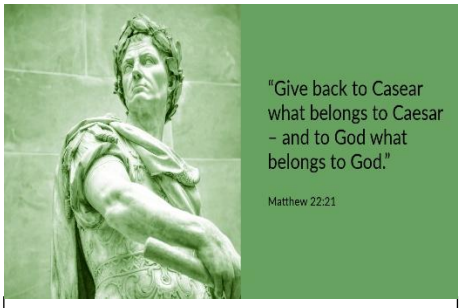
St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
17 / 18 October 2026
World Mission Sunday



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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Ten Days of Special Rosary Devotion with Holy Mass at 7pm

During my recent three-week holiday in India, I had the blessing of visiting many beautiful churches in Kerala, South India. I was deeply touched at each church, by the special preparation for the month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Everywhere I went, the Rosary was at the heart of parish life, and every family I visited, spoke with great love and enthusiasm about this beautiful devotion. **For centuries, the faithful have turned to our Blessed Mother, experiencing the power of her intercession and finding comfort, strength, and hope through the prayer of the Holy Rosary.**

As we approach the final ten days of October, let us come together as one parish family to honour our Blessed Mother and seek her loving intercession for our Parish, our families, and all our personal intentions.

Beginning this **Wednesday 21st October**, we invite everyone to join us each evening at **7pm for our Ten Days of Special Rosary Devotion, followed by Holy Mass.** This year, we will reflect on **ten major apparitions of Our Lady**, dedicating each day to one apparition and praying the Rosary with a special intention. It will be a beautiful opportunity to deepen our faith, strengthen our family bonds, and grow closer to Jesus through Mary. Let us make these ten days a special time of prayer, unity, and spiritual renewal for our entire parish community.



We will conclude this special devotion on the tenth day, Friday 30th October, with the **Holy Rosary, Holy Mass, and a procession from the Grotto of Our Lady Help of Christians.** We warmly encourage our young children and teenagers to participate by dressing as Mother Mary on the final day. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents to share the story of one of Our Lady's apparitions with their children as they dress as Her, helping them understand and appreciate Mary's loving presence in the life of the Church. Through these simple yet meaningful gestures, let us teach the next generation to love and honour our Blessed Mother.

Let us come together in faith, bring our prayers and intentions to Mary, and allow her to lead us ever closer to her Son, Jesus. Your presence and participation will make these ten days truly special. We warmly invite every family, every child, every young person, and every parishioner to join us!

Entrusting each one of you and your families to the loving maternal care and powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary.



Fr. Joe Manjaly MS

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY

A series of one-hour presentations on the Bible and the Virgin Mary continue this **Wednesday 21 October** at 5.30pm in the Parish Hall

PARISH YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP - OVER 16'S

Next Meeting: Saturday 24 October

4:30 – 6pm, in PMR2

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of



Thelma Fogarty

and her family

Her Requiem Mass will be held on

Thursday 29 October at 11am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Thelma Fogarty, Jesus Valix, Ma Jane Dy

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Ferusia Guballa, Florida Guballa, Norma Agala, Robert Ross, Peter Vassallo, Raymundo Caburian Jnr, Ester Limjap

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnolley, Paul Borg, Godfrey & Ursula Gomez

SICK:
Giselle Antoinette A, Isabella Agius, Nicholas Agius, Jenet Arellano, Paul Baiada, 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, Keiran Jung, 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.

Mass Reading for 24 / 25 October
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading	Exodus 22: 20 - 26
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 17: 2 – 4, 47, 51
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 1: 5 - 10
Gospel	Matthew 22: 34 - 40

YOUNG AT HEART GATHERING



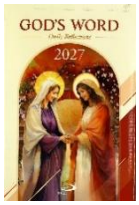
(For over 50s)
Tuesday 20 October
After the 9.30am mass
at 10.15am in PMR1

Please come along with your friends to enjoy some light refreshments and to have a chat.



Please come and join us.

GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS 2027



Available from Piety Stall on weekends or the Parish Office during the week.

