



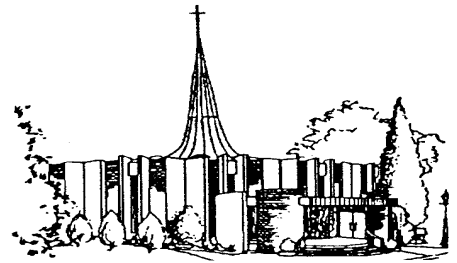
St. Nicholas

Parish Penrith

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Schools

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Mrs Anne Corrigan,
Principal Phone : 4736 3466
St Nicholas of Myra Primary
Mrs Anne Hines,
Principal Phone : 4721 2623

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday 7.00am, 8.30am,
10.00am, 6.00pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am
5.00pm - 5.45pm

Adoration: After Sat Morning Mass

Weekday Mass :

Monday 9.30 am
Tuesday 6.45 am & 7 pm
Wednesday 6.45 am & 9.30 am
Thursday 9.30 am
Friday 6.45 am & 12.10 pm
Saturday 9.00 am

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time : 10th July 2011

Entrance Antiphon: In my justice I shall see your face, O Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

First Reading : *Isaiah 55:10-11* Isaiah compares the meaning and sequence of natural events with the power of God's creative word, which never fails to achieve its purpose.

Response to the Psalm : The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading : *Romans 8:18-23* Redeemed humanity and all of creation share in the hope of eternal glory.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel : *Matthew 13:1-23* Seeds are scattered on the earth and fall on hard, poor and rich soil. This process is compared with the proclamation of the reign of God.

Communion Antiphon : The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.



Clergy Conference will be held during the period 26th to the 28th July 2011

There will be NO Mass held at St Nicholas of Myra from Monday 25th to Thursday 28th July 2011

Daily Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary, 26 Swanston Street, St Marys (Telephone: 9623 1962)

Monday 25 July 2011 - 9am
Tuesday 26 July 2011 - 9am
Wednesday 27 July 2011 - 12 noon
Thursday 28 July 2011 - 9am

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 16/17 July 2011. If you cannot fulfill this commitment, please arrange for someone to take your place. Thanks.

Time	Acolytes	Altar Servers	Community Rep.	Reader	Eucharist Ministers		
6 pm	J Buttigieg Dexter Isaaks	Rachel, Samuel & Joshua Vella Jessica Buttigieg	F Jackson	C Lay	L DeBono	R DeBono	B Hansen
7 am	A Ruzgas		G Nunn	S Paterson	M Edmunds	D Friend	A Pace
8.30 am	J Jordan C Walsh	Gabrielle Isaaks	L Walsh	K McNamara	M Rivet M Stynes	B Oxlade P Wheeler	M Ryan R Bryan B Keavy
10 am	D Wheelahan E Thomas	Ben, Luke & Ja- cinta Wheelahan Natalie Moniz	R Wood	B Burns	J Spillane	G Burns	O Bonnaire
6 pm	David Limjap W Limjap	Glen Wambeek Ethan Klanert	K Mowbray	L Streher	B Mowbray	L McConnell	M Herrick

Please pray for those who are sick

Margaret MaGoldrick, Rebecca Vinci,
Vanessa Jacobs, Ben Slaughter, Connie Faba,
Sr Carole Gibbons, Sr Margaret Keane, Tymika,
Alfie Gatt, Sheila Johnston, Alex Donaldson, Mary
Dallat, John Ryan, Brian Harnett, Therese Fitzgerald,
Paul Fitzgerald, Cheryl Davie, Baby William Marr,
Peter Francis, Paul Rodgers, Noelene Lilley, Baby
Mia, Sharon Gorrell, Michelle Kay, Leonor Defino,
Trish Smith, Mary Dallat, Max and Patricia Sedl,
Gwen Robinson, Martha Dierick, Sr Madeleine,
OCD, Lesley Malicki, Anisty Hewitt,
Marianne Goc-ong, Thomas Meehan,
Gwen Robinson, Millie Bugden, Linda Moran, Marie
Rivet, Gwen Witton, Geraldine and Matthew Lowe,
Kevin Armstrong, Marie Orth, Mary Howland,
Alf Armstrong, Esmee White,
Josie Newman, Paul Landrigan, Keith Gordyn,
Alice Massey and Katelyn Reid.

Please pray for

Michael Morrissey, Elrene Bryant and Grace Miers
who died recently and for Elizabeth Chow, Judy
Cullen, Sandra Levinge, Carmen & Charles
Farrugia, Keith McSpadden, Paul Tucker, Terry
Latham and Shane Jordan **whose anniversaries**
occur at this time and also for Mary Rose
Guillaumier, Ronnie Borg, George Attard, Mary
Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Tania Felice, Bernard
and Norah Wilding and
Rose & Larry Scully.

