



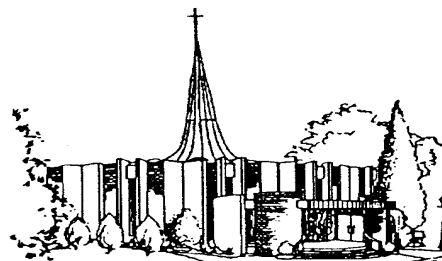
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Principal Phone : 4721 2623

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time : 17th July 2011

Entrance Antiphon: God himself is my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will offer you a willing sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

First Reading : *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 The Lord is strong, yet mild in judgement.*

Response to the Psalm : Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading : *Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit expresses our pleas to God when we cannot find the words we need.*

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel : *Matthew 13:24-43 The Lord allows good and evil to flourish together until the time of the harvest.*

Communion Antiphon : The Lord keeps in our minds the wonderful things he has done. He is compassion and love; he always provides for his faithful.

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 23/24 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	M Pletkan Gordan D'Mello	Claire & David Pletkan Renee Taylor	A M Pletkan	M Prendeville	M Svehla	M Xiberras	C Coyte
7 am	D Wiggins		S Paterson	R Powell	G Wiggins	M Viswasam	A Pace
8.30 am	W Limjap F Sultana	Noah, Elijah & Jonah Gilbert	K Smith	P Nematalla	R Bryan B Keavy	C Bullock D Bullock	G Burns M Doughan P Chang
10 am	J Tabone C Pemberton	Joshua Emerson Simone Dawson	A Hewitt	J Dowling	C Gotzman	K Pemberton	
6 pm	H McCann Thomas Kroon	Kaitlyn, Luke & Daniel Hooker	L Hooker	K Mowbray	D Lee	L Streher	D Streher

Please pray for those who are sick

Ken Schneiders, 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, Trish Smith, Mary Dallat, Max and Patricia
Sedl, Gwen Robinson, Martha Dierick,
Sr Madeleine, OCD, 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

Tony Byrne, Paddy Welden, Francis Gomesz,
Noreen Schultz, Leonore Difino, Alphonse Gatt,
Patricia Von Demleux and Anisty Hewitt **who died recently** and for Henry Nyss, Luis Limjap, Chanel
Costa, Carmen & Charles Farrugia, Rose & Larry
Scully, Manuel Madelena Andrade, Mario Pirrone,
Noreen Latham, Peter Mulock, Evelyn Fernandez,
Norma Bout, Mary Agnes Vella, Stella Gomez,
Ivy Langham, Tony Brady and Victoria Cauchi
whose anniversaries occur at this time and also
for Dorrie & Jack Bertles, Mary Rose
Guillaumier, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Tania
Felice, Bernard and Norah Wilding and
Hutchinson families.



HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY

Allison Johnson

**WEEKLY PLANNED
GIVING ENVELOPES**
*Could you please collect your
envelopes at your earliest
convenience.*

(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 :

Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

Rosary Statue will be the home of Margaret Donnelly 173 Evan Street, Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.



Congratulations : Amelia Hall, Sonny Glynn-Armstrong, Lachlan Grieve, Vivekah Grundy and Xavier Turner who were baptized on 10 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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Have you thought about

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
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YOUNG ADULTS

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Thanks to those who joined us in prayer on Tuesday and a study of the origins and values of praying a novena. 18 days to go until the first pilgrims from the parish board the plane – thanks for the prayers and support.

Upcoming events include:

Sun, July 17, after 6pm mass
Sun, July 24, 6pm mass

Theology with Seth
St Nic's WYD11 commissioning mass (Church) + dinner

Sun, July 31, 2pm

Diocesan WYD11 commissioning mass (St Pat's, Paramatta)

Aug 4 – Aug 29

Pilgrims overseas for WYD11

Sat, Aug 6

Vinnies Van training (Greystanes)

Sun, Aug 21, after 6pm mass

Adoration (in church)

Unless otherwise stated, all events are held in not the Upper Room. Newcomers are always welcome! Come along to as many or as few of the sessions as you like. Contact us at 99flockers@gmail.com, on 0423 257 580 or check out our facebook page (flock99).



PARISH OUTREACH

Hospital Masses : Parishioners are welcome

- **Edenglassie Lodge (Lemongrove)**
1st Tuesday of each month at 11 am
- **Governor Phillip Hospital**
1st Wednesday of each month at 2.00 pm
- **Nepean Hospital**
every Wednesday at Midday
- **Jamison Gardens**
3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.30am
- **Mt View Village**
1st Friday of each month at 10am

Attention : Josephites Associates

Our June meeting has been postponed and will now be held on Wednesday July 20th in PMR1 at 10.15 am. This will allow any arrangements for the Feast day of St Mary MacKillop to be discussed closer to her special day on August 8th. Many thanks. Contact No: 4732 6732.

