



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Year B
21st January 2024**

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Lunch: 1pm - 1.30pm (*Office closed*)

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.



The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen

abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

Have you thought? Year B.

Although the new liturgical year began with Advent, this week's reading is the first time that we enter into the cycle of the gospel for this liturgical year, the Gospel of Mark. The Church calendar works on a cycle of three years: Year A; Year B; and Year C. Each of the three synoptic gospels is associated with one of the years: Matthew in Year A; Mark in Year B; and Luke in Year C. Throughout this liturgical cycle we will move through the Gospel of Mark from beginning to end – usually in the part of the liturgical calendar known as Ordinary Time.

Living the Gospel – The Good News is here.

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: 'The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

✍ Greg Sunter

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PARISH NEWS

PARKING

For the safety of our parishioners especially children and the elderly please **only park in the designated car parking space** in the carpark. There are clear signs to indicate where **NOT** to park **particularly at the entrance to the carpark between the hall and PMR1**



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If you wish to place any material / pamphlets or objects in the Church foyer or on the noticeboards, you **MUST** get permission from the Parish Office first.

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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
Teresa Mifsud
and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on
Tuesday 23rd January at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Winston Thompson, Gertrude Fernandez, Dante Villabrica, Teresa Mifsud, Andita Gastrock, Quinn Potts

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Carmela Sultana, Brian Bourke, Claude & Everlyn Fernandez, Rudolph Lesseps-Fonseca, Josephine Godinho, Elbert Goh, Jerry D'souza, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

SICK: Ric Limjap, Elsie Pajeta, Karen Goderie, Christine Dagworthy, Connie Farrugia, Eneliko Tuliatiu, 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, 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-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.

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 this will be offered in our Parish on 22nd and 29th of February at 7.00pm in the Hall.

**TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
OR**

Scroll to the bottom of this webpage at:

**<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/and>
click on a Cycle and Date that is convenient for you.**

The modules can also be done online now if you wish .

For further information or help please contact Rodney Howard, the Parish Safeguarding Champion at the Parish office

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**

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.

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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



Fr PJ will be returning to India on the 15th February. He will celebrate the **10.00am mass on Sunday 11th February** at St Nicholas followed by morning tea. Please come along to say thank you for his years of service in the Parramatta Diocese especially here at St Nicholas of Myra and as Hospital Chaplain at Nepean Hospital .



Mass Readings for 27th / 28th January 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading	Dueteronomy18: 15 - 20
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 94: 1- 2, 6 - 9
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 7: 32 - 35
Gospel	Mark 1: 21 - 28

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**
- ⇒ **Direct Deposit**
- BSB: 067 950
- Acct No: 100001692
- Acct Name: Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
- Reference: LENTEN
- ⇒ **Credit Card** (in person or phone at Parish office)

If you have any dietary requirements please the office know when registering.

Sacramental Program Confirmation

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation will open on our website, stnicholasofmyra.org.au on

Wednesday 31st January 2024
and close on
Wednesday 14th February 2024

The website contains the requirements and commitments for parents and children and the dates of the Parent Information Evening, Commitment masses, Family sessions, Practice afternoon and Reconciliation

To be eligible for Confirmation,
Children must be in Year 5 or above, must be baptised, have made their First Reconciliation, and received First Holy Communion

*All enquiries to Rodney Howard at
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Ph:4721 2509*

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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 22/1	Tue 23/1	Wed 24/1	Thu 25/1	Fri 26/1	Sat 27/1	Sun 28/1
		St Francis de Sales Memorial	The Conversion of St Paul Feast	Australia Day		4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass 11.00 Funeral Teresa Mifsud 7.00pm Prayer Group Mtg	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1	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 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 27th / 28th 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	Jenny Hogan Dennis Wellfare		Sharon Falleiro	Marie Prendeville	Lee Scully Debbie Scott	CD	Rodney Howard
7.00am	John Sweeney Anthony Ruzgas		Stuart Paterson	Yvonne Baccan	Evette Isaaks Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Michael Tickner Isaac Spiteri	Marie Prendeville	Peter Nematalla	Helen Wakeling Peter Wheller	CD	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	John Jordan Michael Tolentino	Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Dominic Dawson	Maria Varua	Mary Knox Carmen Vella	CD	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Cheryl Clark	Angelo Aish Sreya Dias	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	Sound of Worship	Samara Dias

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