



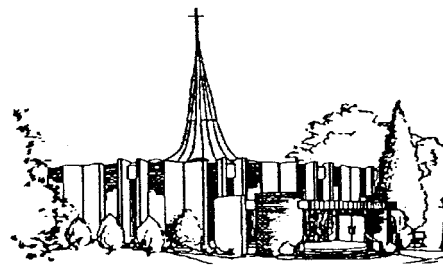
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Principal Phone : 4736 3466

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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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B : 19th February, 2012

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading : *Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25 Despite the misdeeds of his chosen people, the Lord is merciful and does not remember our sins*

Response to the Psalm : Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Second Reading : *Corinthians 1:18-22 Jesus, our Lord, is the "Yes", the guarantee of God's love for us.*

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel : *Mark 2:1-12 Jesus shows us that God's grace is meant for the restoration of the whole human person.*

Communion Antiphon : I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Blessing of children and reception of communion

Dear Parishioners,

Beginning on the First Sunday of Lent, the children will be invited to come forward for a blessing after Holy Communion by the priest at all masses. We have seen over the last couple of months the communion line of the priest becoming congested while the other communion lines are available because children would like a blessing from the priest. So to make Holy Communion run as smoothly as possible this new procedure will occur.

Also, when consuming the Eucharist, we ask that you consume it in front of the minister as we have found some people taking it back to their seats. As ministers of the Eucharist, our ministry is to distribute but also to insure the dignity of the Eucharist is respected, as it is sacred to us.

Thank you. Frs Chris and John

Ash Wednesday
22nd February
2012

**Day of Fast and
Abstinence**

Mass Times:
6.45 am, 9.30 am,
12.10 pm and 7 pm

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 25/26 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	Dexter Isaaks D Wellfare	Jasmine, Lilian & Bethany Neal Glen Wambeek	M Prendeville	S Falleiro	M Xiberras	R DeBono	L DeBono
7 am	J Sweeney		S Paterson	K Masters	S Sweeney	D Friend	A Pace
8.30 am	C Pemberton W Limjap	Jeramiah Dowling	P Nematalla	D Scully	C Bullock U Gomez	A & C Fletcher M Stynes	L Olander
10 am	E Thomas R Gotzman	Natalie Moniz Gabrielle Isaaks	O Kiss	R Wood	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, Patrick Joyce, Angela Zecick,
Doreen Longmore, Maria Kukac, Martha Dierick,
Paul Landrigan, Sean Mullins and Katelyn Reid.

*Congratulations : Alexander Carney, Kirrily and
Bailey Cohen, Luke Down, Lola Gibbs,
Peyton Hext and Kensi Melrose
who were baptized on
12th February, 2012.*

We would like to thank Fr Chris and all who attended Rohan's Memorial Mass. It was a wonderful tribute to Rohan, and the love and support that was poured out has been a great comfort to all his family.
Joan Mullins

Diocesan Works Fund

Collection will take place at the Masses on the week-end 25th / 26th February 2012 .
All donations over \$2/- are tax deductible.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our quota is \$11,254/-

Please pray for Leslie Edward Fox ,
Edward Goh and Joseph Dodson

who recently died and for

Frank Baskett, Jaime Tuite, John Condon,
George Attard, Eileen Williams, Flor Reid,
Suzanne Portelli, Bill Baldwin, Eric Herbert
Byrne, Gregory John Byrne and Terry O'Hare

whose

anniversaries occur at this time and also for
Norah and Bernard Wilding, Mary Armstrong,
Reg Levinge, Emanuel Vella, Reno Camilleri,
Winifred Monica Shannon, Agnes Kennedy,
Andrew Harnett, Tanya Felice, Shelia Rammitt
and Linda Dangerfield.

*The Life of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross will
be screened on Monday 20th February at 8 pm
on ABC "Australian Story".*

Next week's readings :

Genesis 9:8-15

Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

Rosary Statue will be at the home of
John and Dorcas Nettar at 12 York Road
and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm.
All welcome.



