



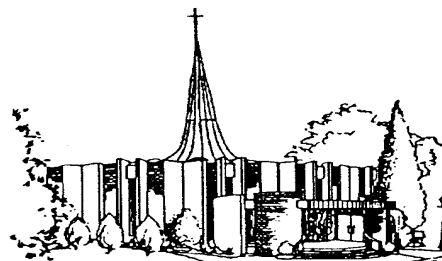
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Weekend Mass:

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time : 18th September 2011

Entrance Antiphon: I am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.

First Reading : *Isaiah 55:6-9 The prophet stresses God's utter transcendence and God's merciful love - these are complementary and not contradictory.*

Response to the Psalm : The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading : *Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Paul desires to die to be more fully with Christ, but it is God's will that he remain on this earth to carry out his mission.*

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel : *Matthew 20:1-16 God cannot be measured by any human standards. As the source of everything that exists, the Lord can bestow his blessings according to his loving kindness.*

Communion Antiphon : You have laid down your precepts to be faithfully kept. May my footsteps be firm in keeping your commands.

Congratulations : *Gideon Chia, Britney Hotchkiss, Courtney Hotchkiss, Christopher Howell, Lachlan McCormack, Niamh McKerverey, Andrew Nashwan Sohail, Monique Ortiz, Reece Reynolds, Blake Sorby, Paige Sorby, Daniel Warren and Mitchell Warren who were Confirmed on Thursday 15th September, 2011 by the Most Rev Bishop Anthony Fisher.*

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	J Buttigieg J Relunia	Jessica Buttigieg, Jasmine, Lillian & Bethany Neal	K Mowbray	S Falleiro	M Xiberras	C Coyte	J Powell
7 am	D Wiggins		G Nunn	K Masters	G Wiggins	M Viswasam	A Sciberras
8.30 am	F Sultana D Wellfare	Jermiah Dowling	J Dowling	V Sultana	C Bullock D Bullock	R Bryan P Wheeler	M Stynes B Oxlade P Chang
10 am	J Tabone D Wheelahan	Joshua Emerson Simone Dawson	D Dawson	A Hewitt	J Spillane	B Hansen	
6 pm	Thomas Kroon B Wrightson	Kaitlyn, Luke & Daniel Hooker	J Laffan	L Hooker	K Wrightson	L Streher	D Streher


Please pray for those who are sick

Hilda Murray, Ivana Secolo, 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

Kerry Mayne, George Slaughter, Ron Prior,
Doreen Thomas and Micheline Collins
who died recently
and for George Nematalla, Raymond Stynes, James O'Brien, Trinidad Gibbons, Peter Donnelly, Angelo Vella, Winnfred McHugh and James Scott **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for** Mary Rose Guillaumier, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Tania Felice, Bernard and Norah Wilding and Jack and Dorrie Bertles.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOELLE MEEHAN

 **CONGRATULATIONS
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50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rosary Statue will be at the home of John and Deanne Soretsz at 15 Nerang Cr., Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.



ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS!!!!

If you're at school and in Year 5 or older and would like to go an Altar Server's camp run by the Sydney Guild of St. Stephen, give me a 'tingle on the Al' Capone (telephone)! It'll be held at *The Tops Conference Centre* between the 3rd and 6th of January, 2012 with the last day held at Jamberoo Recreation Park. Pity I'm too old to go else I'd teach you how to do a massive bomb off the tallest jump at Jamberoo. True! I always get the crowd going "Ooohhhhhhhhh!" :-). If five or more go, it'll cost \$250.00 per freckle (child)! :-). God bless you & keep 'servin' with a smile!' "Bomber Rodg' "
Rodger Kroon



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Fundraising Committee

PARISH OUTREACH

Next Week's Readings :

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

Congratulations : Xander Cauchi, Mackinley Cooney, Taylor Kelaher, Annabelle Warby and Zachary Weatherstone who was baptized on 11 September 2011.

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

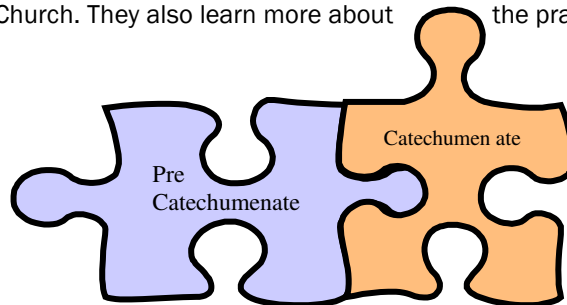


FIRST STAGE of the RCIA - the Pre-catechumenate - (enquiry time) has begun.

This 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 for asking and answering questions.

The RCIA is a journey of conversion for the parish when we embrace the process of initiation, and as a community walk the journey of faith with those entrusted to our care.

SECOND STAGE: the Catechumenate is the time when those to be initiated receive more formal instruction in the Catholic Tradition. There are two groups of Inquirers. Those who are **unbaptised will be called CATECHUMENS**, and those who are **already baptised**, either in a Catholic or Protestant Church, and who are not fully initiated are **CANDIDATES**. During the catechumenate stage, those to be initiated learn more about the sacred Scriptures and the doctrine of the Church. They also learn more about the prayer and worship life of the Church.



Please keep us in your prayers.

In the next RCIA meeting we will talk about:

Who Is God? - images and special moments.

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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

YOUNG ADULTS

FLOCK 99



Welcome back to our parish pilgrims' from WYD. Hope the experience was wonderful and we can't wait for you to share your stories with us.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the post WYD celebrations at St Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday. It was a huge success.

We will be resuming again soon, so stay tuned to the bulletin to find out what's coming up.

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).


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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 Inflammé, with a bunch of fantastic events taking place both here in Penrith and in the Parra Diocese!