Mary Howland would like to thank everyone who prayed for her during her sickness.

(1) Altar Servers Christmas Party

(2) Calling children and teenagers to serve in this mighty Ministry!!!

(1) Hellooooo legends of the Altar Servers Ministry. Thru' the kindness & generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Wakeling of our parish, we're going to enjoy our Christmas party on the **Nepean Belle!** Won't that be great? :-)) So set aside Saturday the 12th of November between 3 and 4.30pm for this stellar event!

(2) Hey? Would **you** like to become an Altar Server? Have you received the sacrament of Holy Eucharist and do you regularly attend mass here at St. Nicholas of Myra church? Are mum and dad able to support you serve in this ministry? If you answered "YES" to all of the above, then get mum or dad to ring the parish office ASAP because when Fr. John comes back from WYD in Spain, in early September, we're going to have a training day.

Rodger Kroon

PARISH OUTREACH

Next Week's Readings :

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

Rosary Statue will be the home of Mary Ryan at 94 Stafford Street. Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.



Congratulations : *Kaitlin Hunt, Sienna Jeffrey, Ruby Marxsen, Jade McLean and Carmia Xiberras* who were baptized on 3 July 2011.

Sacramental News Sacrament of Confirmation Confirmation preparation

will begin with a **parent only** session on **Sunday, 24 July 2011 at 11:15am** in the parish meeting room. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be available for children who have made their First Reconciliation, First Communion and are in year 5 or above.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Anne Tucker during school hours on 4721 2509. Alternatively you can send an email to sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

FAITH DEVELOPMENT & FORMATION



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Are you a Catholic who regrets never receiving Communion or Confirmation?

Are you dating or married to a Catholic and feel drawn to learn something about your partner's Church?

Do you have questions about what the Catholic Church teaches and believes?

Our next Inquiry Sessions will be:
Wednesday 20th July
and
Wednesday 27th July
St Nicholas of Myra Church
Parish Meeting Room 1
7:30pm

For more information call:
Jane McCann - 4733 3210
or the parish Office

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- Mary MacKillop International and
- Overseas Missions in Peru

Please leave these used stamps at the office.
Many thanks.

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Invites all to **MORNING TEA & TRIVIA**

On Wednesday 13th July, 2011 at 10 am.

Join us for a Mini Trivial Pursuit and Morning Tea.

Groups will be playing for the PWA Trivia Trophy.

Proceeds to go to the 2011 Market Project for beds for Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital.

Donation \$ 5.00.

RSVP Dorothy Shinn Tel: 8602 0896

Nepean Early Intervention Prevention program

under Nepean Youth Accommodation Service based in Penrith are seeking youth mentors in regards to numeracy and literacy tutoring, music lessons, living skills programs and to provide a positive presence. If you know of any young people that would be suitable and interested in becoming a youth mentor with Penrith Youth Refuge please contact the Team Leader,
Tracy Hannah on 0403 084 072.

Private Secretary to Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of Private Secretary to Auxiliary Bishop Peter Comensoli. This is a full time position and is based at the Polding Centre, Sydney.

Applications to Anthony Spata by email at

anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org.

Applications close 17 July 2011. Enquiries: 02 9390 5317.

Further details about this position are available at

www.catholicjobsonline.com.au.

Retirement Village in Daceyville, NSW

Three 2-bedroom units are now available in our Retirement Village in Daceyville, NSW. For terms and conditions, please contact Patricia on (02) 93491292 or 0422838718.

Mamre Sudanese Program

We are very grateful to the many volunteers assisting in this program but we do need more help.

Creche: One day per week or per fortnight

Mon - Thurs from 10am to 2pm

Homework Support: Mondays at Mamre

House from 3 to 4pm for Kinders, Yr 1 and Yr 2.

If you would like more information or can assist in either of these areas would you kindly phone Sr Janet on 0418 690 487. Thank you.

Feast Days of the Week

Monday July 11 St Benedict 480 - 547

As the founder of western Christian monasticism, Benedict's contribution to society and the Church during the past 1,500 years has been enormous. Born into a noble Roman family, he founded twelve monasteries, including the monastery of Monte Casino, Italy. His *Rule of St Benedict* has guided monks and religious over the centuries, so that 'Christ may bring us all together to life eternal'. His motto: 'To pray and to work!'

