



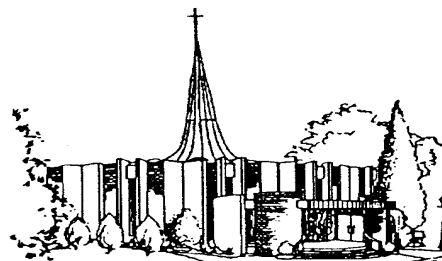
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Weekend Mass:

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time : 11th September 2011

St Nicholas (Penrith) Parish Pastoral Council

My dear Parishioners,

The new members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be commissioned next Sunday 18th September, 2011 at the 8.30am Mass . They are :

Peter Nematalla (Chair)
Lorraine McConnell (Secretary)
David Bullock
Scott Carroll
Anne Fletcher

Mani Viswasam
Adam Drinan
Michael Vella
Mairead Stynes
Seth Harsh

I thank these men and women for giving up their time and accepting the challenge to be members of our Parish Pastoral Council. We pray that God who calls us all will help us grow in his love and be his witnesses in the world.

Fr Chris

The next meeting for the Council is Tuesday 13th September in Parish Meeting Room 1.



Farewell Mass for Fr Sunny at 10am Sunday 11th September

The 10am Mass on Sunday 11th September will be concelebrated by Frs Sunny, Chris and John followed by a short morning tea outside the church (weather permitting).

You are most welcome to bring a plate to be shared .

PLEASE NOTE : SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2011

The usual 9 am Mass will be replaced by the Mass for the **FEAST OF OUR LADY PENAFRANCIA AT ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA** Starting with the Novena at 9.15 followed by Mass and other celebrations.

More details are on page 7 of this bulletin.

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 17/18 September, 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	D Welfare Jared Nematalla	Claire & David Pletkan	M Prendeville	A M Pletkan	M James	J Vella	C Coyte
7 am	A Ruzgas		S Paterson	R Powell	A Pace	M Edmunds	D Friend
8.30 am	F Sultana C Walsh	Jermiah Dowling Gabrielle Isaaks	V Sultana	K Smith	A Fletcher C Fletcher	M Ryan D Streher	M Rivet B Keavy K Pemberton
10 am	J Jordan D Wheelahan	Ben, Luke & Ja- cinta Wheelahan	M Varua	P Samuela	J Dumas	C Gotzman	O Bonnaire
6 pm	C Foley W Limjap	Natalie Moniz Ethan Klanert	L Streher	C D'Mello	M Herrick	L McConnell	C Rondeau

Please pray for those who are sick

Shirley Junge, Angela Zecick, Bill Rohan (Junior), Rick Lister, Ken Schneiders, Margaret MaGoldrick, Rebecca Vinci, Vanessa Jacobs, Ben Slaughter, Connie Faba, Sr Carole Gibbons, Sr Margaret Keane, Tymika, Mary Dallat, John Ryan, Therese Fitzgerald, Paul Fitzgerald, Cheryl Davie, Baby William Marr, Peter Francis, Paul Rodgers, Noelene Lilley, Baby Mia, Sharon Gorrell, Michelle Kay, Trish Smith, Max Sedl, Martha Dierick, Lesley Malicki, 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

Ruben Noble, Dot Roberts and Tornina Deguara **who died recently** and for George Nematalla, Ken John Vimpany, Raymond Stynes, James O'Brien, Trinidad Gibbons, Tony White, Ken Wisemantel, Peter Donnelly, Joseph D'Costa, Adolphus and Dorothy Montaut and Angelo Vella **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for Mary Rose Guillaumier,** Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Tania Felice, Bernard and Norah Wilding, Jack and Dorrie Bertles, William Galea, Saviour Attard and Mario Virgilio Pirrone.



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

CORRIE NORT

Rosary Statue will be the home of Alice O'Hare at 17 Nerang Cr., Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.



Lamingtons are on sale this weekend. Please support.



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Thanking you in advance for your support.

