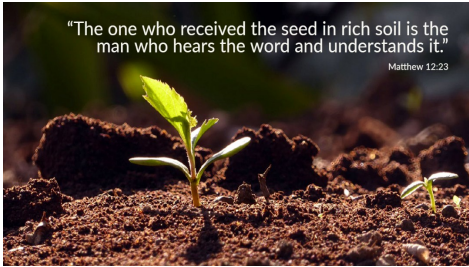




# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



## 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 11 / 12 July 2026 Seafarers Sunday



"The one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it."  
Matthew 12:23

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### GOSPEL REFLECTION

The teaching of Jesus is grounded firmly in the Jewish world of the 1st Century. For most of his listeners, that world was an agricultural one and so the stories Jesus told were about the everyday realities of peoples' lives. He told stories about vineyards, wheat fields, building houses, planting seeds and reaping harvests. The imagery he used was drawn from the lived experience of those he taught. Jesus used a style of storytelling that was popular at the time: parable. A parable is a story with a moral or a lesson. A parable usually involves an extended metaphor and, at its heart, is teaching the listener about how to live or how to behave.

Another feature of parables is that they can be understood at different levels. At one level, there is the literal meaning of a parable – what it says is what it is about. In today's gospel, the parable of the sower can be read or heard as a literal story about sowing seed and the lesson one might take from it is to be careful where you throw the seed when sowing. At another level, parables have a metaphoric meaning. In this instance, Jesus actually explains the symbolism of the parable to his disciples. There is a further, interpretive level of a parable where a modern reader asks, 'What has that story got to say to me here and now?'

In his conversation with the disciples, Jesus makes clear that only some people are open to understanding the depth of the message contained within his parables. Some people will only ever hear the story and never hear the message. Mind you, he still has to explain the parable to the disciples! He has just chastised those who fail to understand and yet walks the disciples through the parable step by step!

#### Historical Context – Matthew's community

The gospel of Matthew is written at a time and particular context in which the community audience were feeling the effects of having been ostracised from the Jewish community. They were confounded by the fact that other Jews could not accept the reality of the Jesus message as they had. This parable, and the accompanying conversation with the disciples in which they are blessed for their understanding, would have been a comfort for the Matthew community. Although they were frustrated, they were being told through this story that not everyone is ready to hear the message that they had heard and accepted.

#### Scriptural context – A Parable Chapter

The gospel of Matthew is nothing if not a well-crafted and highly structured piece of writing. Throughout the gospel there are five major 'discourses' or teachings. Chapter 13, which consists entirely of a collection of parables, is the central discourse of the five. It is the pivotal point of the entire gospel. The nature of the parables indicates that the message of Jesus has not been universally accepted and the parables present metaphors about the consequences for those who do and do not accept the message of Jesus about the reign of God.

#### Living the Gospel – Scatter that seed!

The teaching of the parable of the sower is as true for us today as it was in its original context. The word of the kingdom continues to fall on people who are at various stages of readiness to receive it. What Jesus suggests to his disciples – and to us – is that the 'good soil' can't always be predicted. Jesus doesn't tell his disciples to only sow the word in people who are receptive. Rather, he wants them – and us – to scatter the word everywhere and to rejoice when it does find good soil and yields a rich harvest.

#### Questions for Adults

Q. What experiences of pathways, rocky ground, thorns and rich soil have you had in your life? \

## 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](mailto:parishmanager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

### 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.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Marion Engsmyr**

and for her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on

**Thursday 16 July at 11am**

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Betty de la Cruz, Rosa Goh Boon Wang, Marion Engsmyr

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Anthony Chia, Pauline Landrigan, Shane Eric Jordan, Lolita Declaro, Chammy Micua

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

**SICK:** John Hill

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, 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 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, 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 Samuelu, Jason Sanderson, Roseanne Shirley, Sabbir Siddique, Len Sigle, 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  
RESUMES 27 JULY**

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN  
RESUMES 21 JULY**

**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**

### CHURCH CLEANLINESS

A gentle reminder as you leave after Mass, we kindly ask you to help keep our church clean, tidy, and welcoming for the next congregation. by taking your Parish bulletin with you or place it where it belongs, remove any tissues or personal items from the pews.

Your small act of care helps keep our church beautiful for everyone. Thank you for your kindness and cooperation.

### YOUNG AT HEART GATHERING



**(For over 50s)**

**Tuesday 21 July**

**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.**

### STUART'S UNIT

Stuart's unit has been purchased by one of our parishioner.

