



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 3 / 4 October 2026



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

Scriptural context – Fulfilling prophecy

Matthew's whole recount of this parable is dependent upon the reader/listener's familiarity with earlier writings within the Old Testament. We are fortunate that the designers of the lectionary have included the relevant passages as the first reading and psalm for this Sunday's readings. The original audience would have drawn on their own familiarity with the texts and recognised Jesus' words as echoing those of Isaiah and the psalmist. Matthew's gospel was particularly keen to cast Jesus in the image of fulfilling the prophecies of the Jewish tradition. Throughout Matthew's gospel we see the author placing the words of prophecy in Jesus' mouth or using the narration to confirm that Jesus performed actions to fulfil the words of the prophets.

Have you thought? The benevolent landowner

One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

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Daylight savings will start at 2am on 4 October. At that point, all digital clocks will move forward an hour to 3am. Don't forget to wind all other clocks forward one hour, before going to bed.





*We welcome the following
children to our Parish
community
who were baptised in
September*

Bowie Berry, Ivy Mason, Isla Jackson,
Taylor Cooney, Athena Day, Dezhiah Eggins,
Hanzo Eggins, Zahne Eggins, Tino Fabiano,
Sienna Lancaster, Callie Raquedan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Sam Campora

and his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on

Thursday 8 October at 11am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sam Campora, Jerry Samoluk,
Constable Mia Lay, Nina Gauci, Chris Geraghty

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Thanda Manjaly, Jose P Osorio.
Renato Estaban, Thresia M.P, Clare Howard, Tan Kim Liong,
Joseph D'Costa, Enrique Esmayor, Nazzareno Cauchi, Joseph
Minoza

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar,
Margaret Donnolley, Paul Borg, Juliet, Noreen & Ruby Almeida,
Sylvester & Anne Almeida

SICK: Colin Maxwell

Giselle Antoinette A, Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet
Arellano, Marylou Bailen, Kimberley Balandra, Zig Barglik, Jude
Delfin Bayot, Ralph Beck, Riley Beecham, Margaret Bell, Ingrid
Bentham, Vicenta Bernante, Noel Bernardo, Alex Biana, Ivan
Brcar, Karan Bradburn, Marianne Brigden, Aiden Burke, Ting
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Ronwald Cadandy, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Aiden Campbell,
George & Lena Caruana, John Cluney, Mark Cluney, Nad Coder,
Dylan Conway, Christine Court, Elizabeth Dawson, Adelia
Delapaz, Diana Dooley, Lou Doyle, Helen Dowling, Holland
D'Souza, M D'Souza, Debbie Dunn, Joe Farrugia, Peter Farrugia,
Maria Anita Ferrer, Theo Fitzgerald, Sister Theresa Formosa,
Cheyne Fynn, Robert Galino, Nancy Galon, Elwyn Geerin, Peter
Gill, Tadeus Gwiazda, Olave Gyford, John Hill, Kellie Huggett,
Kelly Ibrahim, Kellie Imray, Theresa Jordan, Danielle Kazare, Baby
Alfred Knowles, Olga Kiss, Lara Langon, Baby Yuri Pavon Lara,
Kate Lapsuks, 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, Donnel Nazal, Dianne Nelson,
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Samuelu, Jason Sanderson, Roseanne Shirley, Sabbir Siddique,
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Tabone, Lorie Tabone, Alan Tago, Carmela Talos, Maria Tamer,
Theresa M Taylor, Alicia Tecson, Ken Thompson, George Try,
Robert Turner, Zenaida Valencia, Baby Charlotte Vella, Michael
Vella, Susan Voros, Ron Vukovic, Edward Wagner, Milton Watts,
David Wakeling, Heather Whitborn, Bob Wrightson, Connie Xerri,
Baby Stella Maria Zanette, Michelle Zotz, Thomas Zotz.

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Living the Gospel – Different View: Using scripture to justify hatred

This text is one that has been used by some Christians to justify their hatred and persecution of Jews. They point to the parable Jesus told as evidence that Jesus blamed the Jewish people for his death. It is a strange fact that some people believe that the only way to justify their own beliefs is to try to destroy the beliefs (and believers) of other faiths. For hundreds of years Christians abused and tormented Jews, driving them out of cities and even countries. The terrible treatment of Jews in World War II was drawing on a long history of Christians persecuting Jews.

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CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL



This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

This year's Catholic Mission Appeal will take place **weekend of 17 /18 October**. The appeal focus this year is the Church in Malawi.