Fundraising Committee

PARISH OUTREACH

Next Week's Readings :

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16



Congratulations : Evie Paris who was baptized on 4 September 2011.

SRE teachers : Wanted to teach scripture classes at York Primary School- classes Yr 2 and year 5/6. Please contact Catechist Co-ordinator at the parish office on 4721 2509 for any further information.

Wanted urgently drivers to pick and drop off Students from St Dominic's College, Kingswood at 12 noon every Thursday and transfer them to & from the following schools in Penrith to teach Scripture in the Public schools. The duration is approximately an hour each week. If you have a bit of spare time and would like to assist we would love to hear from you.

1. York Public School

2. Orchard Hills public School.

Please contact me at the Parish office on 47 21 2509 or on email at : catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Thank you, Fred Keuneman Catechist Co-ordinator

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

First Reading : *Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7 Only by offering forgiveness can we hope to receive it from the Lord.*

Response to the Psalm : The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading : *Romans 14:7-9 Christ is the Lord of all - living and dead.*

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel : *Matthew 18:1-35 To withhold forgiveness from others is to deny it to ourselves.*

Communion Antiphon : O God, how much we value your mercy! All mankind can gather under your protection.

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PARISH OUTREACH

St Nicholas of Myra Parish : Parish Retreat
Sunday 11th September, 2011 at 2 pm to 4.30 pm (runs for 7 Sundays)
Venue: St Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall
Children welcome (There will be activities for the kids)

My dear Parishioners,

I would like to personally invite you to participate in this parish retreat. In our busy lives we can so often be overcome with so many demands on each of us, a retreat is a time to stop and take stock of ourselves with our loving Saviour Jesus Christ.

Through the grace of God's Holy Spirit this can become a time of renewal, enlightenment and strengthening of our lives as Christian Catholics.

Couples for Christ Australia has graciously offered to support and facilitate this retreat process and I am very grateful for their generosity.

Please seriously consider this opportunity to deepen your faith and witness to Jesus Christ.

God's Blessings, Fr Chris de Souza P P

For further details please contact :

Ric Limjap 0414 647 407
Connie Limjap 0400 926 649
Willy Limjap 0428 332 619
Benjie Santaigo 0401 691 899

Father Chris, Father Sunny or
Father John

St Nicholas of Myra School – Supporting your parish school

- **Trivia Night** – Friday 16th September in the School Hall at 7:00pm. Contact the school on 4721 2623 to organise your tables. Great prizes to be won.
- **Coles Vouchers** – please collect vouchers from Coles (blue and red tickets) until October 18 and return to the school. The school will redeem these vouchers for some much needed sporting equipment.
- **Woolworths** – Earn and Learn Points – these are noted at the bottom of your receipts. Simply cut off the section containing the Earn and Learn Points and return to the school. These points will be redeemed for educational resources. This offer runs until September 18.
- **Both Coles Vouchers and Woolworths Earn and Learn Points** can be posted to the school, St Nicholas of Myra PO Box 265 Penrith 2751

Thanks for your support!

Invitation

St Nicholas of Myra Primary School invites all retired parishioners who would like to watch the children's book parade and storytelling to celebrate with them on Friday 16th September at 9:30am - 10:30am.

Tea and coffee will also be available.

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RCIA News... More information: Ina & Norman Heffernan 47 321 751
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process that makes it possible for adults to be received into the Catholic Church.



UNDERSTANDING THE RCIA
a journey for the entire parish

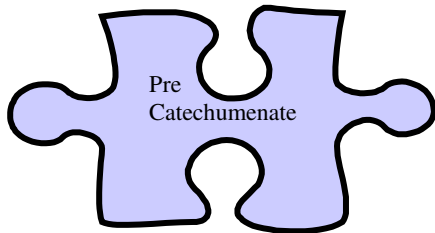
The RCIA is the response to the Second Vatican Council's (1972) call to reinstate the way the early Church practiced preparing people for Baptism. The framework of the RCIA in today's Church is based on the practices and terminology of the early Christians.

