



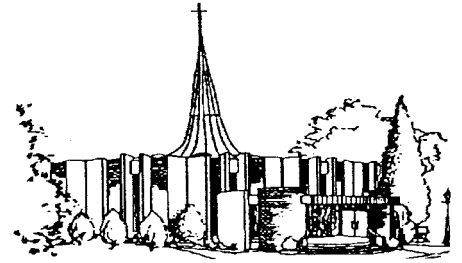
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Principal Phone : 4721 2623

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B : 12th February, 2012

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading : *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 God gives a code that ritually deals with disease, which in turn keeps open the eventual return of the suffering person to the community.*

Response to the Psalm : Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.

Second Reading : *Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 Paul urges the Corinthians to be imitators of Christ, especially through their gracious behaviour towards others.*

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel : *Mark 1:40-45 Jesus heals a leper and restores him to the fullness of membership in Israel's worshipping community.*

Communion Antiphon : They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 18/19 February, 2012. If you cannot fulfill this commitment, please arrange for someone to take your place. Thanks.

| Time | Acolytes | Altar Servers | Community Rep. | Reader | Eucharist Ministers | | |
|---------|------------------------------|---|----------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Vigil | Jaryd Nematalla M Pletkan | Claire & David Pletkan Jordan & Joshua Lay | K McNamara | C Lay | M James | A Calub | N Calub |
| 7 am | D Wiggins | | K Masters | G Nunn | G Wiggins | J McSpadden | D Friend |
| 8.30 am | C Foley F Sultana | Gabrielle Isaaks | V Sultana | P Nematalla | R Bryan B Oxlade | C & D Bullock P Wheller | P Morson L Olander |
| 10 am | E Thomas J Tabone | Simone Dawson Ethan Klanert | D Scully | P Samuelu | J Dumas | O Bonnaire | |
| 6 pm | V Graham Ben Kroon | Alec Linga | Youth | Youth | R Marsh | M Herrick | L McConnell |

Please pray for those who are sick

Angela Zecick, Doreen Longmore, Maria Kukac, Martha Dierick, Paul Landrigan, Sean Mullins and Katelyn Reid.

*Congratulations : Oliver and Sebastian Gerace
and
Ellie-Jane and Nathan Moore
who were baptized on
5th February, 2012.*

Josephite Associates : Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th February at 10.15am in the Parish Meeting Room1. Please contact 4732 6732 if unable to there.

***Please pray for* Esmee White, Edward Goh and Mary English **who recently died and for** John Condon, Joe Keane, Andrew Jaja, Jean Tooke, Frank Baskett, Spira Zahra, Spiro Spiteri, June Mascarenhas, Carmen Vella and Vince Cuttell
whose
anniversaries occur at this time and also for Norah and Bernard Wilding, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Magion family, Emanuel Vella, Sharon Littlejohn and Ronnie Borg.**

Next week's readings :
Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25
Corinthians 1:18-22
Mark 2:1-12

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Rosary Statue will be at the home of Peter & Rita MacKenzie at 773 Castlereagh Road, Agnes Banks and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm.



YOUNG ADULTS

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Thank you to Inflamm and to Fr John Watkins for the great discussion last Sunday on the importance of Chastity in order to live a happy fulfilled life and why it is so relevant in this age. The message continues to strike a chord every time it is pronounced and we look forward to many more Theology sessions as the year rolls on.

We would like also to congratulate four people from flock 99 and the parish on their birthdays this coming week! We hope that God continues to bless and lead you on his paths in your life.

If you are aged between 21 and 35 and you want to hang out with fun, loving people who love God and want to explore their faith, then you are more than welcome to come and join us.

Contact us on 99flockers@gmail.com on 0407 064 872 or check our facebook page (flock99).

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

To all the Acolytes, Senior Servers, Altar Servers, Readers, Community Representatives and Eucharistic Ministers

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish. You are the people who help make our liturgies what they are today.

We are always ready to welcome new parishioners to these ministries and therefore help lighten the burden on our current men, ladies and children.

The new Roster covering the period March to June 2012 has now been compiled and will be available for collection this weekend 11/12th February. You are asked to have some patience with your roster bearing in mind there are only a limited number in some ministries, resulting in some names appearing on consecutive weekends. Should you be unable to attend on your nominated date you are requested to attempt to have another, within your ministry, take up your place.

Over the coming months you are encouraged to provide your email details to the Parish office so that the future rosters may be emailed to as many persons as possible.

