



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



11th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 13 / 14 June 2026



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The portrait of Jesus that is painted by the gospel of Matthew is as the one who has come to fulfil the Jewish tradition. This is sometimes incorrectly interpreted as being anti-Jewish but that is not the case at all. The community for whom Matthew was writing were Jewish Christians and they saw the pathway taught by Jesus as the best way to live out the Jewish tradition. It is in this context that today's gospel passage must be considered. The way the commissioning of the Twelve begins is very significant: 'When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.' This is the gospel writer describing the people of Israel as a whole – harassed and dejected and without a shepherd. For the Matthew community, Jesus was that shepherd the Jews needed. But Jesus also knew that one person alone could not bring about the change within Judaism that was required. He chose the Twelve and named them as apostles (those who are sent) to continue the work that he had begun.

The gospel writer describes Jesus as giving the apostles 'authority' over unclean spirits. For the Matthew community, authority was a defining question. They had recently been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and the authority of Jesus had been called into doubt. Yet, for this community, real authority lay with Jesus and those whom he sent out to do his work. Throughout this gospel, Jesus is described as exhibiting 'authority' so as to reaffirm to the original community that they were right in choosing to follow the way of Jesus and not bend to the authority of the Jewish leaders who were oppressing them.

Scriptural context – The House of Israel

The gospel passage has Jesus telling his newly commissioned apostles to go only to the House of Israel, not to go to Samaritans or into pagan territory; the ministry of the apostles is only to be addressed to Jews. But this is the first part of a two-phase ministry. At the conclusion of the gospel, the Risen Jesus directs his followers to 'make disciples of all the nations'. For the Matthew community, (unlike the community of Luke) it was the House of Israel that needed renewal first before the message of Jesus could be taken to gentile and pagan communities.

Have you thought? – The labourers are few

This passage is often used as the basis for sermons, conversations or even marketing about vocations – vocations to religious life as well as lay vocations. The image of a rich harvest with not enough labourers to reap the harvest is a powerful one. In the Western world in particular today it is very true of priestly and religious vocations. However, it is equally true of lay vocations. Too few people are prepared to 'own' their faith and live the message of the gospel in their day to day work and interactions with others. In what way are you a labourer in the harvest?

Living the Gospel – Apostles, not disciples

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.

Questions for Adults

Q. In what way does this commissioning apply to you today? What are you 'sent' to do?

✍ Greg Sunter

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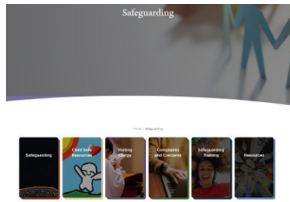
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PARISH NEWS

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to continually review our processes to help us learn how to embed safe practices in ministry

Our Parish will develop and refine our safeguarding practices by committing to an ongoing cycle of planning, doing, reviewing and improving our actions to ensure a safe culture across all our ministries.



Do you have a suggestion to help us refine our safeguarding practices?

Contact your Parish Priest, Parish Office or Safeguarding Champion

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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Aloysius Van der Burg, Brian Wilcox, Kenneth Lacey, Karl Novak

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Christine Bundalian Magpantay, Tori Cowburn, Mr & Mrs Cornelius Felix D'Souza, Donato Uy

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

SICK:

Giselle Antoinette A, Mark Agar, Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet Arellano, Kimberley Balandra, Zig Barglik, Jude Delfin Bayot, Ralph Beck, Margaret Bell, Ingrid Bentham, Vicenta Bernante, Noel Bernardo, Alex Biana, Ivan Brcar, Karan Bradburn, Julie Brenner, Marianne Brigden, Aiden Burke, Ting Cecila, Cliff, Mick C, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Brenda & Ronwald Cadandy, Jose & Norma Calabretto, Aiden Campbell, George & Lena Caruana, Steven Clauser, John Cluney, Mark Cluney, Nad Coder, Dylan Conway, Christine Court, Elizabeth Dawson, Adelia Delapaz, Raymond D'Lima, Diana Dooley, Lou Doyle, Helen Dowling, Holland D'Souza, Debbie Dunn, Joe Farrugia, Peter Farrugia, Theo Fitzgerald, Sister Theresa Formosa, Cheyne Fynn, Robert Galino, Nancy Galon, Elwyn Geerin, Peter Gill, Tadeus Gwiazda, Olive Gyford, John Hill, Kellie Huggett, Kelly Ibram, Kellie Imray, Theresa Jordan, Danielle Kazare, Baby Alfred Knowles, Lara Langon, Baby Yuri Pavon Lara, Helen Lazarus, Ric Limjap, Nikola Ljubic, Mary Kukac, Josephine Magro, Melisa Maiseeh, Angelique Kara Manolis, Baby Capri Marshall, Nathan Martin, Sue Martin, Stanley Mascarenhas, Bryan & Kay McInerney, Moises Millena, Nympha Miller, Sandra Miller, Sydney Morris, Fr Chris Mithen CP, Tracy Mulla, Jacek Nawrot, Delia Nazal, Herminigilda & Donnel Nazel, Dianne Nelson, Eric Nepomuceno, Bruce Newham, Colleen Nolan, Maria Nyss, Zeny Oringo, Aurora Ostrea, Elsie Pajeta, Maria Pamen, Stuart Paterson, Marios Pericleous, Pam Pizzuto, Baby Harold Francis Eastman Reid, Ariane Robert, Herve Rochecousta, Luisa Emily Rosales, Trevor Rowe, Daniel Solomon Rowlands, Arren Samia, Norman Samuelu, Jason Sanderson, Brian Scott, Roseanne Shirley, Sabbir Siddique, Valentino Smiroleo, Lisa Sperineck, Brian Sullivan, Joe Tabone, Lorie Tabone, Alan Tagó, Carmela Talos, Maria Tamer, Theresa M Taylor, Alicia Tecson, George Try, Robert Turner, Baby Charlotte Vella, Michael Vella, Darryl Von Bock, Susan Voros, Ron Vukovic, Edward Wagner, Milton Watts, David Wakeling, Heather Whitborn, Bob Wrightson, Connie Xerri, Baby Stella Maria Zanette, Michelle Zotz, Thomas Zotz.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Aloysius Van Der Burg

