



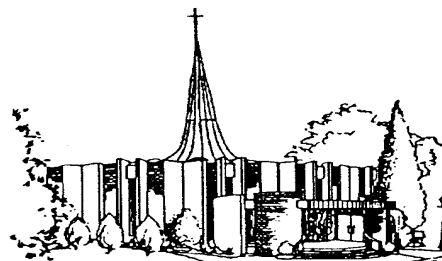
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*Lunch 1pm - 1.30 pm Office closed*

### Schools

**Mary MacKillop Primary**

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

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time : 16th October 2011

**Entrance Antiphon:** I call upon you, God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and hear my prayer. Guard me as the pupil of your eye; hide me in the shade of your wings.

**First Reading :** *Isaiah 45:1,4-6 God can use anyone, believer and unbeliever alike, to achieve the divine purpose.*

**Response to the Psalm :** Give the Lord glory and honour.

**Second Reading :** *Thessalonians 1:1-15 Paul and his companions send words of encouragement to the church in Thessalonika.*

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** *Matthew 22:15-21 Jesus sees through the Pharisees' attempt to trap him and teaches the necessity of offering to God what belongs to God.*

**Communion Antiphon :** See how the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those who hope in his love, that he may rescue them from death and feed them in time of famine.

**Rosters for the different ministries  
are available for collection this weekend.**

## PARISH OUTREACH

**Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 22/23 October, 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	Dexter Isaaks D Welfare	Jasmine, Lillian & Bethany Neal Glen Wambeek	M Prendeville	S Falleiro	M Xiberras	J Vella	J Powell
7 am	J Sweeney		S Paterson	K Masters	S Sweeney	D Friend	A Pace
8.30 am	C Pemberton W Limjap	Jermiah Dowling	P Nematalla	D Scully	C Bullock P Morson	A Fletcher L Olander	C Fletcher M Stynes U Gomez
10 am	E Thomas R Gotzman	Natalie Moniz Gabrielle Isaaks	O Kiss	R Wood	C Gotzman	B Hansen	O Bonnaire
6 pm	Brian D'Lima B Wrightson	Kaitlyn, Luke & Daniel Hooker	L Hooker	J Laffan	K Wrightson	L McConnell	C Rondeau

### *Please pray for those who are sick*

Paul Mullins, Lorraine Phibbs, Alan Newman, Evelyn Gray, Alister Bout, Paul Williams, Shirley Junge, Danielle Xerri, Otti Olszewski, Patrick & Cathy Clarke, Karen Titheradge, Hilda Murray, Ivana Secolo, Angela Zecick, Bill Rohan (Junior), 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*

Catherine Larkins **who died recently** and for Frank Mintoff, Tony Brady, Joan Larkins, Reg Levinge and Robert Ross **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for** Mary Rose Guillaumier, Mary Armstrong, Tania Felice, Bernard and Norah Wilding, Trinidad Gibbons, Dorrie & Jack Bertles and Bruce Knight.

### *Next Week's Readings :*

*Exodus 22:20-26*

*Thessalonians 1:5-10*

*Matthew 22:34-40*

### *Young at Heart*

I apologise for the late cancellation of the morning tea last week.

Two more bus trips this year :

Monday 7 November - Blacktown

Monday 12 December - Wentworth Falls.

See you at the next morning tea on Wednesday 3 November. Gwen

***Congratulations : Jacob Cruzado, Beau and Jax Gerace, Aaliyah and Tremaine Rakuraku who were baptized on 9 October, 2011.***

### *Catechist News*

***SRE teachers*** We are still seeking volunteer Scripture teachers for York Public School-Evans Street, Penrith for Classes 2 and 5/6. Please contact the Parish Co-ordinator on 4721 2509 if you can spare 1 hour a week each Thursday to help us to help our children.



