



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C
20 / 21 September 2025



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

Historical Context – Stewards

We often encounter the term *steward* in the gospels. To be the steward of a household or business was much more than being the manager on behalf of the owner. Stewardship meant to stand and act in the place of the owner. It was to carry the authority and responsibility of the master or owner. When dealing with a steward it was just like dealing with the master. Jesus sometimes portrays himself as God's steward and sometimes portrays the disciples as his stewards. To be entrusted with the stewardship of anything was a great honour and carried enormous trust.

Gospel Focus – Using money

Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.

Have you thought? Tainted Money

Money seems to get a pretty bad rap in the gospel of Luke. In today's passage, it is even described as 'that tainted thing' which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.

Questions for Adults

Q. Why does Jesus so frequently tell parables about the actions of rich men?

Q. What really motivates the steward to lose his profit on the deals he strikes?

Q. Is it accurate to suggest that Jesus condemns money and its use altogether?

Q. What would appear to be the proper use of wealth?

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings 27 / 28 September 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading Amos 8: 4 - 7

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 112: 1 - 2, 4 - 8

2nd Reading 1 Timothy 2: 1 - 8

Gospel Luke: 16: 1 - 13



God's Word Daily Reflections 2026

Available from **next weekend** for sale for **\$20.00** in the Piety Store.

While visiting, check out the new arrivals in the Piety Store.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Patricia O'Neill

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on

Tuesday 23rd September at 11.30am

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Marcia Steen

and for her family

Her Service will be held on

Friday 26 September at 3.00pm

at Pinegrove North Chapel

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia O'Neill, Marcia Steen, Anity Louise Hope Fey Uy

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Stephne Hutchison, Betty Tabone, Soby Sakaria, Potencianaf Sulvita, Anthony Tedesco, George Nematala, Peter Donnelly, Pura Alcantara

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnelly, Paul Borg, Mercedes Ragaza

SICK:

Kyla Aggar, Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet Arellano, Kimberley Balandra, Ralph Beck, Margaret Bell, Ingrid Bentham, Vicenta Bernante, Noel Bernardo, Ivan Bracar, Karan Bradburn, Brian Brainwood, Marianne Brigden, Aiden Burke, Joe Buttigieg Snr, Ting Cecilia, 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, Kelly Ibram, Theresa Jordan, Angelique Karamanolis, Danielle Kazare, Baby Yuri Pavon Lara, Helen Lazarus, Ric Limjap, Nikola Ljubic, Josephine Magro, Melisa Maiseeh, Thanda Manjaly, Baby Capri Marshall, Nathan Martin, Stanley Mascarenhas, Bryan & Kay McInerney, Moises Millena, Nympha Miller, Sandra Miller, Sydney Morris, Tracy Mulla, Jacek Nawrot, Delia Nazal, Herminigilda & Donnel Nazel, Dianne Nelson, Eric Nepomuceno, Colleen Nolan, 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, Arran Samia, Norman Samuelu, Jason Sanderson, Roseanne Shirley, Sabbir Siddique, Valentino Smiroleo, Lisa Sperneck, Carmel Stein, Brian Sullivan, Joe Tabone, Lorie Tabone, Alan Tago, Carmela Talos, Theresa M Taylor, George Try, Robert Turner, Susan Voros, Michael Vella, Ron Vukovic, Edward Wagner, Milton Watts, David Wakeling, Heather Whitborn, Bob Wrightson, Connie Xerri, Michelle Zolt, Thomas Zolt

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 20 September in PMR1

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage

Saturday 25th October

The Jubilee Year is a special grace-filled time, a moment to pause and renew our lives in Christ. One of the most powerful ways to live this Jubilee is through pilgrimage—stepping away from our routines and journeying together in faith. By entering through the **Holy Door** at St. Peter and St. Paul's Old Cathedral in Goulburn, we symbolically open our hearts to God's mercy and embrace a new beginning.

This pilgrimage is not just travel, but a journey for the soul—a chance to pray, reflect, and accomplish the spiritual steps needed for the plenary indulgence of the Jubilee. Let us walk together as a parish family, strengthening our faith and supporting one another.

Join us **on Saturday, 25th October, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**. A contribution of \$50 covers bus, coffee, snacks, a light lunch, and drinks. The next Jubilee Year will not come until 2050—don't miss this once-in-a-generation opportunity to make a pilgrimage with your family and parish community.

To register, please use this **QR code** or take a **QR code sheet** from the foyer or the doors of the church or you can also call the parish office to book for pilgrimage.



Fr. Joe

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PARISH NEWS



**THIS FATHER'S DAY,
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WHO OFFER THEIR LIVES
IN LOVING SERVICE**

*"Just as Christ poured himself out for others,
so too must a priest imitate him." – Fr. Alan Layt*



Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve.

Thank you for caring for our spiritual fathers. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised **over \$4500** to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives.

If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code
Thank you



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

**Thursday 25 September 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.

Feast of the Apparition of Our Lady of La Salette 9 September 2025



UPCOMING EVENT

We will celebrate our Thanksgiving mass at 10.00am on
28 September 2025

for
**Milestone Birthdays and
Wedding Anniversaries**

- ◆ We celebrate all those who celebrate milestone birthdays this year, 18th, 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

BY MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

on 4721 2509 or manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

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

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 22/9	Tue 23/9 St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Memorial	Wed 24/9	Thu 25/9	Fri 26/9	Sat 27/9 St Vincent de Paul Memorial	Sun 28/9 26th 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 11.30am Funeral Patricia O'Neill 7.00pm Mother's who prayer for their Children	9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 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 11.40am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 12.10pm Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Milestone Birthday and wedding anniversary Mass Children's Liturgy 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 27 / 28 September

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	Jenny Hogan Rodney Howard	Dominic Ear Matilda Ear Jermone & Marybel Soji	Sharon Falleiro	Lauren Hasna	Jim Fullerton Lee Scully	Heart and Soul	Sharon Clarke
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	<i>Not required</i>	Sherica Valladores	Yvonne Baccan	Louisa Davie Bradley Whitticker	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Michael Tolentino Brian Scott	Claire George Pio George Vincent George Colette George	Rose Walsh	Maria Varua	Erik Deveza Evette Isaaks Peter Nematalla Deb Scott Peter Wheller	CD	Philip Margerison
10.00am	Manuel Credo Jnr Margaret Cobden	Marco Credo Manuel Credo Sonia Sebastian Isabella Ramirez-Saw	Mia Credo	Lillian Martinez	Arnel Alimangohan Andrew Kosman	Br David and Marian Choir	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Rachel Conteh Aish Sebastian	Angelo Aish Francis Obama	Maria Baltazar	Carolyn D'Mello	Lynda D'Lima Orlan Nugpo	J Y Family Choir	Rodney Howard

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