



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



## 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time 4th August 2024 Vocations Awareness Week



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### GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week’s gospel reading continues the exploration of John Ch 6 that began last week and will continue for another few weeks. Today’s passage begins the extended discourse on the ‘Bread of Life’ image that runs throughout this chapter. Last week’s reading finished with Jesus virtually fleeing the scene when the crowd wanted to make him king. At the start of today’s reading, the crowd has caught up with him again and appears to be looking for a repeat performance of the miraculous feeding. Jesus accuses them of simply wanting more food and not being alert to the truth of the sign they had witnessed. The crowd asks what they must do to accomplish the works of God and Jesus answers fairly bluntly, Believe in me!

In response, the people demand a sign from Jesus: produce manna from heaven as Moses did during the Exodus. In fact, manna from heaven is one of the signs of the coming of the Messiah that is foretold by the prophets. So, in their own way, the people are asking Jesus to demonstrate to them that he is the Messiah. Jesus, however, explains that it was not Moses who produced the manna, but God. In Jesus, God has already produced the sign – the Bread sent down from heaven. There is no need for Jesus to produce such a sign; the sign has already been produced by God. It is up to the people – and us – to recognise God’s gift of life-sustaining nourishment that is Jesus.

In the Eucharist, we continue to celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life – the sustaining gift of God that ‘gives life to the world’.

#### Scriptural context – Bread that endures

Jesus says, ‘Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.’ The reference to food that cannot last relates to today’s first reading about manna. In the full account of Exodus 16 you will see that the manna that fell on the first five days had become rotten by the next day and could not be eaten. However, the manna that fell on the sixth day was ‘food that endures’ so that it could be eaten the next day – the Sabbath day, when the work of gathering the manna was not allowed.

#### Living the Gospel – The Body of Christ

Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, ‘Be what you see, and receive what you are.’ We not only receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist, we are called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received; and we receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ.

#### Historical Context – Bread

For thousands of years, bread has been a staple part of the human diet in many cultures. It is no accident that the image of Jesus as bread makes such a significant appearance in the gospel of John. For the Jews, like other Ancient Near Eastern cultures, bread was a vital mainstay of their diet. In the Bible, the word ‘bread’ often simply means all food – it was that important! For many, regular access to bread did equate to life. Bread also played a crucial role in religious practices, especially the Passover meal.

#### Questions for Adults

Q. What is your understanding of Jesus describing himself as the Bread of Life?

Greg Sunter  
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## PARISH NEWS

### Adult Confirmation 2024 Formation Day 24th August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the Catechesis day.

A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day.

For more information please contact  
Lucy Woodbury on  
[lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

### Planned Giving Envelope The new envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church

We thank all those who give so generously through the envelopes, Credit/Debit Card payments or Direct Debit/ Credit or Tap and Go.

If you would like to alter your way of giving or join the Parish Planned Giving, please phone the Parish office to make these arrangements.

For new Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions complete the form available at the doors of the Church and submit it to the Parish Office either in person or by email to [manager@stnicholasofmyna.org.au](mailto:manager@stnicholasofmyna.org.au)

### The Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent, Belarus

The sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent, Belarus, will be selling religious items at next weekend Masses, 10th and 11th of August.

They wish to raise funds for their ministry especially for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults. Please come and say hello and take a look at what we can do for this ministry.



We wish a very  
Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to  
**Maria and Keiran Junge**  
which they celebrate on the 3rd August

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Therese Roberts (nee Gale), Blytan De Mattia

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Paul Vassallo, Colin O'Flynn, Orlando Palacio, June Gale, Rosela Porteria, Mauro Mariano, Joseph Xiberras, Nazzarena Cauchi

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnolly, John Nettare, Therese Lee, Grant McLean, Faaiu, Ioana and Vilo Tuliatu

**SICK:** Carmel & Rex Stein, Bryan and Kay McInerney, Helen Try, John Cluney, Arren Samia, Cheryl Clark, Zeny Oringo, Noel and Remina Bernardo, Christine Court, Baby Harold Francis Eastman Reid, Michael Nolan, Bernadette Tecson, John Slater, Cliff, Carmela Talos, Venus and Shan Cabacar, Ursula Gomez, Michelle Zotz, Aiden Campbell, Mick C, Olive Gyford, Raymond D'Lima, Stanley Mascarenhas, Pam Pizzuto, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Ric Limjap, Elsie Pajeta, Karen Goderie, Christine Dagworthy, Connie Farrugia, Eneliko Tuliatu, Jim Fullerton, Nathan Martin, Wilfredo Alcantara, Susan Voros, Bob Wrightson, Roseanne Shirley, Fr David Catteral, Kyla Aggar, George Try, AJ, Eric Nepomuceno, Janice Cannon, Sabbir Siddique, Thomas Zotz, Peter Gill, Isabella Agius, Karan Bradburn, Aiden Burke, Elwyn Geerin, Susan Wheelahan, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Bracar, Daryle Young, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Nympha Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Charles Tabone, Billy Downes, Heather Whitborn, Michael Vella, Trevor Rowe, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Lisa Sperneck, 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, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

### EFTPOS Terminal



The Parish now has an EFTPOS terminal in the office so payments by card **in person** are now easier. Payments can be made for Mass offerings, Piety Shop purchases, donations to the Church and other payments.