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

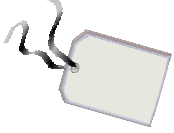
***Ester Limjap***

***William Peters***

## PARISH OUTREACH

### Commemoration of the Faithful Departed All Souls Day Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Parishioners, together with family and friends who wish to remember the departed members of their family, are invited to attend this special commemoration Mass.



As an expression of remembrance you are encouraged to write your loved One's name and perhaps a prayer on the cards provided to be placed on the 'Tree of Remembrance' on the Sanctuary during the Mass.

*Special Prayer Tags are available in the November envelopes OR in the box at the main door of the church.*

#### **All Souls Day Mass Offering**

Occasionally people have asked what signifies a Mass offering for the deceased.

The Australian Bishops Conference has recommended \$10 per Mass during the year and \$20 during November.



**Envelopes** that are to be used for **November Masses** are now available. Please clearly mark the name/names of the deceased on these envelopes

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



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## YOUNG ADULTS

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By the grace of God we were able to go and share in the spirit and excitement of World Youth Day 2011 and by the same grace we have been able to come back and share it with all of you! Thank you again for all your support and encouragement! If you want to catch some of that same spirit please come to some of our exciting events or even come and say G'day to us after mass!

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.

Upcoming events include:

**Sunday 16th of October 2011:** After 6pm Mass join us in Adoration in a Holy Hour in St Nicholas Church. In flame together with Flock99 present a time for praise and thanksgiving, quiet contemplation and reflection with music, prayer and the Blessed Sacrament.

**Friday, 21st of October 2011:** All are invited to attend a dinner and movie night from 6:30pm at Sarah Jaja's beautiful house. A good opportunity to meet new friends in the parish and to get to know each other in fellowship and chill out after a big week! Please RSVP by Wednesday the 19th on facebook or email for catering purposes.

**Sunday 30th of October 2011 7pm:** Comments from the couch with Fr Fernando: The much anticipated speaker returns to thrill us with his experience of faith and priesthood in his journey to the priesthood and ministering to the people in Parramatta. This highly successful format of sharing, questions and answers will be sure to touch many! Come and be part of the action in Not the upper room!

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

## INFLAME YOUTH

SUNDAYS | 7PM-9PM | PMR4

Last Sunday was our monthly *Theology on the Couch* session. A monthly gathering where we explore some of the deeper and controversial theological points of our faith. Last Sunday we explored the ancient axiom of the Church, that there is no salvation to be found outside of the Church (that is, the mystical body of Christ). We left encouraged by the mercy and sovereignty of God, but at the same time challenged to be constantly evangelising, not just through our words, but by the way we live our lives.

### Upcoming

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October – **Inflame Holy Hour**

*Every third Sunday we pray, meditate, reflect and adore in our monthly Holy Hour.*

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Shrine Time**

*On the fourth Sunday on the month we visit the Schoenstatt shrine in Mulgoa for prayer, reflection, meditation, praise and worship.*

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> – **Dinner Outing**

*We're heading out to Panarotti's after Mass.*

Inflame 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](mailto:inflamm@stnicholasofmyra.org.au) or 0430230458. We are the rowdy (but friendly!) characters that hang out near the car park after 6pm mass, you can't miss us!

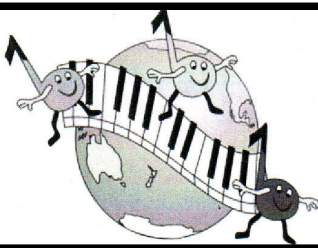

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## FAITH DEVELOPMENT & FORMATION



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

#### Pastoral Aspect of the RCIA

*'It is vital that during all stages of the RCIA, those seeking to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church should receive assistance and support to fully understand and appreciate the significance of the journey they are undertaking, and clarify their desire to respond to God's grace'. (RCIA, 38).*

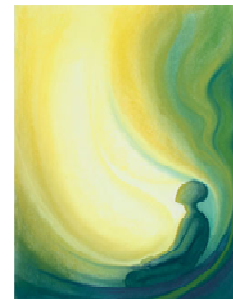
Consequently the following signs will accompany conversion during the Precatechumenate:

- Evidence of initial faith manifested in repentance
- Interest in prayer life/further growth in prayer life
- Desire to study and learn what God has revealed
- An increasing sense of the Church (RCIA 42)

This is the time to connect inquirers to parishioners who could become friends. Prayer intercession for the individual inquirers should be an important community focus. RCIA isn't just adult education in the faith; it is the formation of people in the community of the Church; it's about understanding how the Church is and how the parish is. The Church exists to bring souls to Christ. The people who are expressing their intention to join us are evidence that the Church is doing its work. They are drawing closer to Christ through His Body, the Church. Their presence among us is an occasion of celebration and gratitude.

In the next RCIA meeting we will talk about:

**Who Is The Holy Spirit?**



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Sr. Mary Stephen CRSS  
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## DIOCESAN OUTREACH

#### Penrith Community Kitchen

As in previous years, Penrith Community Kitchen is once again appealing to you to supply toiletries, combs, hankies, socks and/or other small gifts or cash to help us provide Christmas luncheon and presents for the men and women in Penrith who use the Kitchen daily. Donations of \$2.00 or more are Tax deductible and may be mailed to Penrith Community Kitchen P.O. Box 516 Penrith 2751. By helping us we can once again show the true meaning of Christmas to all in need.

**Josephite Associates** Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th October at 10.15 am in PMR1. Contact number 4732 6732.

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## DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### *Positions Vacant – Family Educators*

Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in Catholic primary schools in Concord, Randwick, Randwick North, Lurnea, Prestons, Five Dock, Eastwood, Rockdale, Erskineville, Rose Bay, Carnes Hill, Sadlier-Miller, Hoxton Park and Kingsgrove (12 months maternity leave).

[www.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au) . Click on Employment , Positions Vacant, CEO Sydney, Family Educator role to request an information pack.

Applications close Friday, October 28, 2011.

### *Life Issues Officer – Life, Marriage and Family Centre*

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Life Issues Officer**. This role is a 12 month maternity leave appointment, and is available on a part time or full time basis. Based at the Polding Centre, Sydney. Applications to Anthony Spata by email at [anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org).

Applications close 23 October 2011.

Enquiries: 02 9390 5317. Further details about this

position are available at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au)

### *PARISH SECRETARY (TEMPORARY) – HOLY SPIRIT, ST CLAIR*

As the Parish Secretary will be on maternity leave during the first half of 2012, a vacancy exists for the part-time position of Parish Secretary (Temporary) commencing on 30 January 2012 for a maximum period of 6 months.

Suitably qualified persons are invited to apply. For more details and copy of the position description, please contact the Holy Spirit Parish Office on 9670 8222 or [admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au](mailto:admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au).

Applications close on Friday 28 October 2011.

### *Family Fair & Bush Dance: 28 October*

Join the parish community of Our Lady of the Angels and enjoy all the fun of the fair: show bags, pony rides, plant stall, white elephant stall, Indian, Italian & Middle Eastern food. Time: 5-10.30pm includes fireworks at 9pm.

Cost: \$20 per family. Where: Our Lady of the Angels Parish, 1 Wellgate Ave, Kellyville.

### *Anti-Poverty Week from 16 - 22 October, 2011*

**Web site: [www.antipovertyweek.org.au](http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au)**

The Week focuses on poverty around the world, especially in the poorest countries but also in wealthier countries such as Australia. Its main aims are to strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and within Australia, and to encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems.

### *Community Forum on Homelessness*

Tuesday 8 November 2011 in Parramatta

**Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Catholic Bishop of Parramatta, will host the Forum Lunch.**

Parkroyal Parramatta, 30 Phillip Street, from 9.30am – 1.30pm

There is no charge to participate in the Forum but bookings are essential.