Cost: $20.00 per book

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN MOVEMENT GATHERING

Mothers Who Pray for Their Children Movement, NSW would like to invite all mothers including grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, aunts and spiritual mothers to our first formation gathering.

Date: Saturday 21 November

Venue: St Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall

Time:10.30am – 5pm follow by Mass at 6pm

Theme: The Eucharist, God's Gift – Place of Encounter

Cost: $30 includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea

Payment details are on the registration form.

To Register: Scan the QR Code complete the form and submit.

Registration Close: 6 November

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]**

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL



This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are

'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, or visit

catholicmission.org.au/united

to make a difference today.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027



World Youth Day brings together young Catholics from every corner of the world to celebrate the joy and diversity of our faith. It is an opportunity to meet people from different cultures and communities, share stories and experiences, and discover how our faith unites us across every difference.

Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to join the Diocesan pilgrimage. Everything is taken care of, including travel, accommodation, registration, and group activities.

Applications are now open!

Apply before 31 October 2026.

To register scan the QR code.

For more information visit www.parrawyd.org

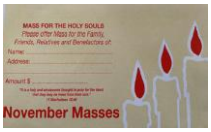
10 DAYS OF ROSARY DEVOTION

All are warmly invited to join us in praying the Rosary followed by Mass commencing at 7pm on Wednesday 21 October in the Church. 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.

Each night will have a different theme:

Wednesday 21 October	HSC Students
Thursday 22 October	Elderly
Friday 23 October	Kids and Youth
Saturday 24 October	Family
Sunday 25 October	The Church
Monday 26 October	Miscarriage / Stillborn babies
Tuesday 27 October	Widows and Widowers
Wednesday 28 October	Single men and women
Thursday 29 October	The Sick
Friday 30 October	Parish Community

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

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Monday the 2nd of November is All Souls Day and our special Remembrance Mass will be held **at 7pm.**
During this mass we remember in a special way all those who celebrated their Funeral Mass here at St Nicholas of Myra from 1st November 2025—30th October 2026. We have sent out invitation letters to each of these families. If you have not received your letter, please contact the Parish Office.
We also invite you to contact the Parish office if your **parents or siblings** have died elsewhere within the past 12 months so they can be included in this 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 19/10	Tue 20/10	Wed 21/10	Thu 22/10	Fri 23/10	Sat 24/10	Sun 25/10 30th 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** 10.15 Young at Heart Gathering 10.30am Mothers who Pray for their Children 7pm Mothers who Pray for their Children	**9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary** **9.30am Mass** 10.30 – 2.30pm Clergy Gathering 11am Legion of Mary 5.30pm The Bible and The Virgin Mary Presentation 7pm Rosary & Mass	**9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary** **9.30am Mass** 10.30am Mass Thornton Park 7pm Rosary & Mass	**6.45am Mass** **11.40am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary** **12.10pm Mass** 7pm Rosary & 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 24 / 25 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	Christine Besa Brian Scott	Evalina Hasna Lorenzo & Lucas Besa	Cheryl Clark	Lauren Hasna	Deb Scott Marcel Ugochukwa	Heart & Soul	BK Ugochukwa
7am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	*Not required*	Margaret Scicluna	Nonye Amah	Louisa Davie Bradley Whiticker	No Music	Vinta Jobin
8.30am	Michael Tolentino Ryan Clarke	Emmanuel Aurisch Jacob Barretto	Rose Walsh	Jennifer Letran	Erik Deveza Kathleen Pemberton Peter Wheller Volunteers x 2	Victoria Sebi	Sharon Clarke
10am	Rebecca & Peter Spiteri	Hudson & Isacc Spiteri Isabella Ramirez-Saw	Agnes Suluape	Allan Johnson	Shane Didier Serre Andrew Kosman	Marian Choir Br David	Mark Johnson
6pm	Aish Sebastian Angelo Aish	Francis Obama Francis Fakhry	Queenie Reales	Daniel Whalen	Emma Clark Ninea Nepomuceno	J.Y. Family Choir	Rodney Howard

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