Friday July 15 St Bonaventure

Born in Italy around the year 1217, St Bonaventure entered the religious order founded by St Francis of Assisi around the year 1243, about twenty years after the death of St Francis. Bonaventure became a professor of theology at the University of Paris where he taught alongside St Thomas Aquinas, the 'Angelic Doctor'.

St Bonaventure's theology is always written with holy passion, in the tradition of St Augustine, and always directed towards increasing the depth and intensity of the spiritual life. Because of his burning zeal, Bonaventure became known as the 'Seraphic Doctor'. St Bonaventure was elected head of the Franciscan order in 1257 and his *Life of St Francis* was approved as the official biography of their founder. Having been created Cardinal Archbishop of Albano in 1273, St Bonaventure attended the Ecumenical Council of Lyon where he died in the same year that St Thomas Aquinas died, in 1274.

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS – PENRITH & BLACKTOWN

For those of you who have suffered the death of your spouse, the Solo Parent Ministry (CatholicCare Social Services) provides an opportunity for you to meet for discussion and mutual support on the second Wednesday of each month at Penrith and the second Thursday of each month at Blacktown for six consecutive months from March to August/September. We meet at the Parish Centre in Penrith and CatholicCare Social Services Centre, 51-59 Allawah St at Blacktown. The Group is open to anyone to join at any time; each month we deal with a different aspect of bereavement. This month we will focus on “**The impact of Bereavement on Self Care**” at Penrith and “**The impact of Bereavement on Identity**” at Blacktown. We meet from 10.00 to 11.30 on both Wednesday and Thursday, the next dates being the 13th and 14th of July respectively. If you would like to come along please register your name at Ph. 99330222 and specify which group you will be attending.

Compeer

All it takes is just an hour a week to help someone who is lonely. **Compeer** is a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society that matches volunteers in one-on-one friendship with people living with a mental illness, making a real difference to their quality of life. You can help reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and provide a fun social opportunity for someone who is socially isolated and in need of a supportive friend.

Volunteers are asked to spend just an hour a week for a minimum of 12 months with their Compeer friend doing simple social activities such as catching up over a cup of coffee, going for a walk in the park, or whatever activity you and your friend decide to do together. The volunteer's role is to be a friend, not a counsellor or health professional.

We are currently seeking friendly, accepting and emotionally mature **male volunteers aged between 50 – 70 years** to be matched with a friend in Penrith and outer Western Sydney areas. The next volunteer training sessions will be held over two consecutive Saturdays at Lewisham in September – an application and interview must be conducted prior to training. For more information about this volunteering opportunity please phone Vanessa Julien on 9622 2411 or email: compeer.blacktown@vinnies.org.au.

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Schoenstatt Girls' Camp in July

For girls aged 13-15: From 4pm on Monday 11 July to 4pm on Thursday 14 July.

The Saints speak to us today ... Program includes discussions, prayer and outdoor fun activities.

Venue: Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa.

Cost: \$110 (includes food, accommodation, as well as outing to St Mary MacKillop Museum in North Sydney). RSVP: 29 June.

Inquiries: Sr M Luka,

sr.m.luka@bigpond.com<<mailto:sr.m.luka@bigpond.com>>.

Positive Psychology and Catholic Theology

Fr John Vayalilkarottu OFMConv is looking for Catholic volunteers over 18 (any occupation and ethnic background) for his PhD research in the School of Psychology at ACU. Topic is 'The Impact of Theological Virtues (Faith, Hope and Charity) on Well-being: A Study Among the Catholic Christians around the World'. If you would like to be part of an anonymous online questionnaire, please contact Fr John at:

frjohnvofmconv@gmail.com<<mailto:frjohnvofmconv@gmail.com>>

Vacancy

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is seeking applications for the role of **Executive Assistant to Diocesan Business Manager**.

This is a full time position and is based at McGovern House, Parramatta. Applications to Ben Lucas by email at blucas@parra.catholic.org.au

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www.catholicjobsonline.com.au.

Applications close 24 July 2011

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Trivia Night

St Nicholas of Myra Primary School will be hosting a Trivia night on Friday 16th September at 7pm in the school hall. Tickets are \$10. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please phone the school office to book your tickets - 4721 2623.

Charismatic Healing Mass followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry. **2:30pm Sunday 17th July @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys.**

Celebrant: Fr Vincent Savarimuthu. All Welcome!