Thank you.

Fr Chris

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Help needed

St Nicholas of Myra primary school is in need of people to hear the children read. Research has shown that when children have an audience for their reading their confidence and fluency improve. If you are able to help for an hour (9-10am) on any day of the week please contact Mary Vella at the school. Thank you.

Feast Days of the Week

Tue 14 Feb Sts Cyril (827-869) & Methodius (826-885)


Cyril and his brother, Methodius, of Greek nobility, studied at the University of Constantinople and were ordained. In 861 they were sent to convert the Jewish Khazars of Russia using the Khazar's language. In 863 they were sent to convert the Moravians in their native tongue. Cyril developed an alphabet for the Slavonic language that eventually became what is known today as the *Cyrillic*. In the face of criticism, the brothers pioneered the use of local languages in liturgical settings.



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.


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Launch of Faith in Our Future

This weekend sees the launch of Faith in Our Future, an extensive consultation process of planning for our Diocese. Please get involved and offer your gifts, prayer, passion and vision. Visit the website to view a Pastoral Message from Bishop Anthony, to find a consultation session happening near you, check out latest news on the Faith in Our Future blog or to have your say online: www.faithinourfuture.org.au Follow the Pastoral Planning Team on Twitter: @faithparra

Holy Spirit Mission: 18-19 February

The New Springtime – presented by Christina King. Catholic Charismatic Renewal is hosting a program that includes: Sunday Mass, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry, Children's Ministry, Coffee & tea – BYO lunch. Times: Sat. 9am–4pm; Sun. 11am–5pm. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills. Details: CCR Parramatta (02) 9896 3711, 0404 093 118.

Christian Meditation: 19 February

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery. Arrival from 10am for 10.30am presentations, periods of meditation and Mass, conclusion around 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books and other material available. 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. For accommodation at the monastery guest house contact Br Terry 0438 282 318 or monks@benedictine.org.au Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

Pilgrimage information night: 16 February 7.30pm

Father Wim Hoekstra, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, is leading a pilgrimage to Jordan and Israel from 22 Sept. to 6 Oct. (September school holidays). The theme of the tour is based on Jesus' invitation to His disciples to "Come and see". Come and see places associated with the life and ministry of Jesus, walk where Jesus walked, pray where Jesus prayed. Tour includes Jerusalem, Galilee, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana and many other places, including Petra in Jordan. Full details and booking forms at www.stpatscathedral.com.au (quick link to Israel 2012) or contact Fr Wim tel (02) 8839 8420, wim@stpatscathedral.com.au

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Saint Mary MacKillop National Pilgrimages 2012

In 2012 two National Aust Pilgrimages will be conducted 11 - 21 April and 24 October - 3 November.

The pilgrimage offers you an opportunity to reflect on your own life as you walk with Mary MacKillop the journey of her life.

Fly to Melbourne and then journey by coach to Hamilton, Portland, Penola, Adelaide, fly to Sydney and then home. Cost from Sydney \$2,540 pp twin share *Single Supplement \$410.

For a brochure and further information please contact Sister Monica Barlow on 02 8912 4818 or email mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au.

Learn Maltese with Skola Maltija Sydney

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2012. Children from Kindergarten to Year 6, can study an accredited Maltese language and culture course. Classes commence on 11th February 2012 on Saturday.

To ENROL NOW please call the principal, Mrs Jane Borg on 0402 167 439 or Mrs Cynthia Villar on 9820 8120 or email skolamaltijasdney@yahoo.com.au High School students can enrol with the Saturday School of Community Languages through their high school.

For more information contact Mr Charles Galea on 9674 2970. Skola Maltija Sydney is a program of Akkademja Maltija ta' NSW Inc.

Our school is supported by the NSW Community Language Schools Program, NSW Department of Education and Communities.

Administration & Communications Assistant - Vocations Centre

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Administration & Communications Assistant**. This role is a part time role working 2 days per week and is based at the Polding Centre, Sydney.

Further details about this position are available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications to Anthony Spata by email at anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org.

Applications close 26 February 2012.

Enquiries: 02 9390 5317.

Be a mentor to a student in your workplace

The Lighthouse program is looking for mentors throughout Western Sydney for 2012 in all trade areas and in hospitality, retail and office settings to host a Year 9 or 10 student from our local Catholic secondary schools one day a week in your workplace.

