



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Year B
14th January 2024**

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

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"We have found the Messiah."

John 1:41

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Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

Have you thought? Why disciples?

Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.

From the perspective of ... The Disciples

We'd been following John the Baptist for nearly a year. He was a great man doing great work. He had called us to repent and baptised us in the river. We were so impressed with him that we began to follow him. There'd been plenty of other healers and preachers to follow but John seemed to be something special – some had talked about him being the messiah! Then all of a sudden John pointed out Jesus and called him the lamb of God. There was something different about this man and it just seemed right to leave John behind and go with Jesus.

✍ Greg Sunter

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PARISH NEWS

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2024

This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN OUR PARISH AND ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE OR THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE FOR SIGNING BY THE 2nd OF FEBRUARY

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. Online training can be completed at any time by going to: learning.safeguarding.org.au.

For those who need to renew, Modules 4 and 5 will be offered in our Parish on 22nd and 29th of February at 7.00pm in the Hall or can be done online now.

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

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Roger Wilkom, Teresa Mifsud, Rosina Pace and Zavier Conde

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Carmela Sultana, Dorrie Bertles, Claude Fernandez, Anecita Sajonia, Loretta Xerri, Rosaria Vella, Saveria Buttigieg, Mark McSpadden, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, Paul & Gino Vassallo, Godfrey Gomez and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Elsie Pajeta, Karen Goderie, Xavier Conde, Christine Dagworthy, Connie Farrugia, Eneliko Tuliatu, Jim Fullerton, Denis Wiggins, Nathan Martin, Georgia Eleftheriades, 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 Brcar, Daryle Young, Todd Soden, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, 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.



We wish a very

Happy Wedding Anniversary to

Robert & Elenita Sajonia (42nd)

Suresh & Marina Maheswaran (15th)

which they both celebrated on the 12th January.



PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

MASS SCHEDULE: SUMMER HOLIDAYS From 26th December 2023—26th January 2024

Mondays - Friday	9.30am only
Saturday	9.00am mass followed by adoration and reconciliation
Saturday	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday	7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 6.00 pm



A very big thank you to Arts and Nerissa, Calub, Deacon Willy and Beth Limjap, Margaret Cobden and Phil Friend for the beautiful nativity scenes, flowers and banner in our Church over the Christmas season.

A big thank to all the Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Commentators, Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs ,AV operators and other volunteers who made our Christmas celebrations special for everyone.

A special thank you to Rose Keane, her helpers and parents for the children’s mass on Christmas Eve, a beautiful celebration and a very special time for the

Novena and Mass Santo Nino (Holy Child)

Wed 17th January 7:00 pm at St Nicholas of Myra

The Cofradia del Santo Nino is inviting the parishioners of St Nicholas of Myra to please join us in the novena and mass on Wed 17th January at 7:00 pm in preparation to the Feast of Santo Nino on Sunday 21st January.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

When completing a mass intention envelope for an anniversary of a death, please specify if the mass is for:

- only the anniversary date
- weekend masses (added to Prayers of the Faithful)
- anniversary date and weekend masses

All names will be included in the Bulletin.

FREE ITEMS

A number of missals and bibles have been donated to the Church, if you could use one of these, they are available for free from the box in the foyer.

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.

Mass Readings for 20th / 21st January 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading	Jonah 3: 1- 5, 10
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 24: 4 - 9
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 7: 29 - 31
Gospel	Mark 1: 14 - 20

SAVE THE DATE

LENTEN REFLECTION

The Parish is organising a Lenten reflection for every minister in the Church. Participation is mandatory for all the following groups: Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Lectors, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers , Minister to the Sick and Dying, Choir members, AV operators, Wardens, Catechists, Pastoral Council members, Finance Council members, Liturgy Committee members, Banner Group members. However if you cannot attend due to circumstances, please inform us.

Date: 16th March

Where: Winbourne, Mulgoa

Time: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Cost: \$30.00 includes morning tea and lunch. Parish will cover additional costs.

Guest speaker: Very Rev Peter G Williams, AM, VG

Registrations begins from 15th January onwards.

All registration will be done through the Parish Office either by email, phone or in-person. Payment is to be made at the time of registration either by

⇒ **Cash**

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CALENDAR

Mon 15/1	Tue 16/1	Wed 17/1 St Anthony Memorial	Thu 18/1	Fri 19/1	Sat 20/1	Sun 21/1 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass 7.00pm Baptism Preparation - Hall	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 20th / 21st January 2024

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 Brian Scott	Lucas Besa	Sharon Falleiro	Kathleen Smith	Allan Linga Lee Scully	CD	Volunteer Needed
7.00am	Anthony Ruzgas John Sweeney		Yvonne Baccan	Evette Isaaks	Ramon Bru Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Vinita Jobin
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Remy Wood	Michael Tickner Jostick Joseph	Peter Nematalla	Rose Walsh	Lyn Olander Peter Wheller	CD	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Rodney Howard Jun Relunia	Zachary Christie Amelia Ross	Allan Johnson	Maria Varua	Kathleen Pemberton Mary Knox	CD	Volunteer Needed
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Rey Esteban	Irene Jobin Angelo Aish	Natasha Joseph	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello Kathryn Wrightson	CD	Sharon Shahoud

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