



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

15 / 16 November 2025

World Day of the Poor

“Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.”

Luke 21:10



GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church’s liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week’s reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today’s gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God’s love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today’s gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don’t get the full effect of Jesus’ speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.

Living the Gospel – Comfort

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus ‘predict’ all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to ‘keep going.’

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World Day of the Poor
You are my hope (cf. Ps 71:5)



Today offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world.

In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that “the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel.”

Pope Leo has also issued an Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi te* (“*I Have Loved You*”), which explores in greater depth our relationship with those who are poor. It encourages us to reflect on how we think about those who live in poverty and how we take action to address their plight.

PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings 23 / 24 November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1 - 3

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121: 1 - 5

2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 12 - 20

Gospel Luke 23: 35 - 43

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Teresita Sarmiento

and for her family

Her funeral service will be held on

Thursday 20 November at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patrick Sheehy, Raymond Mohr, Courtney Grace, Teresita Sarmiento, Ely Eligoyd

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Bienvenida Saniel, Mary Fernandez, Dorathy Tipping, John Tipping

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

SICK:

Kyla Aggar, Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet Arellano, Kimberley Balandra, Zig Barglik Ralph Beck, Margaret Bell, Ingrid Bentham, Vicenta Bernante Noel Bernardo, Ivan Bracar, 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, Kellie Huggett, Kelly Ibram, Theresa Jordan, Angelique Kara Manolis, 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 Rohecousta, Trevor Rowe, Anna Ruse Daniel Solomon Rowlands, Anthony Ruzgas, 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, Baby Charlotte Vella, Michael Vella, Susan Voros, 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 22 November in PMR1

LOST AND FOUND

The following item has been found in our Church.

⇒ A set of Rosary Beads

If you have lost these please come to the Parish office to claim.

Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout **November**. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by scanning the QR code or visiting www.rednovember.org Pamphlets and Rosary prayer card are also available at the doors of the Church.



On Wednesday 19 November (Red Wednesday) commencing at 9.00am we will pray a special Rosary with each decade having a special intention for persecuted Christian around the world followed by mass at 9.30am. You are encouraged to something red at this mass.

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

We are grateful for your stewardship

FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

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SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish

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PARISH NEWS



Bishop's Christmas Appeal Supporting Catholic Care Grief and Loss Counselling 22 / 23 November 2025

Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many families in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now.

Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty - wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the door of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code or use the envelopes at the doors of the Church and bring back next weekend for our special collection. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.



Thank you.

YOUNG AT HEART GATHERING

(For over 50s)

**Tuesday 18 November
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.

Please come and join us.

Jubilee Pilgrimage 2025



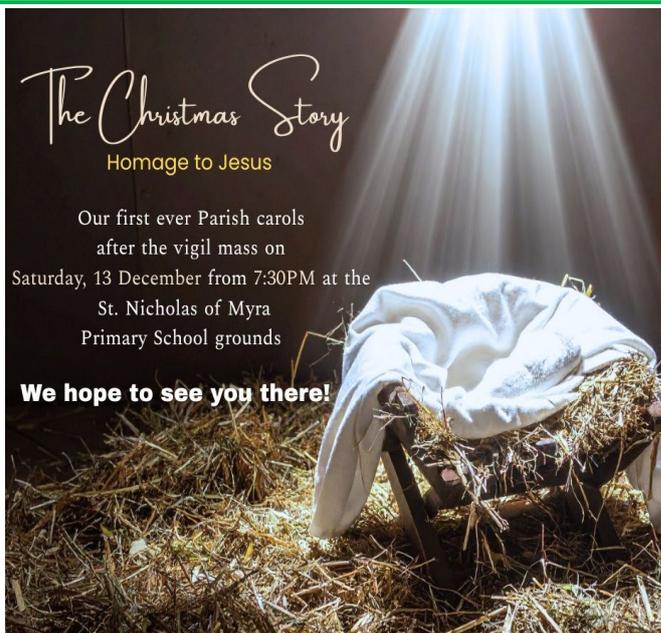
From November 18 to December 4, I will be accompanying 37 parish pilgrims on a spiritual and cultural journey to India. During this time, we will be praying for our parish family—especially at the sacred sites of **St. Francis Xavier** and **St. Thomas the Apostle**, where the Church in India first took root. As we carry your intentions with us, we humbly ask that you keep us in your prayers as well. May this pilgrimage deepen our faith, strengthen our community, and draw us all closer to Christ.

Thank you for your love and support.

Fr. Joe Manjaly

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER

The new Altar Society roster commencing on 24 November is available in folder in the cupboard.



Our first ever Parish carols
after the vigil mass on
Saturday, 13 December from 7:30PM at the
St. Nicholas of Myra
Primary School grounds

We hope to see you there!

PARISH CAROLS NATIVITY PLAY

AUDITIONS and CASTING

We are seeking young adults (16 - 25 year olds) to take part in our Nativity play during our carols on Saturday 13 December.

If you are interested please come to the Parish Hall on **Thursday 20 November at 8pm.**

For any enquiries please contact the Parish Office on 47212509 or manager@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 17/11 St Elizabeth of Hungary Memorial	Tue 18/11	Wed 19/11	Thu 20/11	Fri 21/11 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial	Sat 22/11 St Cecilia Memorial	Sun 23/11 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Solemnity
9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass 10.15am Young at Heart Gathering 7.00pm Mother's who Pray for their Children	9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Summit Care 11.00am Legion of Mary 7pm Mass followed by Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help	9.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Teresita Sarmiento 7.00pm Zumba 8.00pm Auditions & Casting for Christmas Carols Nativity play	6.45am 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 10am Mass Children's Liturgy 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 22 / 23 NOVEMBER 2025

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	Nathan Couto Dominic & Lucy Lenihan	Sharon Falliero	Del Conejar	Jessica Couto Lee Scully	Heart & Soul	Sheldon Couto
7.00am	Alan Barnes	<i>Not required</i>	Nonye Amah	Sherica Valladores	Luisa Davie Mary-Stella Sultana	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Maryanto Josio Michael Tolentino	Claire, Pio Vincent & Collette George	Llewelyn Ross	John Jordan	Erik Deveza Monica Gutierrez Peter Nematalla Lyn Olander Agnes Suluape	Jeffrey Mizzi	Phil Margerison
10.00am	Manuel Credo Jnr Jun Relunia	Marco & Manuel Credo Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Mia Credo	Allan Johnson	Arnel Alimangohan	Br David & Marian Choir	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Rey Esteban Jose-Elmer Simeon	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Janet Esteban	Janell Ilagan	Ninea Nepomuceno Darlene Streher	JY Family Choir	Sharon Clarke

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