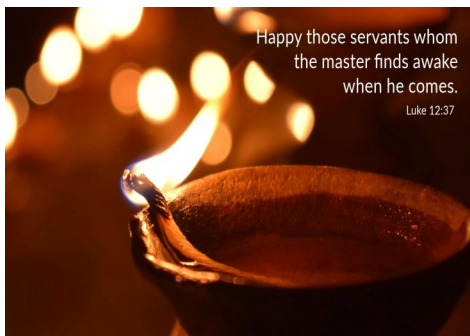




St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



19th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C
9 / 10 August 2025



Happy those servants whom
the master finds awake
when he comes.
Luke 12:37

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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Life today often feels weighed down by uncertainty - economic instability, environmental crises, fractured relationships, and personal anxieties about the future. Many people carry the silent burden of not knowing what tomorrow holds.

Like Abraham, we are called to step into the unknown, to leave what is familiar, and to walk in faith. His journey was full of risk and cost - a kind of spiritual tariff - yet he trusted that God was faithful. In our own lives, that same faith is asked of us: to keep going even when the path is unclear, when results are delayed, or when promises seem to be far off.

Jesus’ words in the Gospel - “Do not be afraid, little flock” - offer comfort, but they also carry a challenge. Trust in God does not mean passivity; it requires readiness, generosity, and moral clarity. The tariff of discipleship today may be the sacrifice of personal convenience, the courage to live with integrity, or the willingness to love unconditionally. We are urged to stay awake - not in anxiety, but in purposeful living. Whether you’re navigating the uncertainty of raising children in a chaotic world, working through a difficult marriage, or carrying hidden grief, you are still called to keep your lamp burning.

As we celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption, this coming Friday 15th August**, we look to Mary, our Blessed Mother, as the perfect model of such faith and vigilance. She embraced the unknown with courage, bore the weight of divine trust, and lived a life of joyful obedience even through suffering. **The Assumption** reminds us that the promises of God are not empty - they lead to glory. Mary’s life tells us that the tariff of trust is worth it, that God indeed lifts the lowly. In her, we see that to live in hope, to carry faith in uncertain times, and to keep our hearts fixed on heaven is not foolish - it is the very path to the Kingdom.

May Mary help us to keep our lamps lit until the Lord comes.

As part of our celebration, at the 7:00 pm Mass on the 15 August, there will be a rite of blessing for the icons / statues of Our Lady and rosary beads. I invite you to bring these items to the church and place around the Altar to be blessed during the Mass. This act is a renewal of our love for God and Mary, deepening our devotion and reaffirming our commitment to live under the guidance of our heavenly Mother.

Let us gather with hearts full of thanksgiving, asking Mary to lead us to her Son, Jesus, and to help us build our lives based on His love.

Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP



PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings 16 / 17 August 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Jeremiah 38: 4 - 6, 8 - 10
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 39: 2 - 4, 18
2nd Reading	Hebrews 12: 1 - 4
Gospel	Luke 12: 49 - 53

NEW ALTAR SERVERS



We congratulate the following children who will be commissioned as Altar Servers over the next 2 weekend: Celina Chan Pow See, Vivian Chan Pow See, Charlotte George, Dominic

Lenihan, Lucy Lenihan, Isabella Ramirez-Saw, Olivia Spain. We thank Fr Rojan, Siona Sebastian and Irene Jobin for preparing these children for this ministry.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Frances Gunn

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on

Wednesday 13 August, at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen Abberfield, Frances Gunn, Russell Johnson, Bernardita Siodina

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Pauline Margerison, Rodolfo Calub, Magda Tatrai, Jason Relunia, Juan Bonot, Lucy Alvarado Saenz, Paul Borg

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnelly, Paul Borg, Trinidad Gibbons, Herbert Merz, Carlito Jimenez

SICK: Lorie Tabone, Edward Wagner
Kyla Aggar, Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet Arellano, Kimberley Balandra, Ralph Beck, Margaret Bell, Ingrid Bentham, Noel Bernardo, Ivan Brcar, Karan Bradburn, Brian Brainwood, Marianne Brigden, Aiden Burke, Joe Buttigieg Snr, Ting Cecila, Cliff, Mick C, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Brenda & Ronwald Cadandy, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Aiden Campbell, George & Lena Caruana, Fr David Catteral, John Cluney, Mark Cluney, Nad Coder, Dylan Conway, Christine Court, Adelia Delapaz, Raymond D'Lima, Diana Dooley, Lou Doyle, Helen Dowling, Debbie Dunn, Joe Farrugia, Peter Farrugia, Theo Fitzgerald, Cheyne Fynn, Robert Galino, Nancy Galon, John Gatt, Elwyn Geerin, Peter Gill, Tim Green, Tadeus Gwiazda, Olive Gyford, Bernadette James, Theresa Jordan, Angelique Karamanolis, Danielle Kazare, Baby Yuri Pavon Lara, Helen Lazarus, Ric Limjap, Josephine Magro, Melisa Maiseeh, Thanda Manjaly, Baby Capri Marshall, Nathan Martin, Stanley Mascarenhas, Bryan & Kay McNerney, Moises Millena, Nympha Miller, Sandra Miller, Sydney Morris, Tracy Mulla, Jacek Nawrot, Delia Nazal, Herminigilda & Donnel Nazel, Dianne Nelson, Eric Nepomuceno, Maria Nyss, Alice O'Hare, Zeny Oringo, Elsie Pajeta, Marios Pericleous, Pam Pizzuto, Baby Harold Francis Eastman Reid, Ariane Robert, Herve Rochecousta, Trevor Rowe, Daniel Solomon Rowlands, Arren Samia, Norman Samuelu, Jason Sanderson, Roseanne Shirley, Sabbir Siddique, Valentino Smiroleo, Lisa Sperineck, Carmel Stein, Brian Sullivan, Joe Tabone, Alan Tago, Carmela Talos, Theresa M Taylor, Bernadette Tecson, George Try, Robert Turner, Susan Voros, Michael Vella, David Wakeling, Heather Whitborn, Bob Wrightson, Connie Xerri, Michelle Zotz, Thomas Zotz

ST NICK'S GROUPS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
10.00am Mass Sunday

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN
7.00pm Tuesday in PMR1

PRAYER GROUP
6.30pm 2nd and last Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall.

