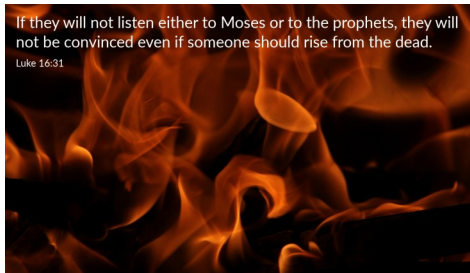




St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C
27 / 28 September 2025
World Refugees and Migration Day



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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Thanksgiving Mass for Milestone Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

This weekend at 10.00 am Mass, our parish family gathers in gratitude to celebrate among its parishioners, **36 milestone birthdays** and **23 special wedding anniversaries**. These occasions are not just personal milestones - they are moments of grace, reminders of God's goodness, and blessings to be shared with thanksgiving.

Recently a friend shared with me his sadness as, no matter what he had done for his family, he felt no one was grateful, and everything he did was taken for granted. We demand much but forget to say *thank you*. How true this is in many lives today! Gratitude is so often forgotten, and indifference has become one of the great sins of our modern world. Our former Pope Francis, warned us that *"when we deceive ourselves into thinking that we do things on our own, we forget that all good comes from God."*

The late Holy Father also often reminded us that gratitude opens our hearts to God and one another. **He offered us three simple words as keys to peaceful, harmonious relationships: please, thank you, and I'm sorry.** He encouraged us to ask ourselves: *"Do I know how to say thanks? Do I know how to ask for forgiveness? Do I know how to say please without being invasive?"* These questions remain a legacy of his wisdom.

In today's Gospel, the parable of the rich man and Lazarus challenges us to overcome indifference. The rich man failed to see the gift of Lazarus at his gate, and in the end, it was he who was truly impoverished. Indifference blinds, but gratitude gives sight.

So, today we give thanks to God for the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of one another. Each birthday and every marriage anniversary is a testimony of God's grace at work in our community. **A special thank you to all who submitted names for this celebration - your thoughtfulness allows us to pray together in gratitude.**

May Mary, whose soul proclaimed the greatness of the Lord, help us to make gratitude the light that dawns daily in our hearts, so that we never take one another - or God's goodness - for granted. And may the words of Pope Francis continue to inspire us, to live as people who know how to say: ***Please. Thank you. I'm sorry.***

Fr Joe Manjaly
Parish Priest



PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings 4 / 5 October 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Habakkuk 1: 2 - 3, 2: 2 - 4
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 94: 1 - 2, 6 - 9
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 1: 6 - 8, 13 - 14
Gospel	Luke: 17: 5 - 10

AV OPERATORS

We are looking for volunteers to assist at our weekend masses by operating the AV, **FULL TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.**

If you are interested please contact Rodney Howard on
on **4721 2509**

or **manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Leon Griffiths

and for his family

His funeral service will be held on

Tuesday 30 September at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmeline Abreu, Leon Griffiths, George Stapich, Vincenzo Monteleone

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Howard, Valsamma John, Carmeline Srias, Michael Dias, Theresa Duncan, Jose P Osoria, Betty Tabone, Lorna (Polly) Melder, Maximo Sarmiento

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnelly, Paul Borg, George Attard, Maryann Portelli

SICK: Holland D'Souza, Anthony Ruzgas
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 Sperineck, 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 Zoltz, Thomas Zoltz

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 4 and 18 October in PMR1

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, 4th October at 10.30am

Grass area near the church

Bring your beloved pets – big or small – to celebrate the feast of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals. Join us for a special **Blessing of the Animals** where we will give thanks for the gift of our animal companions.

All pets are welcome,
See you and your furry, feathered, or scaly friends

At 10.30am

MINISTRY ROSTER

The roster for October - December has been emailed and some hard copies will be available in the sacristy.

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.

PLANNED GIVING

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Congratulations



*To our 23 couples who
celebrate their milestone
wedding anniversary in 2025*

*To our 34 parishioners who
celebrate their milestone
birthdays in 2025*

HEALING MASS

On the 1st Saturday of each month at the 9am Mass, we have an anointing of the sick and prayers for healing.

Please come and join us on **Saturday, 4 October**

MASS FOR HSC STUDENTS

There will be special masses held for our HSC students on **the weekend of 11/12 October at the Vigil, 10.00am and 6.00pm masses.**

Please call the parish office to register their names.

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



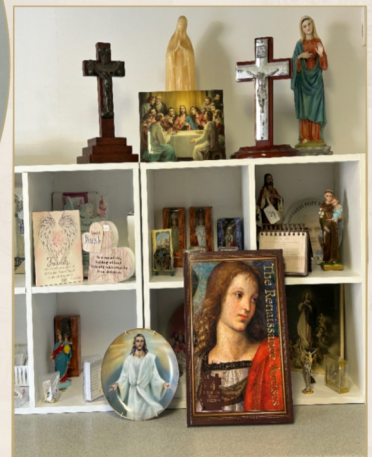
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Available from Piety Store on weekends or Parish Office during the week.

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New Arrivals

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 29/9 Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Feast	Tue 30/9 St Jerome Memorial	Wed 1/10 St Therese of the Child Jesus Memorial	Thu 2/10 The Holy Guardian Angels Memorial	Fri 3/10	Sat 4/10 St Francis of Assisi Memorial	Sun 5/10 27th 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 11.00am Funeral: Leon Griffiths 6.30pm Prayer Group 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 2.00pm Mass Governor Phillip Manor 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena of Perpetual Help	9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.00am Catechists Mtg 7.00pm Zumba	6.45 Mass 10.00am Mass Mountainview 12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Adoration	9.00am Healing Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 10.30am Pet blessing on Church lawn. 11.00am Novena Mass for Our Lady of Penafrancia 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 4 / 5 October

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	Joseph Buttigieg Rodney Howard	Oliva Spain Dominic Ear Matilda Ear	Del Conejar	Estrella Cainglet	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	AMDG Youth	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	<i>Not required</i>	Yvonne Baccan	Agnes Suluaape	Mary-Stella Sultana Louisa Davie	No Music	Vinita Jobin
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Manuel Credo Jnr	Emmanuel Aurisch Jacob Barratto	Cheryl Clark	John Jordan	Evette Isaaks Peter Nemataalla Kathleen Pemberton Darlene Streher Helen Wakeling	Victoria Sebi	Phil Margerison
10.00am	Peter Spiteri Remy Wood	Isaac Spiteri Hudson Spiteri	Liza Alimangohan	Olga Kiss	Ninea Nepomuceno Arnel Alimangohan	Erik Deveza	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Rachel Conteh Rey Esteban	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Janet Esteban	Carolyn D'Mello	Emma Clark Lynda D'Lima	BNP Youth	BNP

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