



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 24 / 25 October 2026

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind."



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

Scriptural context – Quoting scripture

The question and response that we see in this gospel passage was a common form of scholarly debate in the Jewish tradition. The Pharisees ask Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. Jesus responds by directly quoting the commandment from the ancient scriptures. His reply, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,' comes directly from Deuteronomy 6:4. Further, Jesus' followup, 'you must love your neighbour as yourself,' comes from Leviticus 19:18. Deuteronomy and Leviticus are two of the first five books of the Bible that make up the Jewish Torah, or Law.

Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

Gospel Focus – Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

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PARISH NEWS

ST NICK'S FLICK MOVIE NIGHT

There will be **NO** movie night next Friday.
Please come and join us for the Rosary and Mass at 7pm

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Felix Saliba

and his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on

Wednesday 28 October at 10.30am

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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, Felix Saliba, Florencio Chavez Raraz, Cornelio Sampayan, Andrea Amanona, Evelyn Dato, Wilfredo Sarmiento

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Mauricio Hernandez, Jack Bertles, Eduardo Limjap, Ethen Caburian, Freda Galea-Hillu, Herbert Merz, KT Augustly, Margaret Donnelly, Bernadette Tecson, Corazon Sy, Anthony Buttigieg, Vera Costello, Mary Roberts, Peter & Paul Gale, Rudy Alejandro

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Netar, Margaret Donnelly, Paul Borg, Ioana, Faaiu & Vilo Tuliatu, Clarina Masayao

SICK: Zara Brijeski

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 Kellie 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 31 October / 1 November All Saints Day Year A

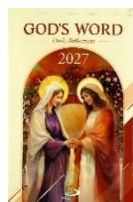
1st Reading	Apocalypse 7: 2- 4, 9 - 14
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 23: 1 - 6
2nd Reading	1 John 3: 1 - 3
Gospel	Matthew 5: 1 -12a

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY

The series of one-hour presentations on the Bible and the Virgin Mary continues this **Wednesday 28 October** at **5.30pm** in the Parish Hall

GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS

2027



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

Cost: \$20.00 per book

Diocesan Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass November 15

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday 15 November at 2:30pm** at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**.

Fr Fernando Montano VG, will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by afternoon tea at the Cathedral Hall.

Couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate.

Couples and their families are warmly invited to light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall after Mass.

Please register online at: [Diocesan Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass \(15 November\) | Diocese of Parramatta](#)

You can also register via email marriage@parracatholic.org or phone 0408 233 478, please include full names, years of marriage and number of family attending.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027



The 17th International World Youth Day is happening next year!

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.

At WYD27 in Seoul, Parramatta pilgrims will have the opportunity to serve the poor through Kkottongnae, a local Korean Catholic ministry. Pilgrims will also take part in catechesis, prayer, Mass, music, cultural events, and moments of celebration with the wider Church.

Applications are now open!

Apply before 31 October 2026.

To register scan the QR code.

For more information visit www.parrawyd.org



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 or pay at the Parish Office.

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

Registration Close: 6 November



10 DAYS OF ROSARY DEVOTION

Our 10-day Rosary Devotion continues this week and all are warmly invited to join us in praying the Rosary commencing at 7pm followed by Mass on weekdays and 5.30pm on weekends 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.

- We warmly encourage our teenagers and ladies to dress as Mother Mary and join the procession as a beautiful expression of our love and devotion to Our Blessed Mother.
- We also ask everyone to bring cupcakes to share after the procession.

This week's intentions are:

Monday 26 October	Miscarriage / Stillborn
Tuesday 27 October	Comfort for 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 also.

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 26/10	Tue 27/10	Wed 28/10 Sts Simon & Jude Feast	Thu 29/10	Fri 30/10	Sat 31/10	Sun 1/11 All Saints Day Solemnity
9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 7pm Rosary & Mass	6.45am Mass 9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mothers who Pray for their Children 7pm Rosary & Mass	9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.30am Funeral Felix Saliba 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 11am Funeral Thelma Fogarty 7pm Rosary & Mass	6.45am Mass 11.40am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 12.10pm Mass 7pm Rosary & Mass at Our Lady Help of Christian Grotto	9am Mass, Adoration & Reconciliation 11am Egypt Pilgrimage Mtg 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Mass	7am Mass 8.30am Mass 10am Mass - Children's Liturgy 6pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 31 October / 1 November 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	Brian Scott Christine Besa	Siona Sebastian Dominic & Lucy Lenihan	Del Conejar	Victoria Sebi	Deb Scott Lee Scully	AMDG Youth	Corey Gauci
7am	Alan Barnes Maryanto Josio	<i>Not required</i>	Yvonne Baccan	Sherica Valladores	Bradley Whiticker Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Michael Tolentino Rodney Howard	Claire Vincent & Collette George	Sue Von Bock	Evette Isaaks	Peter Nematalla Lyn Olander Kathleen Pemberton Helen Wakeling Peter Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Sharon Clarke
10am	Jun Relunia Remy Wood	Agatha Benjamine Nathan Couto	Olga Kiss	Liza Alimangohan	Arnel Alimangohan Jessica Couto	Jane Chifley	Sheldon Couto
6pm	Rachel Conteh Rey Esteban	Felice & Kenny Josio	Carolyn D'Mello	Daniel Whalen	Darlene Streher Kathryn Wrightson	BNP Youth	BNP

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