The RCIA is a liturgical celebration, and is NOT a course of instruction. It is for participants a gradual process of conversion. Through the Rites of the RCIA, God works to convert people – *to transform them*. Over a period of time, participants learn what the teaching of Jesus is, and also how to live according to that teaching.

The approach is intended to enable those seeking to become Catholic Christians to experience what it means to be a Catholic over approximately one year. This is, after all a *'life-changing'* experience, and participants should be as fully informed as possible before making such an important decision. Experiencing the liturgy over a year enables information to be presented at the appropriate time in the Church cycle and helps keep things in context.

RCIA is a way of renewing the life of the Church - we are each called to play our part

Experiencing conversion goes through stages, and the importance and significance of each stage is marked by a liturgical Celebration or RITE - more about that later.



The RCIA is NOT about 'fast-tracking' to meet the Easter 'deadline'. Some people can take several years of catechesis and mentoring before they feel ready to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation.

To ensure each person is supported and is comfortable with the process they are accompanied on their journey by a Sponsor and the RCIA team who minister to each Inquirer with patience and understanding.

The Pre-catechumenate - (enquiry period—just begun)

Is the first period of Christian Initiation of Adults and is the initial introduction to an inquirer into the Christian way of life in the Catholic Tradition? This is a time of asking and answering questions, and lasts until the participant is ready and confident to commit to the next stage - **the Catechumenate**.

Please keep everyone involved in the RCIA in your prayers.

In the next RCIA meeting we will talk about: Challenges to our faith

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INFLAME YOUTH

SUNDAYS | 7PM-9PM | PMR4

Greetings All!

We welcomed back a handful of our World Youth Day pilgrims in the past week and they all had an amazing experience! More updates as they come in!

September is a busy month for Inflamm, with a bunch of fantastic events taking place both here in Penrith and in the Parra Diocese!

Sunday 11th September – Post WYD Celebration w/ the Bishop

The official welcoming back for all the Parramatta pilgrims from World Youth Day! Mass is at St. Patrick's Cathedral followed by a social gathering afterwards.

Friday 16th September – Third Friday: Astronomical Grace with OASIS *A reflective look at grace with our mates at OASIS youth in Blacktown.*

Sunday 18th September – St. Nic's Holy Hour

An evening of adoration, worship and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, all in our very own church – run by Inflamm Youth!

Sunday 25th September – Shrine Time

We visit the Schoenstatt shrine in Mulgoa for prayer, reflection, meditation, praise and worship, followed by a social gathering!

Inflamm is St Nicholas of Myra's gathering of fresh young adults aged somewhere between 17 and 21-ish who are passionate about Christ and seeing a change not only in our own lives, but in the greater community.

Contact – inflamm@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or 0430230458. You'll find us near the carpark entrance to the church after 6pm mass on Sundays! Come say hi!

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Mustard Seed Bookshop : All are invited to a FREE training seminar for parents on forming their children in Christian sexuality. Dr Gerard O'Shea will be presenting at the Mustard Seed Bookshop, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30 pm. Supper will follow. RSVP to Maree on 9646 9010 or info@caec.com.au

Aboriginal Catholic Services Please join in celebrating the Blessing and Opening of the Aboriginal Catholic Service Centre by Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP on Friday 30th September, 2011 at 10 am at the Holy Family Centre, 254 Luxford Road, Emerton. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by Monday 19th September to Janice Kennedy on 0432 427 524 or Fr Phil Medlin on 0404 396 693 email: phil.medlin@ccss.org.au or Janice.kennedy@ccss.org.au or acs@ccss.org.au

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You are invited to a morning of quiet reflection at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney, on Wednesday 21 September from 10am to 12 noon. The theme of the morning will be: Looking for God. There will be time for silent meditation on scripture and the opportunity to share thoughts in a group. We ask for a small donation to cover costs. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Tricia Gemmell (9436 3447 or pgemmell@tpg.com.au) or the Grail Centre (9955 3053) or rutcrowe@ozemail.com.au. Another reflection morning will be offered on 16th November.