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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 3 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 0416 119 100 or Marthese 0422 665 922
malteselanguageschoolnsw@hotmail.com.

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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.

OPEN AUDITIONS are now on for Artes Christi's 2011 musical JOSEPH.

This is a fantastic chance to perform with a Catholic theatre company as a singer, actor, dancer or orchestral player. Auditions are from July 14th – 1st August at the BXVI Centre (235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills). To register email arteschristisydney@gmail.com or phone 0414 099 516 or visit www.arteschristi.org.au

For some further background on Artes Christi's work, over the past decade, more than 500 young people from right across NSW have participated in our productions with each of them able to experience a truly unique opportunity for high quality artistic performance within a Catholic context. Our 2010 premiere production of MACKILLOP was seen by almost 10,000 people across Australia and starred a cast & orchestra of over 100 people.

Feast Days of the Week

Fri July 22

St Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene is mentioned among the women who accompanied Jesus and ministered to Him (Luke 8:2-3). In this text, it is also said that seven devils had been cast out of her (Mark 16:9). She is next named as standing at the foot of the cross (Mark 15:40; Matthew 27:56; John 19:25; Luke 23:49). She saw Christ laid in the tomb, and she was the first recorded witness of the Resurrection when she went to the empty tomb and Jesus called her by her name "Mary!" (John 20:16).

A Reflection on Prayer

Brief prayers make it possible to pray coming and going and while working. We then discover that there is much more time for prayer than we might imagine. One of the Desert monks said, 'I will show how I do not cease praying simply by going on with my work. I am there, sitting in God's presence. And when I put my leaves in to soak and when I start to weave a rope, I say, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love".' Is not that a prayer?

Edward Farrell, *Prayer is a Hunger* – provided by the Benedictine Sisters, Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo

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Marriage Sunday: 14 August

The Diocese of Parramatta has designated Marriage Sunday to provide the faith community with an opportunity to highlight the vocation of Marriage and to celebrate and acknowledge the married members of parishes.

Family Bush Dance: Saturday 20 August

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish is holding a bush dance so round up all of your friends and relatives for a great night with loads of dancing and laughing. Time for a hoedown! Tickets: single \$10, family \$20. BYO food and drinks, supper provided - tea and coffee. Doors open 7pm; band starts 7.30pm. Venue: Camilleri Hall, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Pay at door or reserve a table with Parish Office (02) 9631 8135 or Julie McIntyre 0410 047 974.

Social Justice in the Club: 11 August

From Hopelessness to Success: How do we overcome long-term unemployment and rebuild personal, family and community wellbeing? The St Vincent de Paul Society invites you to join with them for a vibrant night of discussion about issues which matter deeply in our local communities. Hosted by Dr Andy Marks, Senior Researcher, for NSW St Vincent de Paul Society. All welcome - no charge. To reserve your place or for more details tel (02) 9689 1900 or view events calendar at: www.vinnies.org.au

Pilgrimage with Father John Boyle

Fr John Boyle, Parish Priest of St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, will be leading a pilgrimage in September called the Essence of Christianity Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will take in Turkey, including Gallipoli, the Holy Land, Rome and Assisi starting on September 18 and arriving back in Australia on October 15. There are still some places available. For details contact Monica at Harvest Pilgrimages tel 1800 819 156 or Frances at St Bernadette's Parish Office tel (02) 9634 2622.

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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

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.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED: STEPPING BEYOND

The Solo Parent Ministry's next monthly workshop to assist those who have been through the breakdown of their marriage is being held on Wednesday 27th July. at the Diocesan Assembly Centre Blacktown. The Focus Question this month is: "Who am I after Separation?" Parent, Own Person, What I had to leave behind? Come along for some personal reflection and discussion with others to gain some insights and handy tips for furthering your progress towards a happier and better balanced life for you and your children. Bookings are essential: Contact Susan Robertson locum for Eileen Quade 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au

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.

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.

Compeer: What a difference a friend makes.



**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

Draw A Story. Today's Gospel story is about a man who planted good seeds but got weeds along with them. Here is your chance to draw the story for yourself. There is room below for four pictures. Read the words below each space, then draw each picture as you think it would have looked.

FARMER PLANTS SEEDS

RAIN AND SUN MAKE THEM GROW

WEEDS AND PLANTS GROW UP

FARMER AND HELPER DECIDE TO LEAVE THE WEEDS

Matching Words. Here are some words from today's Gospel story, along with other words which mean the same thing. Draw lines from each word on the left side to the word on the right side which means almost the same thing.

STORY

PLANTER

FARMER

CROP

PLANTS

PULL

YANK

PICK

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This week at

St Nic's

Monday 18 July

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

Tuesday 19 July

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 20 July

7.30 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 21 July

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 22 July

Mary Magdalene
7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 23 July

Sunday 24 July

17th 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.