**RSVP Monday 1 November:** CatholicCare Parramatta tel (02) 9933 0222.

**For more information visit: [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)**

### *The Maltese Language School of NSW,*

a division of The Maltese Community Council of NSW, invites new students to join one of its classes for Term 4 held on Saturday mornings at Horsley Park and Wednesday evenings at Seven Hills for fast learning of the Maltese language and culture. Teachers also required. For all enquiries please contact Maria on 0416 119 100 [malteselanguageschoolnsw@hotmail.com](mailto:malteselanguageschoolnsw@hotmail.com).

### *The Friends of "Providence House" in Malta*

("Dar tal-Providenza") have organised a 21 day tour for the purpose of raising funds for this institution. Leaves Sydney **15<sup>th</sup> May 2012** then – **4 Night** stop-over in Bangkok, **8 Day** tour from Paris to Italy, **7 Night Cruise** of the Mediterranean stopping in Naples, Palermo, Tunis, Barcelona, Marseilles and Genoa. We then fly from Milan to Malta if you wish. **Total cost from \$6890**, which includes all airfares/taxes & surcharges, daily breakfast & dinner on tour, all Hotel accommodation twin share, luxury coach and tour director and all that's included in the Tour itinerary. All main meals on the **MSC Fantasia**. For information or brochure contact Tour Leader, Jim Borg on 9636 7767 or 0418 825591.

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## DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### *Catholic Weekly 16th October 2011*

- Win \$1000 for yourself ... and \$1000 for your parish
- 'We're all migrants' – cardinal launches new policy
- D-day: pope to declare Domus Australia open
- The mercy that offers hope for all – World Congress on Mercy
- Ecumenism: discovering what God wants and how He wants it
- 'Creative chaos' and the fate of minorities in Syria
- The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey

### *Penrith Family Support Service*

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Services offered : Family Support,  
Project Elizabeth (Pregnancy Support),  
Creative Therapy, Groups, Relationship Counselling,  
Youth etc.,



### *SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED*

CatholicCare offers individual counselling and a number of workshops and programs for adults and children to assist those who have had to journey through the painful process of separation or divorce. The Solo Parent Ministry offers individual counselling as well as monthly workshops called "Stepping Beyond", which deal with topics that are relevant to those who are striving to grow through the experience of the breakdown of a marriage or long-term partnership. The next workshop is on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> October (6.30 for 7.00pm formal start) at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St. Blacktown and the Focus question this month is: "How do you Nurture Your Spiritual Self?" Bookings essential: Further details and registration with Sr. Eileen Quade 99330205 or [eileen.quade@ccss.org.au](mailto:eileen.quade@ccss.org.au)

### *MALTESE STYLE SPIN-A-WHEEL FETE*

The traditional "Maltese Spring Fete" organised by the **Saint Nicholas Festa Committee** will be held on Sunday **23 October 2011** at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall,

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton (*opp the shopping centre*). Entertainment by the

**The Falcons Band**. Hall opens at **2:00pm**. Entry & parking free & plenty of traditional Maltese food & drinks available. Free paddle pops for all the children.  
Everyone is welcome.

### *Life in the Spirit Seminar : 29th October 2011*

"I came that they might have life and have it to the full"  
*St John 10:10*

Venue: St Ezekiel Convent, 174 Hill End Road, Doon-side

Time: 8.30 am to 5.00 pm

Hosted by: Living Word Servant Community

For enquiries call Salve 0414 946 412 or

Terry on 0407 296 399

### *BEREAVEMENT Support Group – PENRITH*

The Solo Parent Ministry within CatholicCare Social Services offers a variety of Programs and Workshops for those who are widowed, separated or divorced. On the second Wed of each month (from June – Nov) at the Parish Centre in Penrith, we offer a series of Workshops for those who have suffered the death of their spouse or partner. We provide an opportunity for sharing on topics that are relevant to those who are trying to come to a deeper understanding and acceptance of their loss and its impact on their lives.

Bookings are essential: Ph 99330222.

