



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



13th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
27 / 28 June 2026



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NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who nominated fellow parishioners for our new Pastoral Council. I am delighted to announce the appointment of 11 new members, together with two continuing members from the previous Council. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this important ministry of service and leadership. I encourage you to get to know them, support them, and share your ideas with them, as they represent our Parish community and will help guide our Parish as we continue to grow in faith and mission. Our new Pastoral Council members will be **commissioned at the 10am Mass this weekend**. I invite you to join us as we pray for God's blessing upon them. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Fr. Joe Manjaly

Parish Priest



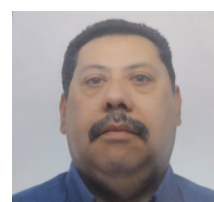
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PARISH NEWS

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**

or **parishmanager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au**



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.

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:

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Condon, Theresa Chua, James Cobden, Charlie Spiteri, Romualdo Santos, William D Souza, Denise Rawlinson, Eileen Burborough

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettare, Margaret Donnelly, Paul Borg, Godfrey Gomez, Desmond Fernandez

SICK: Len Sigle

Giselle Antoinette A, Mark Agar, Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Janet 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, 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, Olga Kiss, Lara Langon, Baby Yuri Pavan 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, Bruce Newham, Colleen Nolan, Maria Nyss, Zeny Oringo, Aurora Ostrea, Elsie Pajeta, Maria Pamen, Marios Pericleous, Pam Pizzuto, Ariane Robert, Herve Rochecousta, Luisa Emily Rosales, Trevor Rowe, Daniel Solomon Rowlands, Arren Samia, Norman Samuolu, Jason Sanderson, 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 Zolt, Thomas Zolt.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.

At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

From the perspective of ...

What must it have been like to be one of those disciples of Jesus? Having followed their Rabbi, or teacher, for some time, he sends them out to 'have a go' at doing what he has been doing: preaching; proclaiming the good news; healing; curing lepers and casting out demons. The focus of a disciple is to be like their Rabbi. This is their first real test of being a disciple ... seeking to go out into the world without Jesus and do the things that they've seen their Rabbi do; to be like their Rabbi!

Historical Context – A cup of cold water

Jesus says, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water' to a disciple spreading the gospel, then their ultimate reward is assured. To give 'a cup of cold water' or 'a cold drink' to another person was the most basic act of hospitality or service. It is a metaphor for doing the absolute least service to another. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognises the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that 'practical loving kindness' is both the test and the result of discipleship.

Gospel Focus – Anyone who welcomes

Having spelled out the difficulties of discipleship throughout Ch 10, the gospel writer has Jesus reassuring the disciples that anyone who welcomes them welcomes him. There are echoes here of other parts of the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes, with its blessings on the poor and humble of heart; the welcome of children, the 'little ones' of the kingdom; and the Last Judgment (Mt 24), that reminds us that whatever we do for the least in the world we do for Jesus. Jesus even describes the disciples as 'little ones' – a reminder both to them and to those who welcome them.

✍ Greg Sunter

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 4 / 5 July 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading	Zechariah 9: 9 - 10
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 144: 1 - 2, 8 - 11, 13 - 14
2nd Reading	Romans 8: 9, 11 - 13
Gospel	Matthew 11: 25 - 30

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held this weekend. 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 this weekend.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to maintain Safe Online Spaces

Our Parish commits to ensuring our information and technology systems are managed responsibly to protect the privacy, safety and well-being of children and adults at risk. We set expectations for respectful and safe online interactions with children and adults at risk in all our Parish ministry communications.



DIVINE MERCY ADORATION

On the first Friday of each month we have Divine Mercy Adoration following the 12.10pm Mass.

Please come and join us on **Friday 3 July**

ST NICK'S GROUPS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Mass Sunday

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

10.30am and 7pm Tuesday in PMR2

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

HEALING MASS

On the first 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 July**

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.

The next training session will take place on

Thursday 2 July at 4.15 pm.

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

MINISTRY ROSTER

The roster for July - September has been emailed and some hard copies are available in the Sacristy.

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 29/6 Sts Peter and Paul Solemnity	Tue 30/6	Wed 1/7	Thu 2/7	Fri 3/7 St Thomas Feast	Sat 4/7	Sun 5/7 14th 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 7pm Mother's who Pray for their Children	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 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 7pm Zumba	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Adoration	9am Healing Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Mass	7am Mass 8.30am Mass 10am Mass 11.45am Baptisms 6pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 4 / 5 July 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 Rodney Howard	Elena Xiberras Vivian & Celine Chanpowsee	Joan Torres	Del Conejar	Jim Fullerton Allan Linga	AMDG Youth	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Alan Barnes Maryanto Josio	<i>Not required</i>	Sherica Valladores	Nonye Amah	Louisa Davie Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	Emmanuel Aurisch Jacob Barretto	Carol Wright	Maria Varua	Evette Isaaks Peter Nematalla Lyn Olander Kathleen Pemberton Helen Wakeling	Jeffery Mizzi	Sharon Clarke
10.00am	Peter Spiteri Remy Wood	Isaac & Hudson Spiteri Nathan Couto	Bonita Thomas	Hanna Evangelista	Jessica Couto Rebecca Spiteri	Jane Chifley	Sheldon Couto
6.00pm	Rachel Conteh Rey Esteban	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Janet Esteban	Carolyn D'Mello	Darlene Streher Ninea Nepomuceno	BNP Youth	BNP

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