We will have a special collection to support the mission of the Church at all masses.

There will be special envelopes available for your kind donation.

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.

AV OPERATORS

We are looking for volunteers to assist at our weekend masses by operating the AV, **FULL TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.**

If you are interested, please contact

Rodney Howard on 4721 2509

or parishmanager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

PLANNED GIVING

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**Mass Reading for 10 / 11 October
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

1st Reading	Isaiah 25: 6 - 10
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 22
2nd Reading	Philippians 4: 12 – 14, 19 - 20
Gospel	Matthew 22: 1 - 14

**Discover the Path to Catholic Faith
with RCIA**

Curious about the Catholic faith?

If you're an adult interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or thinking about becoming Catholic, we warmly invite you to join our **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** journey.

An information meeting will take place on

Wednesday 7 October

at 7.00 pm in our PMR 1 (in the building with white gate as you enter the carpark from Higgins Street)

To find out more or register your interest, please contact the Parish office on **02 4721 2509** or

parishmanager@Stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Please share with your families and friends about this Information evening.

RCIA is a welcoming and relaxed program where you can discover the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church and ask questions in a friendly, supportive environment.

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY

A series of one-hour presentations on the Bible and the Virgin Mary

When: Wednesday 14, 21, 28 October

4, 11, 18, 25 November

Where: Hall

Time: 5.30 – 6.30pm

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish office will be closed on **Monday 5 October**.

In an emergency, please ring 0416 910 334

or contact one of the priests.

**ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF
OCTOBER**

All are warmly invited to join us in praying the Rosary during October.



Regular Rosary Times

- Weekdays: 30 minutes before Mass begins.
- Weekends: 5.30 pm before the Vigil Mass and Sunday 6.00 pm Mass.

10-Day Rosary Evening and Mass

A 10-day Rosary evening and Mass will be held from **Wednesday 21 October to Friday 30 October**. The Rosary will begin at 7.00 pm in the Church on weekdays and at 5.30 pm on weekends followed by Mass.

On **Friday 30 October**, the Rosary and Mass will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Grotto, followed by a procession around the Church grounds.

Families are invited to lead the Rosary on each evening during this period, as well as on the weekends leading up to it. To take part, please register your family's name on the sheet in the foyer.



**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR
THEIR CHILDREN**

These meetings will not be held during the school holidays and will resume on

**Tuesday 13 October
at 10.30am or 7pm**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy will not be held during the school holidays; it will recommence on

**Sunday 18 October
at the 10.00am Mass.**



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 5/10	Tue 6/10	Wed 7/10	Thu 8/10	Fri 9/10	Sat 10/10	Sun 11/10
Parish Office Closed		Our Lady of the Rosary Memorial				28 th 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	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 11am Legion of Mary 11am Mass Governor Phillip 7pm RCIA Information Evening 7pm Mass followed by Novena of our Lady of Perpetual Help	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 11am Funeral Sam Campora 7pm Zumba	6.45am Mass 11.40am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 12.10pm Mass	9am Mass, Adoration & Reconciliation 5pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Rosary 6pm Mass	7am Mass 8.30am Mass 10am Mass 11.45am Baptisms 5.30pm Rosary 6pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 10 / 11 October 2026

If you are unable to fulfil your ministry IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT

	Acolytes / MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Choir	AV
Vigil	Margaret Cobden Brian Scott	Yethum Pigera Dominic & Matilda Ear	Sharon Falleiro	Natasha Joseph	Deb Scott Jessica Couto	J.Y. Family Choir	Sheldon Couto
7am	Alan Barnes Maryanto Josio	<i>Not required</i>	Margaret Scicluna	Agnes Suluape	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Michael Tolentino Amanda Clarke	Michael Ostrea Jostick Joseph Samuel Alaya-Ay	Rose Walsh	Jennifer Letran	Erik Deveza Evette Isaaks Shane Didier Serre Peter Nematalla Peter Wheller	Jeffery Mizzi	Sharon Clarke
10am	Jun Relunia Paulo Ravunakaidere	Lorenzo & Lucas Besas Andrew Johnson	Dominic Dawson	John Jordan	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	AMDG Adult Choir	Amelia Ross
6pm	Angelo Aish Aish Sebastian	Angela Aish Francis Fakhry	Cheryl Clark	Maria Baltazar	Darlene Streher Kathryn Wrightson	CFC	CFC

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