



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
25th / 26th November 2023**

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

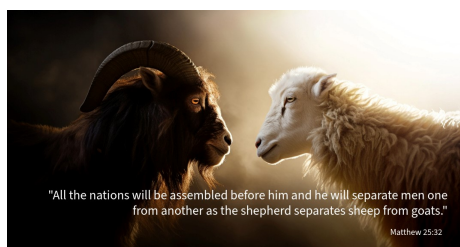
Have you thought? – Christ the King

This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – reminding us of a very imperial model of church and theology that reflected the structure of the Roman Empire and later, Feudal Europe. To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.

Gospel Focus – The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media –

TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice.



✉ Greg Sunter

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Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care chaplaincy services.



Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas.

"I will never forget Lucy, a little girl diagnosed with a life-threatening disease. Her family didn't know what to do, except rely on God. We organised a baptism and prayed with the family. Remarkably, Lucy recovered, and her family visited with a handmade card that said "Thank you for praying for me and supporting me and my family. Thank you for your visit and the spirit in which you organised my christening, 'We will never forget you. Miracles do happen.'" - Abraham George, Chaplain at the Children's Hospital at Westmead.*

*for privacy, the girl's name and image have been changed.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal, scan this QR code or complete an envelope and hand in at the special collection this weekend.

Thank you.



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

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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carlos Olivares Carlitos and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Arthur Tipping, Alberto San Pedro and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnolley, John Nettar, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Anne Hardy, 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, 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, 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.

Immaculata Mission School 2024: FISHERS OF MEN

Start the new year by going deeper in God's love through awe-some 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)

Where: NEGS (New England Girls' School), Armidale NSW
For costs, additional information and TO REGISTER visit: <http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims>

PLANNED GIVING

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 2nd / 3rd December 1st Sunday of Advent Year B

1st Reading	Isaiah 63: 16 - 17; 64: 1, 3 - 8
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 79: 2 - 3, 15 - 16, 18 - 19
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9
Gospel	Mark 13: 33 - 37

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 Decem-
ber if you will be attending this mass.**

ADVENT REFLECTION

Everyone is invited to an Advent Reflection entitled "Rekindle the Wonder - The Sacrament of the Eucharist" presented by Chris Ohlsen on the **12th of December at 7.00pm** in our Church.

HOUR OF GRACE

We will be holding an Hour of Grace on the 8th December, commencing at 12.00pm followed by mass and Divine Mercy adoration.

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.



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 in the foyer of the Church 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.

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, 2nd December**

CATECHISTS

We still need a few more new Catechists, to continue our ministry in the 7 State primary schools in our Parish. Please contact Margaret Wilson at the Parish Office if you are interested in learning more.

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 27/11	Tue 28/11	Wed 29/11	Thu 30/11 St Andrew Feast	Fri 1/12	Sat 2/12	Sun 3/12 1st Sunday of Ad- vent
9.30am Mass 10.00am Catechist Mtg	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mothers who pray for their Chil- dren mtg 7.00pm Prayer Group mtg	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 6.30pm RCIA PMR1 7.00pm Mass & Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Choir Lead- ers Mtg	6.45am Mass 10.00am Mass Moun- tainview 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Healing Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 11.30 Mass our Lady of Penafrancia 5.00pm Reconcilia- tion 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 2nd / 3rd December

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 Dennis Wellfare	Lucas Besa	Del Conejar	Marie Prendeville	Allan Linga Debbie Scott	AMDG Youth	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia		Yvonne Baccan	Margaret Scicluna	Evette Isaaks Louisa Davie	No Music	Volunteer Needed
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Craig Walsh	Michael Ostrea Isaac Spiteri	Sue Von Bock	Rose Walsh	Orlan Nugpo Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	John Jordan Remy Wood	Amelia Ross Andrew Johnson	Olga Kiss	Dominic Dawson	Mary Knox Carmen Vella	Jane Chifley	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Nina Nepomuceno Rey Esteban	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Janet Esteban	Kathleen Smith	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	BNP Youth	BNP

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