



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
11th / 12th November 2023

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Office Hour: Monday—Friday 9 am—5 pm

Lunch: 1pm – 1.30pm (*Office closed*)

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Principal : Mr. Tim Vane -Tempest

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Principal: Mr. Scott Buchan

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their



lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

Living the Gospel – Living in hope.

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

✍ Greg Sunter

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CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



The Penrith Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners to prepare Christmas hampers for the poor and disadvantaged families in the Penrith Area. Hampers will need to be returned to the Parish Meeting Room 1 on **Saturday 9th December** or **Sunday 10th December**, approximately 1 hour before or after each mass. Please see the Notice board for all details of Hamper categories, stickers and suggested items. Please do not include food items containing nuts or perishable items. Please ensure that food items are well within the expiry date and NO liquor is included in the hamper.

Hamper Deliveries: Once again, we ask for your generous help in the distribution of hampers. If you can spare an hour on: **Saturday the 16th December** between 8am and 11:30am in PMR1. We will provide face masks, gloves, sanitiser etc, and have a Covid Safe Plan in place to ensure the safety of our parishioners. If you have any enquiries, please contact Brian Brainwood on 0433 256 518 or Joe Tabone 0412 234 651. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

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

Antonino Iaria

and for his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on
Wednesday 15th November at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter John Genovese, Bella Torres, Sr Joan Sutherland, Antonino Iaria and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Stan Stelma, Michael Prendeville 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: Jim Fullerton, Kynn Heng, Zhuang Danzi, Denis Wiggins, Cheryl Clark, Nathan Martin, 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.

Mass Readings for 18th / 19th November 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Proverbs 31: 10 - 13, 19 - 20, 30 - 31
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 127: 1 - 5
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 6
Gospel	Matthew 25: 14 - 30

Immaculata Mission School 2024: FISHERS OF MEN

Start the new year by going deeper in God's love through awe-inspiring speakers on the Catholic faith, daily Mass, Adoration and the Rosary, praise and worship, fellowship and more! There are two different programs, so there is something for everyone ...

Youth & adults (14 years & up): 1-6 January 2024

Married couples & families: 7-10 January 2024 (specifically designed for married couples, includes ministry for children aged 13 & under)

Special guest speakers: Dan & Stephanie Burke from the USA (co-founders of the Avila Institute, presenters on EWTN & Dan is an author of over 15 books on Catholic spirituality), plus Fr Francesco Gavazzi (from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal)

Where: NEGS (New England Girls' School), Armidale NSW

For costs, additional information and TO REGISTER visit: <http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims>

LOWANA STUDY CENTRE'S

Spring Fete

at MacKillop Centre

19 November 2023, Sunday

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
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HOMEWARE STALL

PLANT STALL

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ATTENTION EVERYONE

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

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass December 17th at 10am

We will celebrate a special wedding anniversary thanksgiving mass for couples who are celebrate their 1st, or quinquennial (i.e. 5th, 10th, 15th, every 5th year) wedding anniversary this year.

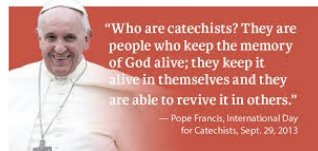
**If this is you please RSVP to
manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au by 8th of December if you will be attending this mass.**

WE NEED FIVE (5) MORE CATECHISTS FOR 2024

Come, join our vibrant Parish team in this very fulfilling lay ministry in spreading the Word of God in our 7 State public schools.

Please contact Margaret in the Parish Office to discover what it means to be Catechist for St. Nicholas of Myra, the training and ongoing mentoring provided, resources available and answers to any questions you may have. I really look forward to hearing from you.

**Margaret Wilson,
Catechist Coordinator,
(02) 47212509.**



Parishioners and visitors are reminded that the carpark off Higgins Lane is a private carpark for patrons of the New Fortune Palace Chinese restaurant and **SHOULD NOT** be used for parking during mass times.

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

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



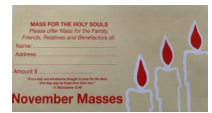
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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



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.

AV OPERATORS

We are looking for volunteers to assist at our weekend masses by operating the AV, **FULL TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED**. If you are interested please contact Rodney Howard on 4721 2509 or email manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au with your name and contact details.

ADVENT SERIES

On each Wednesday before the Sundays of Advent, Br Barry Donaghue cfc, D Min, will host 4 presentations in preparation for the commemoration of the birth of Jesus.

Dates: Nov 29. Dec 6, 13, 20. Time: 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

Place: Edmund Rice Centre, Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa, NSW 2745. Cost: Donation.

The talks will be based on the Advent scriptures, including time for questions, reflection and discussion.

Next door parking; wheelchair accessible. For catering purposes, please call or text Br Barry on 0478408337 or email him at bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org

Bishop's Christmas Appeal



This year the Bishop's Christmas appeal will take place on the weekend of **25th / 26th November** and is supporting the Catholic Care chaplaincy services, offering hope and comfort to those in hospitals, prisons, and difficult circumstances. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church this weekend.

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 13/11	Tue 14/11	Wed 15/11	Thu 16/11	Fri 17/11 St Elizabeth of Hungary Memorial	Sat 18/11	Sun 19/11 33rd 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 10.30am Mass Sumit Care 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 11.00am Funeral: Antonino Iaria 6.30pm RCIA PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30 am Mass The Royce	6.45am Mass 9.15am SMM Liturgy Yr 3 12.10pm Mass	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 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 18th / 19th 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	Rodney Howard Damian Wheelahan		Connie Limjap	Marie Prendeville	Jim Fullerton Mila Svehla	AMEN Choir	Volunteer Needed
7.00am	John Sweeney Denis Wiggins		Yvonne Baccan	Stuart Paterson	Louisa Davie Sue Sweeney	No Music	Volunteer Needed
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Craig Walsh	Jostick Joseph Isaac Spiteri	Rose Walsh	Carol Wright	Orlan Nugpo Helen Wakeling	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Jun Relunia Remy Wood	Zachary Christie Amelia Ross	Allan Johnson	Olga Kiss	Mary Knox Andrew Kosman	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Cheryl Clark	Angelo Aish Sreya Dias	Kathleen Smith	Natasha Joseph	Lynda D'Lima Kathryn Wrightson	Br David & Marian Choir	Samara Dias

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