



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 20 / 21 June 2026



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

‘Do not be afraid’ is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to ‘be not afraid’ or ‘fear not’ appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today’s gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week’s reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today’s passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, ‘Do not be afraid’.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being ‘squeezed out’ and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

Gospel Focus – Fear

When scripture uses the term fear, it tends to fall into one of two meanings. When used in the context of ‘do not be afraid’ or ‘fear not’, it is a command to not be daunted by the woes and trials that the world imposes. The other use tends to be a command that we should fear God. In this context, the word does not mean to be frightened of God but rather to show proper reverence. To fear God is to stand in wonder and awe rather than to cower and hide. So, fear God, but do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – From the house-tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

Scriptural context – The Q source

This gospel passage that appears at Mt 10:26-33 is virtually reproduced in the gospel of Luke (12:2-12) but does not appear in the gospel of Mark. Both the gospels of Matthew and Luke draw extensively on the gospel of Mark as a source for their writing but scholars have also deduced that they shared another unknown source. The content of this lost source can only be deduced by the identification of parallel passages such as this one that appear in Matthew and Luke but not Mark. The undiscovered document is known as the ‘Q source’ after the German word, *Quelle* (source).

Questions for Adults

Q. What message is meant to be conveyed by the imagery about the sparrows?

Q. How might a message to ‘fear God’ be misunderstood and misused?

Q. Who is someone you admire because they are not afraid to live their faith?

✍ Greg Sunter

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PARISH NEWS

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

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RECENTLY DECEASED



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

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Wilcox

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: K.T Philip, Aurelia Salgado Bernardo, Antonio Leone

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

SICK: Olga Kiss, Louise Holt

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 Bracar, Karan Bradburn, Julie Brenner, Marianne Brigden, Aiden Burke, Ting Cecila, Cliff, Mick C, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Brenda & Ronwald Cadandy, Jose & Norma Calabetto, 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, Cheyenne 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, Hermingilda & 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 Tago, 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.

ST NICK'S GROUPS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Mass Sunday

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

10.30am and 7pm Tuesday in PMR2

PRAYER GROUP

6.30pm 2nd and last Tuesday of month in the Hall.

YOUNG AT HEART - over 50's

10.15am 3rd Tuesday of month in PMR1

LEGION OF MARY

11am Wednesday in PMR 2

ZUMBA CLASSES

7pm Thursday in the Hall

ST NICK'S FLICKS MOVIE NIGHT

7pm last Friday of month in Hall

YOUTH GROUP - Holy Rollers (9 - 12's)

6pm 2nd Friday of month in Hall

YOUTH GROUP - over 16's

4.30pm 2nd and 4th Saturday of month in PMR 2

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.



Parishioners and visitors are reminded that the carpark off Higgins Lane is a private carpark for patrons of the New Fortune Palace Chinese restaurant and **SHOULD NOT** be used for parking during mass times.

AV OPERATORS

We are looking for volunteers to assist at our weekend masses by operating the AV, **particularly the 8.30am and 6pm Sunday Masses.**

FULL TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED

If you are interested please contact Rodney Howard on

on **4721 2509**

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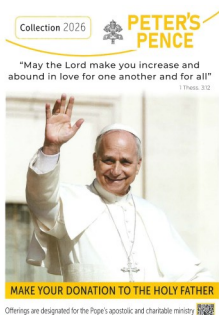
PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 27 / 28 June 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading	2 Kings 4: 8 - 11, 14 - 16
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 88: 2 - 3, 16 - 19
2nd Reading	Romans 6: 3 - 4, 8 - 11
Gospel	Matthew 10: 37 - 42

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held on **Sunday 28 June 2026**. The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.



There will be a special collection at the doors of the Church after each mass next weekend.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

As part of our preparation for Eucharist28, visit the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition and discover extraordinary accounts of Christ's presence in the Eucharist from around the world. Learn more about these remarkable miracles and seek the intercession of St Carlo Acutis.



Dates: 14 – 28 June

Where: Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Viewing: 9:00am–6:00pm daily (Tuesdays until 8:00pm)

Special Eucharistic Talk – Fr Gerard Kelly
Saturday 27 June 4:00pm arrival for a 4:30pm start.

A reflection on the Eucharist followed by the opportunity to attend the Vigil Mass. All are welcome.

ST NICK'S FLICK MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday 26 June at 7.00pm

we will be showing

Lifemark

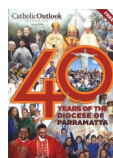


Based on a true story of David whose comfortable world is turned upside down when his birth mother unexpectedly reaches out to him. It is a story which celebrates adoption, reconciliation and love.

Please come along with your family and friends.

Popcorn, soup and drinks will be provided.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK



The Winter Edition of Catholic Outlook is available after mass this weekend.

Please take one home to read with your family.



We wish a very
Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to
Renato and Angela Giovanni
which they celebrate on the
25 June 2026

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 22/6 Sts John Fisher & Thomas More Memorial	Tue 23/6	Wed 24/6 The Nativity of St John the Baptist Solemnity	Thu 25/6	Fri 26/6	Sat 27/6	Sun 28/6 13th 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 10.30am Mother's who Pray for their Children 6.30pm Prayer Group 7pm Mother's who Pray for their Children	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 9.30am Deanery Cluster 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 Thornton Park 11am Funeral Brian Wilcox 7pm Zumba	6.45am Mass 11.40pm: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 12.10pm Mass 7pm St Nick's Flicks Movie Night	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 27 / 28 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	Johan Soertz Brian Scott	Angelo Aish Evalina Hasna Dominic & Matilda Ear	Lauren Hasna	Sharon Falleiro	Jim Fullerton Deb Scott	Heart & Soul	Corey Gauci
7.00am	Alan Barnes Maryanto Josio	<i>Not required</i>	Sherica Valladores	Margaret Scicluna	Louisa Davie Bradley Whitticker	No Music	Vinta Jobin
8.30am	Michael Tolentino Remy Wood	Claire, Vincent & Collette George	Victoria Sebi	Peter Nematalla	Bonita Thomas Darlene Streher Evette Isaaks Kathleen Pemberton Peter Wheller	Jeffery Mizzi	Rodney Howard
10.00am	Manuel Credo Jnr Margaret Cobden	Marco Credo Manuel Credo Isabella Ramirez-Saw	Mia Credo	Lilian Martinez	Andrew Kosman Jessica Couto	Marian Choir Br David	Sheldon Couto
6.00pm	Rachel Conteh Aish Sebastian	Isabel, Marybel & Jerome Joseph	Cheryl Clark	Natasha Joseph	Carolyn D'Mello Kathryn Wrightson	J.Y. Family Choir	BK Ugochukwa

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