



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Year B
4th February 2024**

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

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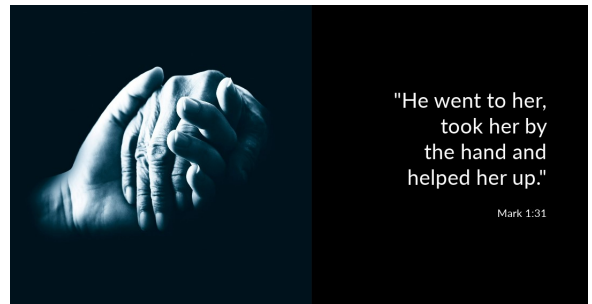
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's gospel follows directly on from last week's reading and, as is typical with Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very same day. The urgency of the gospel is obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. However, on arriving at the home of Simon and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman who has just met him recognises him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.



"He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up."

Mark 1:31

Still on the same day, we see the expansion of Jesus' healing ministry. On this one day he has cast an unclean spirit out of a possessed man in the synagogue, healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and then healed the crowds of people who came to the door. The next morning he announces that they will take the ministry to the whole region of Galilee. In a very simple way, the gospel of Mark has described the growth of Jesus' ministry from very humble isolated examples to a deliberate reaching out to the people of an entire region.

Have you thought? Simon's Wife?

In this week's reading, it is Simon's mother-in-law who is healed. This obviously means that Simon is married. However, there is no mention whatsoever about his wife. Is she alive or dead? Do they have children? We have no indication. It is not until the writings of Paul (1 Cor 9:5) that we learn Simon Peter was indeed married and that his wife accompanied him on his travels. Perhaps this visit to his family home was to announce to his wife and family that he had decided to follow Jesus and give up fishing.

Living the Gospel - Prayer

In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. The passage tells us that it was 'long before dawn' that he did this. It may have been his usual practice to pray early in the morning or he may have been restless after the events of the previous day and the thought of what lay ahead. Nevertheless, Jesus provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.

✉ Greg Sunter

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PARISH NEWS



INTRODUCTION CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

As you may be aware, the Diocese of Parramatta has a legal and moral requirement to adhere to the NSW Child Safe Standards. The Standards, developed by the Office of the Children's Guardian, ensure we and organisations across NSW, place the safety of children at the core of how we plan, think and act; with the aim of keeping children safe.

An important aspect of the Standards is to build knowledge and awareness throughout our parishes and communities, of Safeguarding practices. Building knowledge and awareness means that more of our community members are equipped to help safeguard children and youth.

With this in mind, there will be information in the parish bulletin each month, with a focus on one of The Standards. This month's focus – Standard 1: Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance, and culture.

Please keep an eye out next WEEK –for Standard 1: Child Safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance, and culture

<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

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 GO TO**

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

These 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 on 4721 2509 or manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Antonia Said

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin James Taylor, Francis Anthony Jordan, Mildred de Silva, Gerald Desmond Barnes, Pura Alcantara, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettar, Pearl and Milton de Silva, Nimal Perera and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Lyn O'Hare, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Ric Limjap, Elsie Pajeta, Karen Goderie, 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, Eric Nepomuceno, 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.



Fr Chinonye will be on holidays from **4th February to 18th March**. We wish him safe travels as he catches up with family and friends.

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN



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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Our Children liturgy will recommence on **Sunday 4th February** at the 10.00am mass.

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 10th / 11th February 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading	Leviticus 13: 1 - 2, 44 - 46
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 31: 1- 2, 5, 11
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11: 1
Gospel	Mark 1: 40 - 45

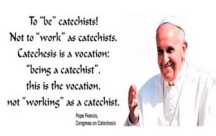


Fr PJ will be returning to India on the 15th February. He will celebrate the **10.00am mass on Sunday 11th February** at St Nicholas followed by morning tea.

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.



Come, join our Catechist team, 2024.



We need a few more Catechists for this school year to work in the ministry of spreading the Gospel message to the Catholic students in our 6 local State schools. Ongoing training, mentoring and excellent resources available.

If interested please contact Margaret Wilson, Catechist Coordinator, at the Parish Office, (02) 47212509, catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au.

Sacramental Program

Confirmation

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now **OPEN**

on our website, stnicholasofmyra.org.au

The website contains the requirements and commitments for parents and children and the all dates

*All enquiries to Rodney Howard
Ph: 4721 2509*

Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au



14th February 2024

**Mass times:
6.45 am, 9.30am and 7 pm**

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 are now open.

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

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 5/2 St Agatha Memorial	Tue 6/2 St Paul Miki & companions Memorial	Wed 7/2	Thu 8/2	Fri 9/2	Sat 10/2 St Scholastica Memorial	Sun 11/2 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass 7.00pm Baptism Preparation	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mother's who Pray for their Children	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary PMR1 2.00pm Mass Governor Phillip Manor 6.30pm RCIA PMR1 7.00pm Mass	9.30am Mass 7.00pm SVDP Regional Mtg	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy adoration	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, Fr PJ's farewell mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 10th / 11th FEBRUARY 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	Sreya Dias	Connie Limjap	Sharon Falleiro	Nerissa Calub Mila Svehla	Sound of Worship	Samara Dias
7.00am	Alan Barnes		Yvonne Baccan	Margaret Scicluna	Ramon Bru Louisa Davie	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Cheryl Clark Remy Wood	Michael Ostrea	Carol Wright	Sue Von Bock	Ninea Nepomuceno Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gillaus
10.00am	Jun Relunia Joe Tabone	Elidie Gal Nicholas McWhirter	Dominic Dawson	Louise Gal	Andrew Kosman Carmen Vella	AMDG Adult	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Jose-Elmer Simeon	Irene Jobin Jonathan Joseph	Daniel Whalen	Janet Esteban	Carolyn D'Mello Darlene Streher	CFC	CFC

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