The Lighthouse program is strongly supported by the workplace trainers who are there to offer guidance to mentors throughout the 18 weeks, visiting students in the workplace fortnightly and available for consultation at all times. Free TAFE training for all new mentors help them feel confident about their role.

For more information about how to join our team of valued mentors, contact:

- Maree Armstrong-Ley tel 0417 060 132, maree.armstrong@parra.catholic.edu.au
- Vanessa McDougall tel 0407 246 vanessa.mcdougall@parra.catholic.edu.au
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Executive Officer – Renewal Program

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of Executive Officer to be part of a new program designed to re-engage Catholics, attract people who may be interested in the Catholic Church and generally promote its good works.

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Applications close 15 February 2012

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RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED



The Solo Parent Ministry is offering another 7 week "Recovery Program" for those who have been through the breakdown of their marriage or long term partnership. Through input, small group discussions and time for personal reflection this program is designed to help you work through your pain, grief and numerous losses and to assist you in planning for a future filled with hope. Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Wednesday nights, commencing 22nd Feb. 7.30 pm. \$70.00 . Registration and further details, contact Sr. Eileen Quade 02 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: BLACKTOWN

This year the Solo Parent Ministry will continue to offer individual counselling and small group programs for men and women who are grieving the death of their spouse. In February we begin a series of eight "Bereavement Support Group" Sessions (fortnightly) in which there will be input and time for sharing on topics that are relevant to your experience of grief and loss. Our first series will begin on Tuesday 7th Feb. from 10.00 – 11.30am at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Later in the year a similar Program will be offered in Penrith. The first Session Topic is entitled "The Physical Effects of Grief." You do not have to register for ALL Sessions when you register; only certain topics may be of interest to you. For further information and registration contact Sr. Eileen on 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccee.org.au.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 23 – 25 March at St. Mary's Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW
Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
Information: website www.wwme.org.au

Reflection Morning

You are invited to a morning of quiet reflection at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney, on Tuesday 21 February from 10am to 12 noon. The theme of the morning will be: God the Creator. 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 ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au .

Catholic Weekly 12 February 2012

- ♦ Government plan a threat to teenage foster care
- ♦ Fr Chris Riley endorses ban on smacking
- ♦ Exciting year ahead for our schools
- ♦ 'Retired' bishop a 'straight-talking Aussie priest'
- ♦ Brother who gave his all for people and work
- ♦ Cardinal warns of 'pushy secularist minority'

Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace AGM and Sunday Seminar

Speaker: Mr Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner.
With current issues for indigenous people, we need to have information from all sides to fully understand the situation.

Date: Sunday 19th February, 2012
Venue: 9 Alexandra Avenue, Croyden
Time: 9.45 am - 12 noon.
Morning Tea and light lunch provided
Cost: Nil for AGM
All Welcome

Balancing Silence and Words

'Silence is an integral element of communication; in its absence, words rich in content cannot exist. In silence, we are better able to listen to and understand ourselves; ideas come to birth and acquire depth. ... By remaining silent we allow the other person to speak, to express him or herself; and we avoid being tied simply to our own words and ideas without them being adequately tested. In this way, space is created for mutual listening, and deeper human relationships become possible.

- Pope Benedict XVI, January 24, 2012

Children's Page

Choose The Right Word. Below are some sentences from today's Gospel story, but there are words missing. Using the word list, choose the right word to write in each blank space.

WORD LIST:

| | | | |
|------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| EXCITED | GOD | FAMOUS | POWER |
| DISEASE | PEOPLE | SECRET | EVERYBODY |
| UNDERSTAND | CLOSE | | |

JESUS WAS BECOMING _____ BECAUSE OF

ALL THE _____ HE HELPED. JESUS

HAD _____ TO HEAL WHICH _____ HAD

GIVEN HIM. ONE MAN WANTED TO BE HEALED OF HIS

_____ SO THAT HE COULD BE

_____ TO PEOPLE. THE HEALED MAN WAS

_____ BUT JESUS TOLD HIM TO KEEP

IT A _____. THE MAN DIDN'T

_____ WHY HE COULDN'T

TELL ANYONE, SO HE TOLD _____

ABOUT HIS HEALING.

B14

This week at St Nic's

Monday 13th February

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

Tuesday 14th February

Sts Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop
11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 15th February

10.15 am Josephite Associates Meetings -
PMR1
7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting -
Hall2

Thursday 16th February

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 17th February

7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 18th February

Sunday 19th February

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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