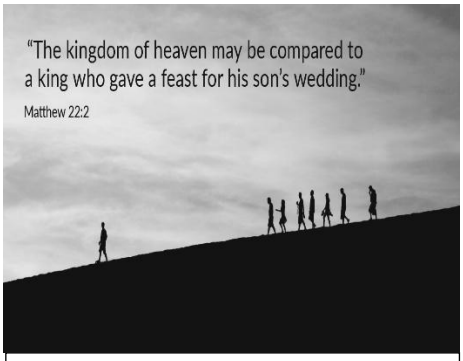
St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
10 / 11 October 2026



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

Historical Context

This gospel parable is a reflection of the way in which the message of God has been extended to people through time. The first invitation was extended to the Israelites who initially accepted the message of God but in time lost the focus. Jesus further extended the invitation to the Gentiles, viewed by the Jews as unworthy of such a relationship with God. Finally, within the early Christian communities there were some who, despite belonging to the community, failed to live appropriately and demonstrate their acceptance of the message of God.

Have you thought? – Inclusivity

This gospel parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. In many ways, Jesus was a scandal in his society because he didn't obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the 'shunned' and 'left out' in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today's society?

Gospel Focus – 'How did you get in here?'

In light of the inclusive kingdom metaphor in this passage, the final portion of the gospel may be a bit troubling to readers. When a guest is not wearing a wedding garment he is cast out of the banquet. We might say that being invited at the last minute the guest was unable to find suitable clothing. It is a sign that although he has been an unlikely inclusion in the banquet, he has not made any effort to respond to the generosity of the king and take up one of the cloaks that would have been provided and thus give due honour to his host. This is symbolic of those who refuse to change their ways and do not live as followers of Jesus even when they have been included in the kingdom.

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PARKING

For the safety of our parishioners especially children and the elderly, please **only park in the designated car parking space** in the carpark.



There are clear signs to indicate where **NOT** to park **particularly at the entrance to the carpark between the hall and PMR1**

For disabled parking please ensure that only those with disabled parking permits are using these allocated parking spaces.

PLEASE HELP KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Jerry Samoluk

and his family

His Funeral Service will be held on

Tuesday 13 October at 11am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jesus Valix, Jerry Samoluk, Jacob Pereira

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Delores Alviola, Edward Harrison, Ricardo Guballa, Anthony Xerri, Teresita Melorin, Trevor Ross, Federico Alcantara, Leonardo Ragaza, Lucreta Leonardo (40 days)

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnolley, Paul Borg, Verhe Harper, Bernard & Ronald Harper, Beato Ave Johnes Aycardo

SICK: Keiran Jung, Paul Baiada
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 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, 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, 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, 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, Colin Maxwell , 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, 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, 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

Sunday 18 October

at the10am Mass.

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

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

YOUNG AT HEART GATHERING



(For over 50s)
Tuesday 20 October
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.

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.

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship

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

BSB	067 950
Acct No	100003570
Acct Name	Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
Reference	**6029 [SURNAME]**

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

BSB	067 950
Acct No	100001692
Acct Name	Penrith St Nicholas Catholic Church
Reference	**[ENVELOPE # OR SURNAME]**

Mass Reading for 18 / 19 October 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A	
1st Reading	Isaiah 45: 1, 4 - 6
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 95: 1, 3 – 5, 7 - 10
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 5
Gospel	Matthew 22: 15 - 21

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL



For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

**Name changed for privacy*

Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church **this weekend**, please take one home and bring back next weekend.

There will be a special collection during the announcements next weekend.

PARISH YOUTH

HOLY ROLLER



Next Meeting: Friday 16 October

6:00 –7:30 pm, in Hall.

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

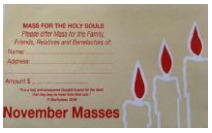
A 10-day Rosary evening and Mass will be held from **Wednesday 21 October to Friday 30 October.** The Rosary will begin at 7.00 pm in the Church on weekdays and at 5.30 pm on weekends followed by Mass.

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.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES



The envelopes for the masses for Holy Souls in November are now available in the foyer and near the doors of the Church.

Please print the names clearly with an offering, so that they can be transferred to our Book of Remembrance, which will be kept on the Sanctuary throughout the month of November and updated each week. Envelopes may be put in any collection basket or brought to the Parish Office

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 12/10	Tue 13/10	Wed 14/10	Thu 15/10 St Teresa of Jesus Memorial	Fri 16/10	Sat 17/10 St Ignatius of Antioch Memorial	Sun 18/10 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
					Catholic Mission Appeal	
9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary **9.30am Mass** 7pm Baptism Preparation Evening	**6.45am Mass** **9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary** **9.30am Mass** 10am – 3pm Deanery Mtg 10.30am Mothers who Pray for their Children 11am Funeral Jerry Samoluk 2pm Mass Newmarch House 6.30pm Prayer Group 7pm Mothers who Pray for their Children	**9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary** **9.30am Mass** 11am Legion of Mary 5.30pm The Bible and The Virgin Mary Presentation 7pm RCIA **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 Liturgy Mtg 7pm Zumba	**6.45am Mass** **11.40amExposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary** **12.10pm Mass** 6pm Holy Roller Youth Group 7.30pm Mass: BNP	**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 18 / 19 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	Jenny Hogan Joseph Buttigieg	Elena Xiberras Shaun & Shenol Perera	Natasha Joseph	Freeda Fernandez	Jim Fullerton Kathleen Pemberton	AMEN Choir	Sheldon Couto
7am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	*Not required*	Yvonne Baccan	Liza Alimangohan	Arnel Alimangohan Bradley Whiticker	No Music	Lesi Nagata
8.30am	Rebecca Spiteri Peter Spiteri	Michael Ostrea Hudson & Isaac Spiteri	Maria Varua	Peter Nematalla	Shane Didier Serre Evette Isaaks Lyn Olander Helen Wakeling Peter Wheller	Jeffery Mizzi	Phil Margerison
10am	Jun Relunia Remy Wood	Zachary Christie Sarah Barcelona	Bonita Thomas	Dominic Dawson	Lilian Martinez Carmen Vella	BNP Chapter	BNP
6pm	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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