### *Youth Leaders' Formation Course 2011*

From 21 November to 17 December 2011 the 5<sup>th</sup> Youth Leaders' Formation Course (YLFC) will take place. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for 20-30 young adults from around Australia to live in community while being immersed in spiritual, pastoral and intellectual formation. The month includes over 30 presentations from dynamic speakers, daily Mass and prayer, silent retreat, parish mission, social outreach and life changing friendships! Are you being called to be a part of YLFC 2011...to Serve Christ, Grow in Faith and Change the World!! See the YLFC video, flyer and all information at [www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc) or contact [ylfc@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:ylfc@sydneycatholic.org).

### *Retreat Day with MGL Sisters: 22 October*

Join the Missionaries of God's Love for a retreat day at the Sisters' home, 11 Torbert Ave, Quakers Hill. Details: For further information contact the Sisters tel (02) 9626 8382 and check out [www.mglvocation.org](http://www.mglvocation.org)

### *Artes Christi presents JOSEPH!*

Don't miss Andrew Lloyd Webber's classic Biblical musical which returns to the Seymour Centre this Oct/Nov starring Catholic singer-songwriter Gary Pinto as Joseph plus footballer/entertainer Jason Stevens & opera soprano Joanna Cole.

PERFORMANCES: Fri 28 Oct (8pm), Sat 29 Oct (3pm & 8pm), Thu 3 & Fri 4 Nov (8pm), Sat 5 Nov (1pm & 4pm)  
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LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (ENTRY VIA MUSEUM RECEPTION)

This month's topic: Mary MacKillop: Pilgrim in Rome – Then & Now, Lyn Rafferty rsj

If you would like to stay on for the 1pm Mass in the Chapel, you are most welcome.

Bookings and further enquiries: 8912 4818 or [mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au](mailto:mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au) .

# Children's Corner

**Hidden Message.** Use the code to fill in the missing letters. The first blank needs the letter with number 1 above it, the second blank needs number 2 letter, and so forth. The message reminds us of today's Gospel story.

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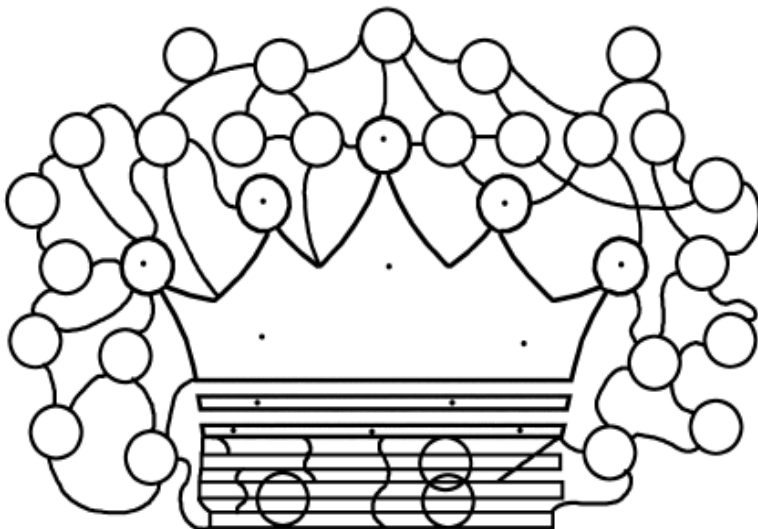
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**Hidden Picture.** Below is a picture of something an earthly king might have, even though Jesus, the real king, never had one. Color or shade in all the spaces with a dot to reveal the picture.



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### 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.

This week at

St Nic's

**Monday 17 October**

*St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr*  
10 am Legion of Mary Meeting - PMR1  
5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

**Tuesday 18 October**

*St Luke, evangelist*  
11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

**Wednesday 19 October**

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

**Thursday 20 October**

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall  
5.30 pm RCIC Meeting - PMR1

**Friday 21 October**

7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

**Saturday 22 October**

*St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), virgin, doctor*

**Sunday 23 October**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 pm Parish Retreat - Hall  
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.

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.