes on the second Friday of every month. Then join us afterwards for dinner and chat at one of Penrith's local restaurants. RSVP to Gabrielle on 0425 348 667.



**THE NEXT EVENT IS
FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER
FROM 6.30pm**
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
Frank Duffy
and for his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on
Tuesday 11th October at 11.00am

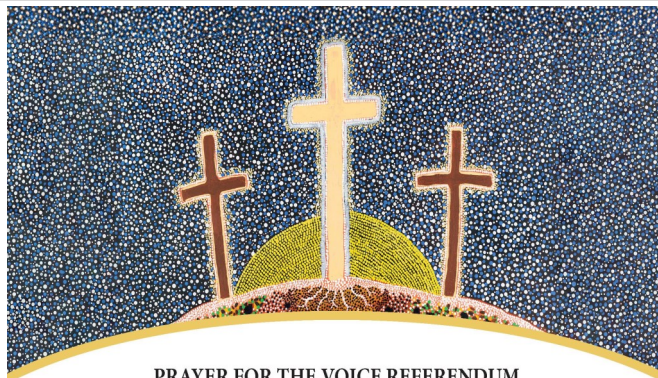
PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Duffy, Judy Tracy, Dominique Alfred, Walter Hancock and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Lorraine Vella, Patrick Gale, Trevor Ross, Rocardo Guballa, Edward Harrison, Enrique Es-mayor, Theresa Duncan and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

SICK: 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 Br-car, 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 Cecilia, 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.



PRAYER FOR THE VOICE REFERENDUM

God of love, justice and solidarity.

In Jesus Christ,
You call us to build a society that mirrors your Kingdom.

Enable us to journey with the Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of Australia.

Help us to stand alongside them,
addressing challenges with empathy and compassion.

Grant us the humility
to learn from their rich heritage, wisdom, culture and spirituality.

Give us the courage to dismantle unjust structures,
and create new pathways to inclusion.

Let this referendum be a heart-felt affirmation
to a new and better future for our country.

Together, may we grow to become a model nation,
where "the lowly are raised, and the hungry are filled with good things."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Composed by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv 2023

Image: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, natcc.org.au

**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
before the **16th October** to register your name and the number of years you have served in this ministry.

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

Diocesan Synod starts next weekend on October 13th -15th

We are excited to inform our parish community that the First Diocesan Synod is set to take place next weekend, commencing on the evening of October 13th with Holy Mass and concluding with a Holy Mass on October 15th at 6:00 PM. From our Parish, Dominic Dawson, the chair of Parish Pastoral Council and Fr. Joe will participate in this Synod. Let us keep them in your prayers as they embark on this journey of collective discernment and decision-making for the betterment of our local church community. Please continue to pray for all the Synod members.

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**

RSVP by Monday 9th October

Acolytes / MATA to John Sweeney
Lectors / Commentators / EM to Carolyn D'Mello

RCIA NEWS

Are you an adult who is curious about the Catholic faith? Have you been considering joining the Catholic Church and deepening your spiritual journey?



We invite you to embark on this meaningful and enlightening journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). **Information night** will be held on **11 Oct, 7pm** at the **PMR1**.

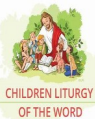
HSC STUDENTS

We pray for the following HSC students, Connor Dunn, Kaitlyn Ross, Georgia Fath, Alex Keavy and Elizabeth Angelic Summer,



that the gift of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage may be granted to them so they stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability.

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.**

GOD'S WORD 2024

Copies are available from the Parish office, weekdays 9.00am - 5.00pm and after each mass this weekend at the carpark entrance door.



Price: \$20.00

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN



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

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.

ATTENTION EVERYONE

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

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 9/10	Tue 10/10	Wed 11/10	Thu 12/10	Fri 13/10	Sat 14/10	Sun 15/10 28th Sunday of Ordinary time
DIOCESAN SYNOD						
9.30am Mass 7.00pm Baptism Preparation	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Liturgy Mtg 7.00pm Mothers who pray for their Children mtg 7.00pm Prayer Group Mtg Hall	9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Frank Duffy 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 7.00pm RCIA Information Night 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Adoration 6.30pm Salsa - Dine Youth Event	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 3.00pm Reconciliation Catch up Session 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 14th / 15th 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	Brian Scott Damien Wheelahan		Kathleen Smith	Connie Limjap	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	AMEN Choir	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Denis Wiggins Jacob French		Margaret Scicluna	Stuart Paterson	Ramon Bru Evette Isaaks	No Music	Carol Gillaus
8.30am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Michael Ostrea	Peter Nematalla	Marie Prendeville	Orlan Nugpo Helen Wakeling	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Cedric Giraldez Jun Relunia	Manuel Credo Marco Credo	Margaret Wilson	Dominic Dawson	Mary Knox Carmen Vella	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Rey Esteban Jose-Elmer Simeon	Jonathan Joseph	Carolyn D'Mello	Janet Esteban	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	Br David & Marian Choir	Sharon Shahoud

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