### Ministry Roster

The roster for August - October has been emailed and some hard copies are available in the sacristy.



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**“The Bible and the Virgin Mary -  
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Every Wednesday at 6.00pm in PMR1



**Children's Liturgy**  
Our Children's liturgy occurs at the 10.00am  
mass every Sunday.

## PLANNED GIVING

*We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times*  
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**SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish**  
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**Acct No** 100001692  
**Acct Name** Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church  
**Reference** [ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME]

## PARISH NEWS

### Mass Readings for 10th / 11th August 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

<b>1st Reading</b>	1 Kings 19: 4 - 8
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	33: 2 - 9
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Ephesians 4: 30 - 5: 2
<b>Gospel</b>	John 6: 41—51

### New Diocesan Pastoral Plan Launch

Next Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, our Vigil Mass will be celebrated by the **Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen** together with Diocesan Synod members after the launch of New Diocesan Pastoral Plan for Synodal Church in Penrith. All are welcome to attend this Mass in our parish.

### Peter's Pence Collection

Peter's Pence is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world.

Each donation, small or large, also has a powerful symbolic value – it is a concrete sign of communion with the Holy Father.

**This weekend, 3rd and 4th August** we will have a special collection at the doors of the Church to support our Pope in his humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects.

### Milestone Birthdays

This year, our special **Thanksgiving Mass for Milestone Birthdays**, will be held on the **on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am Mass**.

We are thrilled to invite all those who are having milestone birthdays this year, 18, 21, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90 years, and above as we would love to honour you with this special Thanksgiving Mass.

If you or a loved one is celebrating a milestone birthday this year, we kindly ask you to **contact our Parish Office before 10<sup>th</sup> of August**. This will help us ensure that we include your celebration in our plans and prayers.

**Please reach out to Parish Office on  
02 4721 2509 or [manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au).**



On the **8<sup>th</sup> of August**, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of **St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop**, the Patron Saint of Australia. Please come and join us at **9.30 am Mass**.

On the **15<sup>th</sup> of August** we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a Holy Day of obligation.



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We will have the following Masses at **7.00pm on 14th August (Vigil)**

**6.45am, 9.30am & 7.00pm on 15th August.**

We encourage you to bring the **statues and icons** of Our Lady from your home to the **7.00pm mass on the 15th August** to be blessed.

### Sacramental Program

#### Reconciliation

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Reconciliation **ARE NOW OPEN** on our website, [stnicholasofmyra.org.au](http://stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

**Parent Information Meeting**  
Tuesday 27th August

**Dates for the Commitment masses, Family Sessions, Practice and Reconciliation Liturgy are available on our Website or the posters in the Church.**

To be eligible for Reconciliation **children must be in Year 3 or above and must be baptised.**

Enrolment forms are also available from the Parish Office.

*All enquiries to Rodney Howard at  
02 47212509 or [sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)*

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 5/8	Tue 6/8 The Transfiguration of the Lord Feast	Wed 7/8	Thu 8/8 St Mary of the Cross Solemnity	Fri 9/8	Sat 10/8 St Lawrence Feast	Sun 11/8 19th 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 2.00pm Mass Governor Phillip Manor 6.00pm LOM Course 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.00am Mass SMM Primary 9.30am Mass 2.30pm Liturgy SNOM Primary	6.45 am Mass 9.00am CCD Level 1 Training 12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy adoration	8.00am Launch of Diocesan Pastoral Plan 9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass celebrate by Bishop Vincent	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass



## PARISH ROSTER 10th / 11th August

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR MINISTRY PLEASE ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT.

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Jenny Hogan Dennis Wellfare	Sreya Dias	Natasha Joseph	Llewelyn Ross	Lee Scully Mila Svehla	Sound of Worship	Josephine Linga
7.00am	John Sweeney Anthony Ruzgas		Victoria Sebi	Kathleen Smith	Ramon Bru Louisa Davie	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Peter Spiteri Craig Walsh	Jostick Joseph Isaac Spiteri	Rose Walsh	Sue Von Bock	Jim Fullerton Helen Wakeling	Jeffrey Mizzi	Lesi Nagata
10.00am	Jun Relunia Remy Wood	Zackary Christie Amelia Ross	Margaret Wilson	Liza Alimangohan	Andrew Kosman Carmen Vella	AMDG Adult	Ursula Gomez
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Rachel Conteh	Angelo Aish Ethan Moniz	Daniel Whalen	Railala Mateiwai	Carolyn D'Mello Nina Nepomuceno	CFC	CFC

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