If you know of anyone who is looking to rent a unit please contact RE/MAX Lifestyle Marketing (see back of Bulletin for contact details)

### PLANNED GIVING

*We are grateful for your stewardship*

**FIRST COLLECTION goes to supporting the Priests of the Diocese.**

<b>BSB</b>	067 950
<b>Acct No</b>	100003570
<b>Acct Name</b>	Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
<b>Reference</b>	<b>6029 [SURNAME]</b>

**SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish**

<b>BSB</b>	067 950
<b>Acct No</b>	100001692
<b>Acct Name</b>	Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
<b>Reference</b>	<b>[ENVELOPE # OR SURNAME]</b>

## PARISH NEWS

### Mass Readings for 18 / 19 July 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

<b>1st Reading</b>	Wisdom 12: 13, 16 - 19
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 85: 5 - 6, 15 - 16
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 8: 26 - 27
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 13: 24 - 43

### SAFEGUARDING NEWS

**The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to maintain safeguarding records in line with our Records Management System Policy**

Our Parish is committed to ensuring that our records are complete, up to date and accurate and that they are stored in a confidential and secure environment. We abide by relevant legislative obligations for record retention.



### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

**The new envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church**

We thank all those who give so generously through the envelopes, Credit/Debit Card payments or Direct Debit/ Credit or Tap and Go.

If you would like to alter your way of giving or join the Parish Planned Giving, please phone the Parish office to make these arrangements.

For new Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions complete the form available at the doors of the Church and submit it to the Parish Office either in person or by email to [parishmanager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:parishmanager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

### CONSTRUCTION WORK NOTICE

From Monday 13 July, work related to the construction next door will take place on our property for approximately two weeks.

#### What will change

The accessible parking space and shared zone on the western side of the carpark, next to the shelter, will be fenced off during this period.

A temporary accessible parking space and shared zone has been provided further along the fence.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

We will celebrate our Thanksgiving mass for  
**Milestone Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries**  
**at 10am on 27 September 2026**

- ◆ We celebrate all those who celebrate milestone birthdays this year, 21st, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th and those over 90 years of age.
- ◆ We celebrate all those couples who are celebrating their 1st, or quinquennial (i.e. 5th, 10th, 15th, every 5th year) wedding anniversary this year.

**To register please contact the Parish Office on 4721 2509 or [parishmanager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:parishmanager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)**

We will celebrate our Thanksgiving mass for  
**Baptisms**  
**at the Vigil Mass on 5 December 2026**

We celebrate all those children and their families who have been baptised in our Church over the past year.

We will be celebrating a  
**Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner**  
**on Saturday 5 December after Vigil Mass in the Hall.**

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

#### SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

St Nicholas of Myra Parish is seeking a faith-filled person to join our Parish Team. This is part-time role ideal for someone who is passionate about supporting children and families on their faith journey and enjoys working collaboratively within a Parish environment.

For more information please go to the Diocesan website, [parracatholic.org/jobs](http://parracatholic.org/jobs)

Application close on **17 July**. Application to be sent to [parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org](mailto:parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org)



We wish a very Happy **103rd**  
Birthday to  
**Thelma Fogarty**  
for the **15 July**



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 13/7	Tue 14/7	Wed 15/7 St Bonaventure Memorial	Thu 16/7	Fri 17/7	Sat 18/7	Sun 19/7 16th 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 2pm Mass Newmarch House	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 1030am Mass Summit Care 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 11am Funeral Marion Engsmyr 7pm Zumba	6.45am Mass 11.40am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 12.10pm Mass	9am Healing Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Mass	7am Mass 8.30am Mass 10am Mass 11.45am Baptisms 6pm Mass

## PARISH ROSTER 18 /19 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	Jenny Hogan Joseph Buttigieg	Elena Xiberras Shaun & Shenol Perera	Natasha Joseph	Freeda Fernandez	Jim Fullerton Bradley McGregor	AMEN Choir	Corey Gauci
7.00am	Alan Barnes Maryanto Josio	<i>Not required</i>	Yvonne Baccan	Agnes Sultape	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	No Music	Lesi Nagata
8.30am	Rebecca Spiteri Peter Spiteri Janine Jensen	Michael Ostrea Hudson & Isaac Spiteri	Maria Varua	Peter Nematalla	Shane Didier Serre Evette Isaaks Lyn Olander Helen Wakeling Peter Wheller	Victoria Sebi	Sharon Clarke
10.00am	Jun Relunia Remy Wood	Nathan Couto Zachary Christie	Joan Torres	Dominic Dawson	Jessica Couto Andrew Kosman	BNP Chapter	BNP
6.00pm	Paulo Ravunakaidere Jose-Elmer Simeon	Isabel, Jerome & Marybel Joseph	Janet Esteban	Maria Baltazar	Carolyn D'Mello Kathryn Wrightson	CFC Youth	CFC

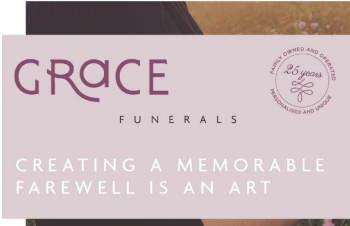
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