Jesus Our Healer "Healing Service and Seminars

"He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." (Luke 9:2) How do we receive physical, emotional and spiritual healings from the Lord? How do we pray for others to be healed? @ Don B Don Bosco Centre 10-12 Mamre Rd, St Marys 22-24 July 2011. For more info see fliers at the back of the church or call Chris 0427 327 471 or Connie 0422 499 228 or email us on dojbm@bigpond.com

Ex-students of St Joseph's Girls' High, Kogarah,

St Mary's Star of the Sea, Hurstville and Bethany College, Hurstville – Reunite at High Tea, Sunday 28 August, 12.00noon, *The Gardens on Forest* – tickets from Bethany College, 8566 0711, email josephmarybethany@gmail.com

Facebook Fan page: www.facebook.com/combinedexstudentsassociation

ATTENTION – CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Fr. Chris Riley, well-known founder of 'Youth Off the Street', will speak on 'Growing in Faith for young adults' at 6.30pm on Tuesday, July 19. Fr. Riley will talk in the Crypt at St Patrick's Church, 20 Grosvenor St, Sydney. The talk is the opening night for the Branches journey. Donation to YOTS: \$10.

Theology on Tap: Sunday 10 July

Topic: Unplanned - former Planned Parenthood leader chooses Life. Abby Johnson from the US will be speaking about her personal journey from Planned Parenthood clinic director & employee of the year to now one of the most influential & courageous advocates for life. Books available for purchase & signing. Note new venue: The Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall Street, Parramatta. Time: 6.30pm. Details: www.theologyontap.com.au

Concert by Choir of Christ College Cambridge:

Thursday 14 July The Choir of Christ College Cambridge in the UK will perform a concert of sacred choral music at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on 14 July at 7.30pm. The University chapel choir is internationally acclaimed, and this will be a performance not to be missed! Ticket prices: adults \$20, concessions \$15, students \$10. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

Sydney Welsh Choir WYD concert: Sunday 17 July

The Sydney Welsh Choir, conducted by Viv Llewellyn, the music teacher at a diocesan primary school, will perform at St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook, to raise funds for the WYD pilgrims. The Sydney Welsh Choir has toured to many places in the world and has sung at the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi and Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome. The concert will include Welsh hymns, sacred songs and well-known music. The soloist is Cheryl Priest and the organist and accompanist is David Short. The St Finbar's Children's Church Choir will also perform and will join the adult choir for the finale, 'Send Us as Your Blessing, Lord'. Sunday 17 July at 2pm. Tickets \$20, concession \$15, child \$10. Pay at the door or tel (02) 4739 0384.

Catholic Weekly July 10

- Government funding shortfall will hurt the aged
- Rich history of 'place of quiet' in midst of a busy city
- A 'lovely parish' farewells its beloved pastor
- WYD dream a reality for refugees
- Hilton adds spice to Vinnies menu
- The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey

Mary MacKillop Place School Holiday Programme

The next School Holiday Programme at Mary MacKillop Place will commence on 11th July and is suitable for children from 5 – 12 years:

Location: MMP Museum, 7 Mount Street, North Sydney

Date: Monday, 11th July – Friday, 15th July 2011

Time: 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Cost: \$8.00 per child per session (includes morning tea)

Bookings: Museum Education Officer, 8912 4883 or mackillop@sosj.org.au.

For more information please see

www.marymackillopplace.org.au/museum/education_programs.asp.



**Are you
interested in becoming
a Catholic?**

If you are an adult considering becoming a Catholic, interested in revisiting your faith, or a baptised Christian wanting to be received into the Catholic Church, to find out more.

Contact: Ina & Norman Heffernan
4732 1751 (inanorm@optusnet.com.au)

Children's Corner

Matching Game. Below are ten words from today's Gospel story. On the right side are ten objects. Draw a line from the word to the object that matches it.

PEOPLE



GOD'S KINGDOM



LAKE



BOAT



FARMER



SEEDS



BIRDS



CROP



ROCKS



LISTEN

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This week at

St Nic's

Monday 11 July

St Benedict, abbot

10 am Legion of Mary Meeting - PMR1

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Tuesday 12 July

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 13 July

7.30 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 14 July

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 15 July

St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 16 July

Sunday 17 July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Warning Parishioners are warned while in the church to ensure their personal belongings/handbags are secured, and that they cannot be reached from behind. Please carry your handbag when going to communion.

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988(Cth) at the end of 2001, this parish reviewed its records and methods for holding and collecting information about parishioners. A privacy policy has been developed in accordance with Diocesan norms and has been approved by the Parish Priest. A copy is available from the parish Office.

1st & 2nd Collection

The first collection pays for the priests of the parish and any surplus money from this collection helps fund our retired and sick priests.

The second collection (planned giving envelopes) pays for the running costs of our parish.