Charismatic Healing Mass followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry. **2:30pm Sunday 18th September @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys.** Celebrant: Fr John Watkins. All Welcome!

FEAST OF OUR LADY PENAFRANCIA SAT 17TH SEPT AT ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA

Car Park Entry through Higgins St, Penrith

9:15 AM - Novena
9:45 AM - Concelebrated Mass
12:00 PM - Start of Fluvial Procession on the Nepean River.

The Wakeling Family Explorer and Nepean Belle boats will participate.

Assembly - Tench Reserve Wharf
Please bring white handkerchief

12:45 PM - 4:00 PM - Free lunch, program and entertainment

Factory Rd side of the Tench Reserve

Appealing to all parishioners to please join us in the celebration on the 17th Sept.

Position Vacant: Property Manager

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is seeking to recruit a Property Manager. This is a new, full-time position. The Property Manager will assist in the implementation of the Diocese's property management requirements and to provide operational and commercial management support to meet the goals, expectations and requirements of the Diocese and its parishes, ministries and agencies. It is essential that prospective applicants obtain the full job description available at: www.parra.catholic.org.au/employment or contact John Sheehy via email: jsheehy@parra.catholic.org.au or tel (02) 8838 3400. **Applications close on Friday 16 September 2011 at 5pm.**

Post-WYD Gathering & Mass: 11 September

Starts 4pm, St Patrick's Cathedral precinct, Marist Place, Parramatta. Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will preside at the Youth Mass at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

Theology behind Fra Angelico's paintings – Part II: 14 September

Presenter: Most Rev Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. Fra Angelico's exact date of birth is not known, but 1395 up to about 1400 is the accepted estimate. He was known in Italy as Beato Angelica (the blessed). In 1418 he became a Dominican Friar at the Carmine under his birth name of Guido di Pietro. He was initially trained as an illuminator working with Benedetto, his older brother. He also nurtured a deep religious love of humanity, and had a sense of humility before God. This devotion to his religion shaped his art and his life. From 7-9pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Cost: donation. Bookings essential: (02) 9831 4911 or mh@instituteformission.com.au

Blackheath Reflection Morning: 17 September

Topic: 'The Spirituality of Thomas Merton'.
Presenter: Barbara Smith. Entry by donation. No need to book. Time: 10am-1pm. Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt & Wentworth Streets, Blackheath. Details: Carmel (02) 4787 8706.

Social Justice Sunday: 25 September

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Building Bridges, not Walls: Prisons and the Justice System'. The statement asks Catholics to think about conditions in our prisons, who is sentenced to prison and why. Rates of imprisonment in Australia have risen sharply although levels of crime have remained steady. The most disadvantaged in Australia are the most likely to be imprisoned. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace Sunday Seminar :

Speaker : Graeme Innes AM, Disability Discrimination, Commissioner and Race, Discrimination Commissioner
Topic: Social Inclusion : Rhetoric or Reality?
Date : Sunday 18 September 2011
Venue: 9 Alexandra Avenue, Croydon
Time: 9.45 am - 12 noon
Morning Tea provided. Cost \$ 10 if able.
All welcome.

Children's Corner

Hidden Objects. Today's Gospel story tells us to forgive people who hurt our feelings. In the picture below of Jesus teaching the people, find 6 objects hidden there. The objects are listed above the picture.



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St Nic's

Monday 12 September

10 am Legion of Mary Meeting - PMR1
5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Tuesday 13 September

St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 14 September

Triumph of the Cross
7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows
5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 16 September

St Cornelius, pope, martyr and
St Cyprian, bishop, martyr
7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 17 September

Sunday 18 September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7 pm Inflamm Youth Group—PMR4

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.

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.

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 .