YOUNG AT HEART - over 50's
10.15am 3rd Tuesday of month in PMR1

LEGION OF MARY
11.00am Wednesday in PMR1

ZUMBA CLASSES
7.00pm Thursday in the Parish Hall

ST NICK'S FLICKS MOVIE NIGHT
7.00pm last Friday of the month in the Parish Hall

YOUTH GROUP
4.30pm **23 August, 6 & 20 September** in PMR1

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.

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The diocese is hosting two retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat – a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the two options of retreats below:

16 August: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>

15 November: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

Mount Schoenstatt Monthly Shrine Time for men

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour for men at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of the month from 8-9pm. The hour includes a brief reflection, silent personal prayer and the opportunity for confession. The Shrine has been a place of pilgrimage in the Diocese since 1968 and in 2025 is also one of the three locations in the diocese to gain the Jubilee Indulgence.

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will celebrate our Thanksgiving masses at 10.00am on the following days:

28 September 2025 Milestone Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

- ◆ We celebrate all those who celebrate milestone birthdays this year, 21st, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th and those over 90 years of age.
- ◆ We celebrate all those couples who are celebrating their 1st, or quinquennial (i.e. 5th, 10th, 15th, every 5th year) wedding anniversary this year.

**To register please contact the Parish Office
on 4721 2509 or manager @stnicholasofmyra.org.au**

7 December 2025 Baptisms

We celebrate all those children and their families who have been baptised in our Church over the past year.

On Friday the **15th 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

14 August: 7.00pm (Vigil)

15th August: 6.45am, 12.10pm & 7.00pm

We encourage you to bring the **statues, icons** and **Rosary beads** from your home to the **7.00pm mass on the 15th August** to be blessed.

Jubilee Year Spiritual House Visits

As part of Jubilee Year of Hope, our priests have begun visiting families for Spiritual House Blessings and prayers of deliverance. These visits are a special time of grace, healing, and renewal for each household. If you and your family would like to request a visit, please take a leaflet from the Church foyer. It includes helpful guidelines on how to book, prepare your home and heart for this sacred blessing. We kindly ask the whole community to keep in your prayers the families that are being visited each week, may the Lord continue to bless and strengthen them in faith and love.

With prayerful blessings,
Fr. Joe Manjaly

Discover the Path to Catholic Faith with RCIA



Do you know an adult who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or considering becoming a Catholic?

Invite them to join us for our RCIA information night on **Tuesday 12 August 2025, at 7pm in PMR1**

Discover the beauty of Catholicism and explore the path to becoming a fully initiated Catholic. No prior knowledge is required. All are welcome!

**For more details, please contact our parish office on
4721 2509 or manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au.**

YOUNG AT HEART GATHERING (For over 50s)



**Tuesday 19 August
after the 9.30am mass
at 10.15am in PMR1**



Please come along with your friends to enjoy some light refreshments and to have a chat.

At this gathering we have a guest speaker, Marilyn Hancock who will present a "Virtual Pilgrimage to places of significance for Mary, the first disciple"

Please come and join us.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST RECONCILIATION 2025

Enrolments are now
OPEN

on our website

www.stnicholasofmyra.org.au

AND CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST

**The Parent Information evening will be held on
Tuesday 19 August at 7.00pm**

The website contains the dates, requirements and commitment for parents and children.

To be eligible for First 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 on 4721 2509 or
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 11/8 St Clare Memorial	Tue 12/8	Wed 13/8	Thu 14/8 St Maximilian Mary Kolbe Memorial	Fri 15/8 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity	Sat 16/8	Sun 17/8 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 2.00pm Mass Newmarch House 6.30pm Prayer Group 7.00pm Mother's who prayer for their Children 7.00pm RCIA Information Evening	9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Frances Gunn 11.00am Legion of Mary 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena of Perpetual Help	9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Zumba	6.45 Mass 9.15 Mass SMM Primary 11.30am Mass St Dominics College 11.40am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 16 / 17 AUGUST

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR MINISTRY IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Margaret Cobden Jenny Hogan	Isabel Soji Siona Sebastian Llyla Tiamson	Estrella Cainglet	Freedra Fernandez	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	AMEN Choir	Sharon Clarke
7.00am	Alan Barnes Anthony Ruzgas	<i>Not required</i>	Agnes Suluape	Stuart Paterson	Yvonne Baccan Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Vinita Jobin
8.30am	Rodney Howard Peter Spiteri	Emmanuel Aurisch Michael Ostrea	Maria Varua	Jennifer Letran	Evette Isaaks Kathleen Pemberton Peter Nematalla Helen Wakeling Peter Wheller	J Mizzi	Lesi Nagata
10.00am	Jun Relunia Remy Wood	Elidie Gal Jacob Baratto	Bonita Thomas	Louise Gal	Jessica Couto Andrew Kosman	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Rachel Conteh Aish Sebastian	Angelo Aish Francis Obama	Railala Mateiwai	Daniel Whalen	Lynda D'Lima Carolyn D'Mello	CD	Sharon Clarke

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