

St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Year C - 1/2 November 2025



Whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life."

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PARISH PRIEST'S MESSAGE

Dear friends in Christ,



As we approach the month of November, we keep in mind that this month holds a special significance in our Christian faith. This weekend, we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Saturday, November 1st, followed by the Commemoration of All Souls on Sunday, November 2nd — a sacred time to remember and pray for all the faithful departed.

Each of us knows the pain of loss — the empty space left by someone we have loved deeply. This year, with the recent passing of my mum, I have experienced the pain of loss stronger, a mother whose love and presence continues to live in my heart. As we pray for all souls, may our faith remind us that love is stronger than death and, that in God's mercy, we remain forever united with those we love.

While it's important to remember our loved ones who have passed away throughout the year, November also calls us to devote each day a time to offer our prayers for them, whether they were close family or distant acquaintances, all souls deserve our thoughts and prayers.

This year, our church has so far held, 62 funerals. Among these 62 souls, we recall many who were dear to our hearts and vital to our parish community. Their presence was felt in so many ways—they prayed with us, laboured to build our spiritual home, and worked tirelessly to make our church a place of comfort and sanctuary. Their absence leaves a profound void, yet we are grateful for the legacy of their faith, love, and dedication they have left behind. As we offer our prayers, we trust in the mercy of God to welcome them into eternal peace, remembering that their spirit and contributions live on within our parish family.

We hold the belief that the Holy Souls we pray for, will repay by praying for us from their place of eternal reward with our Master. This comforting thought should inspire us, especially in November, to extend our prayers to them.

In our parish, there are two ways you can offer your prayers for the departed:

- 1. You may offer Masses for your loved ones using the **All-Souls Day envelopes** available in the church. Please write the name/s clearly and include your donation (or use Tap & Go and mark it on the envelope). The names will be added weekly to the **Book of Remembrance** and Masses will be offered for them throughout November.
- 2. All Souls' Day prayer cards are available in the church for you to write the names of departed parishioners who you have known and then place the prayer cards in the basket provided.

A Plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by:

- visiting a church on 2nd of November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.
- three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and praying for the Pope's intentions.

Let us entrust all our departed loved ones to the infinite mercy of God. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



With warm regards, Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP



PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings 8/9 November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Responsorial Psalm Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

Gospel John 2:13:22

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Alice O'Hare

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on

Thursday

6 November at 11am

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PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alice O'Hare,

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Therese Lee, Anthony Chia, Herbert Merz, Renante Gutierrez, Jean Bannon, Joe Melder

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnolley, Paul Borg

SICK: Zig Barglik and Anna Ruse

Kyla Aggar, Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet Arellano, Kimberley Balandra, Ralph Beck, Margaret Bell, Ingrid Bentham, Vicenta Bernante 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, Holland D'Souza, Debbie Dunn, Joe Farrugia, Peter Farrugia, Theo Fitzgerald, Cheyne Fynn, Robert Galino, Nancy Galon, 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, 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, Bruce Newham, 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, Anna Ruse Anthony Ruzgas, Daniel Solomon Rowlands, Arren Samia, Norman Samuelu, Jason Sanderson, Roseanne Shirley, Sabbir Siddique, Valentino Smiroleo, Lisa Sperineck, 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 Zotz, Thomas Zotz.

ST NICK'S GROUPS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10.00am Sunday Mass

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

7.00pm Tuesday

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 - 8 & 22 November in PMR1

A HEART THAT SERVED: GIVING THANKS FOR ANTHONY'S SERVICE AND LOVE



Our parish community will come together on Saturday, 15th November at 11.30 in our Parish Hall, to celebrate the life of our dear friend Anthony Ruzgas who has recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Though his time with us may be short, his legacy of faith, service, and kindness will live on in all who know him.

Through his generous work with the **St Vincent de Paul Society**, his faithful ministry as an Acolyte, and his generous outreach to those in need, he has been a true witness of Christ's love in action.

A trusted helper to Stuart Paterson, our sacristan and friend to many, he has touched countless lives.

Let us come together with him, his family, and friends to give thanks for a life so deeply rooted in faith and service- truly, a heart that served.

If you are planning to attend, please contact *Elvie Williams on 0412 397 671*.

Fr. Joe Manjaly, MS

PLANNED GIVING

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SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish

BSB 067 950 **Acct No** 100001692

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PARISH NEWS

41st Day Memorial Mass for My Mum

Dear friends,

It is a tradition in India to offer a special Mass on the 41st day after a loved one's passing.

I will be offering a **Thanksgiving and Memorial Mass for my mum** on **Saturday, 8th November at 11:30 am in our parish church**, followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall.



My heartfelt thanks to all who prayed and offered Masses when you heard of my mum's passing - your kindness and support meant so much to me and my family. May God bless you all for your kindness and love.

Please join me as I remember her with gratitude and love. Fr. Joe



NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES

Please write your loved one's name clearly.



With an offering and drop the envelope into a collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

Names will be entered into our Book of Remembrance every week. All masses celebrated during November will be offered for our dearly departed relatives and friends.

HEALING MASS - 8 NOVEMBER

Next Saturday at the 9am Mass, we will have an anointing of the sick and prayers for healing.



Divine Mercy Adoration Friday 7 November

This will take place after the 12.10pm mass.

SAVE THE DATE!! PARISH PICNIC & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Let us come together as one parish family for a joyful celebration

When: 13 December 2025

Where: St Nicholas Primary School Grounds

The evening will begin with the **Vigil Mass** followed by a **BBQ and Christmas Carol** singing led by our different choir groups

Mark the date in your calendar now!!

This will be a wonderful time of faith, food and fellowship.

Fr Joe

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 3/11	Tue 4/11	Wed 5/11	Thu 6/11	Fri 7/11	Sat 8/11	Sun 9/11 All Souls' Day				
9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 7pm Baptism Preparation Evening	6.45am Mass 9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mother's who Pray for their Children	9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary 2pm Mass Governor Phillip 7pm Mass followed by Novena of Perpetual Help	9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 11am Funeral Mass Alice O'Hare 7.00pm Zumba	6.45am Mass 10am Mass Mountain View 11.40am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 12.10pm Mass and Divine Mercy Adoration	9.00am Healing Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 4.30pm—Youth Group PMR1 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10am Mass Children's Liturgy 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass				

PARISH ROSTER 8 / 9 NOVEMBER 2025

IF TOO ARE UNABLE TO FOLFIL TOOK MINISTRY IT IS TOOK RESTONSIBILITY TO OKOANISE A REFERENCENT										
	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV			
Vigil	Brian Scott Rodney Howard	Evelina Hasna Olivia Spain	Lauren Hasna	Sharon Falleiro	Bradley McGregor Deb Scott	JY Family Choir	Sharon Clarke			
7.00am	Alan Barnes	Not required	Margaret Scicluna	Stuart Paterson	Louisa Davie Mary-Stella Sultana	No Music	Brian Rees			
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Michael Tolentino	Jostick Joseph Jacob Barratto	Railala Mateiwai	Sue Von Bock	Shane Didier Serre Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia Darlene Streher Peter Wheller	J Mizzi	Phil Margerison			
10.00am	Maryanto Josio Jun Relunia	Lucas Besa Adrio & Jadrian Maheswaran	Christine Besa	Bonita Thomas	Marcel Ugochukwa Carmen Vella	AMDG Adult Choir	Sharon Clarke			
6.00pm	Jose-Elmer Simeon Manuel Credo Jnr	Isabel, Marybel & Jerome Joseph	Cheryl Clark	Jacinta Wheelahan	Nina Nepomuceno Kathryn Wrightson	CFC	CFC			

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