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 Inflammé 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!

Inflammé 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 – inflammé@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

PRAYER MORNING AT MARY MACKILLOP PLACE, 7 MOUNT STREET NORTH SYDNEY, LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (ENTRY VIA MUSEUM RECEPTION)

You are invited to a Prayer Morning with Mary MacKillop on Wednesday, 28th September, 2011 from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Cost \$15 (Concession \$10).

This month's topic: Mary MacKillop and the First People of Our Nation – Frances Flemming 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.

Praying with the Holy Spirit

Presenter : Fr John McCall OSA

Date : Thursday 29th September, 2011

Time: 9.45 am - 2.30 pm

Place : Augustinian Centre for Spirituality, 2 Hewitt Avenue, Greystanes 2145

Cost : \$ 15 (Conc. Available)

Bring own lunch - refreshments provided

For Bookings or Enquiries Phone : 9896 6793 or email : paulmal@bigpond.com

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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

Fashion Parade 50% Off Everything Sale Penrith Hospital Auxiliary

Will be hosting FASHION PARADE BY "Stafford Fashions" (Sizes 8 to 22)

At St Stephens Church Hall

252 High St, Penrith Tuesday, 27th September, 2011 Commencing Time: 10:30 am

FOLLOWING THE PARADE (3/4 HOUR TO SELECT AND PURCHASE ITEMS)

BEFORE A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

ENTRY \$8.00.

Contact: June 47212237



Catholic Outlook wins 3 Awards

At the annual conference of the Australasian Catholic Press Association (ACPA) held in Adelaide from 6-9 September our diocesan magazine, Catholic Outlook, received 3 ACPA Awards for Excellence:

- Highly Commended in Best Editorial for Bishop Anthony's Letter (June 2010): 'Freedom from fear – Refugee Week 2010'. The judge said: "Very clear, concise and referenced position on refugees."
- Winner of Best Advertising Feature/Supplement for the Vocations issue (August 2010).
- Winner of Best Layout & Design - Magazine.

See 'Latest News' for a full report and view the winning entries at: www.parra.catholic.org.au

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, tel (02) 8306 3499 or visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

CWL Silver Jubilee: 5 October

Celebrating 25 years of the Catholic Women's League in the Diocese of Parramatta. Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will preside at a Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am, to be followed by a celebratory luncheon at the Parramatta Leagues Club. Luncheon tickets: \$50. Bookings close on 23 September: tel Kath Sayer (02) 9639 5165.

FertilityCare Information Night for Doctors: 14 October

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is sponsoring an information night about the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. The system can be used by doctors to help treat causes of infertility and a number of gynaecological conditions. All doctors are invited to attend the information night at 7pm on Friday 14 October 2011 at the Epping Club, 45 Rawson St, Epping. RSVP by 7 October: Agi Reefman tel (02) 9847 0474, agi.reefman@dbb.org.au

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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!

Catholic Weekly 18 September 2011

- 'Work together' – bishop's call over asylum seekers
- United stand against 'blind and random vengeance'
- World Youth Day Madrid – pictorial essay
- Robert makes an excellence 'record' for Gran
- Family Matters – a new column for all the family
- Government urged to help slow the rate of family breakdown
- The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey

The Blue Mountain Centre for Religious Enquiry will be conducting a forum on Sunday, 16 October, at Our Lady of the Nativity Church, Lawson at 1 pm. Initially, we will be drawing upon members of the Blue Mountains Interfaith Group to describe each their faith. Talks can naturally be broadened to include science and humanities. Our guest speaker will be John D'Arcy May, internationally known for Christian Buddhist dialogue. Admittance is free and everyone is welcome. Fr Eugene Stockton

Our Lady of Fatima The Holy Mother invites all her family
Where: Parish Church of St Benedict's Arcadia Corner Arcadia & Fagans Road, Arcadia
When: Sunday 9th October 2011
At 1.00pm
Starts with children performing a short re-enactment of the story of Our Lady of Fatima, a procession of the Rosary in five different languages, concluding with a Mass in English followed by light lunch and refreshments.
We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.
Yours in Christ, Paula El-Chaar Secretary

For further information please contact:
Paul & Paula El-Chaar **0423 078 282**
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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 28th September. at the Diocesan Assembly Centre Blacktown. The Focus Question this month is: "Spirituality after Separation?" 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

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WIDOWED, SEPARATED OR DIVORCED: Recovery Program

The Solo Parent Ministry (Catholic Care Social Services) is offering its next "Recovery" Program for those who have suffered the loss of their spouse through death or through the breakdown of their relationship. The seven week program helps people to move through their pain and hurt, and to recover some self-esteem, strength, self-confidence, courage and hope as they move into the future. The Program begins on Wed 20th Oct. at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, Blacktown. For further details and registration contact Sr. Eileen Quade at 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta will be holding a College Open Morning Tour on Tuesday 20 September 2011 commencing at 9.15am. **Bookings are essential for this tour.** For further information or to make your booking, please contact the Enrolment Officer on 1800 Mercy Girl (637 294) or enrolment@olmc.nsw.edu.au Enrolling now 2013. Limited vacancies 2012

Youth Leaders' Formation Course 2011

From 21 November to 17 December 2011 the 5th 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/yafc or contact yafc@sydneycatholic.org.



Children's Corner

Match Game. Below are some words from today's Gospel story. On the right are pictures of what these words might mean. Draw a line from the word to the picture it matches.

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This week at

St Nic's

Monday 19 September

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

Tuesday 20 September

St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr
11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 21 September

St Matthew, apostle
7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 22 September

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 23 September

St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, priest
7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 24 September

Sunday 25 September

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7 pm Inflamm Youth Group—PMR4

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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.

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 .