and for his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on

Tuesday 16 June at 11am

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Kenneth Lacey

and for his family

His Funeral Service will be held on

Friday 19 June at 10am

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Brian Wilcox

and for his family

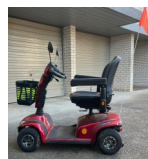
His Requiem Mass will be held on

Thursday 25 June at 11am

FOR SALE

Stuart Paterson's two-bedroom apartment located just a short walk from the church is now on the market as he has moved to a nursing home and the property is being offered for sale. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact RE/MAX Lifestyle Marketing for details and viewing arrangements. The contact details are on the back of the Bulletin.

Also for sale are his mobility scooter plus a new 5kg washing machine which has never been used. If anyone is interested in either of these items please contact Elvie Williams or Parish Office.



We wish a very
Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to
PT John and Rosamma John
which they celebrate on the
13 June 2026

PLANNED GIVING

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 20 / 21 June
12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading	Jeremiah 20: 10 - 13
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 68: 8 - 10, 14, 17, 33 - 35
2nd Reading	Romans 5: 12 - 13
Gospel	Matthew 10: 26 - 33



Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Good Works Appeal.

Because of your compassion, our parish has raised over **\$5100** through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, supporting Holy Spirit Seminary and helping form the future Priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead.

Your generosity helps provide education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they continue answering God's call. With your support, they are being formed to one day serve our Parishes with faith, compassion and hope.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians and all Diocesan ministries supported through this Appeal. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.



Gifts over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

YOUNG AT HEART GATHERING

(For over 50s)

Tuesday 16 June
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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate the 96 children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend and thank their parents for their support during the family sessions.

A special thank you to the Sacramental Team, David Bullock, Cheryl Clark, Sharon Clarke, Phil Margerison, Margaret Wilson and Rodney Howard for their commitment in preparing the children and their families.



The Lord Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it and broke it

Corinthians 11: 23



ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING



We invite children who have made their First Holy Communion to consider becoming an **Altar Server** to serve our parish community. Parents and grandparents, please encourage your child to sign up for this important ministry.

First training will take place on

25 June at 4.00 pm.

Please contact the Parish Office to register your child for Altar Server training.

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 15/6	Tue 16/6	Wed 17/6	Thu 18/6	Fri 19/6	Sat 20/6	Sun 21/6 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.15am Young at Heart 10.30am Mother's who Pray for their Children 11am Funeral: Aloysius Van Der Burg 7pm Mother's who Pray for their Children	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Summit Care 10.30 - 3.30pm Clergy Mtg 11am Legion of Mary 7pm Mass followed by Novena of our Lady of Perpetual Help	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass The Royce 7pm Zumba	6.45am Mass 11.40pm: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 10am Funeral Kenneth Lacey 12.10pm Mass	9am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Mass	7am Mass 8.30am Mass 10am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45am Baptisms 6pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 20 / 21 June 2026

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 Jenny Hogan	Llyla Tiamson Elena Xiberras Shaun & Shenol Perera	Cheryl Clark	Freedra Fernandez	Kathleen Pemberton Lee Scully	AMEN Choir	Mia Xiberras
7.00am	Alan Barnes Maryanto Josio	<i>Not required</i>	Yvonne Baccan	Sherica Valladores	Mary-Stella Sultana Bradley Whiticker	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Remy Wood	Michael Ostrea Siona Sebastian	Jennifer Letran	Rose Walsh	Erik Deveza Evetta Isaacs Lyn Olander Peter Nematalla Helen Wakeling	Victoria Sebi	Sharon Clarke
10.00am	Maryanto Josio Peter Spiteri	Zachary Christie Andrew Johnson Amelia Ross	Louise Gal	Allan Johnson	Lilian Martinez Monica Gutierrez	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Rey Esteban Jose-Elmer Simeon	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Natasha Joseph	Janet Esteban	Emma Clark Lynda D'Lima	CFC Youth	CFC

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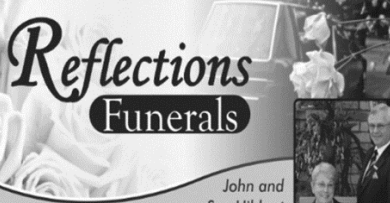
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