YOUNG ADULTS

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Flock99 will be attending the Diocese of Parramatta Youth Mass that is being held at St Finbar's Catholic Church at Glenbrook from 4:30pm this Sunday and be part of the exciting extended body of Christ in the Diocese. There will be no formal meeting at St Nic's this week after 6pm mass but stay tuned for the new exciting events coming your way at Penrith!

Events Upcoming:

Saturday 10th of March: Breakfast with the Bishop featuring the Hon. Gregory Smith from 8:30 am till 10:30 am at Parramatta Cathedral. RSVP to youth@parra.catholic.org.au or 8838 3418 by the 5th of March.

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 is available for collection. 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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THANK YOU

A big thank you from St Nicholas of Myra primary school for all the parish volunteers who are assisting our children with their reading. Thank you so much!

World Day of Prayer 2012

World Day of Prayer - First Friday 2nd March, our local World Day of prayer service will be held at St Stephen's Anglican Church, High Street, Penrith. Parking is available at the church.

Everyone is encouraged to come and pray in solidarity. Please come prepared to also make an offering. Money collected will be for the Bible Society projects.

MALTESE STYLE SPIN-A-WHEEL FETE

The traditional "Maltese Fete" organised by the Saint Nicholas Festa Committee will be held on Sunday 18 March 2012 at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall 130-136 Hyatt Road Plumpton, opposite the shopping centre. Maltese and English mixed music. Commences at 2.30pm. Entry and parking is free for everyone and plenty of food and drinks available. Everyone is welcome. All under cover.

For more information you can call:
Bill Schembri 9896 1415 or
John Beale 0416 449 816

Feast Days of the Week

Wed Feb 22

Ash Wednesday

The Day of Ashes (Latin: *dies cinerum*), the first day of Lent, probably dates from at least the eighth century. On this day the faithful approach the altar where the priest, dipping his thumb into ashes previously blessed, marks the forehead of each with the sign of the cross, saying as a reminder of our mortality: 'Remember that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return.'

The wearing of ashes is also a sign of repentance - for example, in Job 42:6 we read: 'I retract what I have said and repent in dust and ashes.' The ashes are made by burning the blessed palms that were distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday.

SYDNEY ALLIANCE

All members of the St Nicholas of Myra Parish Family are invited to come along and join Father Chris and myself and other Parishioners to learn more about the Sydney Alliance.

David Burrow (Organiser Sydney Alliance) will attend from Sydney.

This will be an opportunity to reflect on the Transport Assembly held in Penrith last November and to plan engagement of the Parish with the Sydney Alliance in 2012.

Meeting : PMR1, St Nicholas Church
Date : Thursday 29th February 2012
Time : 7.30 pm

BE INVOLVED – COME ALONG
Ron Mulock
Parish Coordinator (4721 5524)



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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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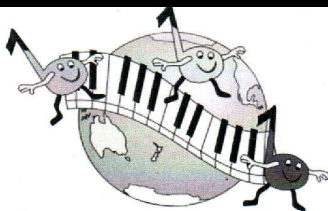
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Launch of Faith in Our Future

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

Employment Opportunity: Archivist (flexible hours)

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wishes to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Archivist to manage the diocesan archives. This is a part-time position (3-5 days/week). This is a one-year contract position with the possibility of renewal for one year. Applicants should obtain a position description and must address the selection criteria. For full details of the Archivist role and how to apply, go to the "Employment" section of the Diocese of Parramatta's website: www.parra.catholic.org.au

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 21 March 2012.

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RECEPTION)**

You are invited to a Prayer Morning with Mary MacKillop on Wednesday, 29th February 2012 from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm.
Cost \$15 (Concession \$10).

This month's topic: *Beginning the Dream - Childhood and Family*

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 .

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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.

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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.

Vocation Reflection Afternoon

An invitation is extended to all young men who feel God may be calling them to the priesthood to attend a reflection afternoon and dinner.

Date: Sunday 26th February, 2012

Location: Our Lady of the Angels Parish Rouse Hill
1 Wellgate Ave Kellyville

Time: Starts 2pm and concludes with pizza at 6pm

The afternoon will consist of input from the vocations team and guest speaker, as well as an opportunity for questions and some reflection and prayer time.

Any interested young men are welcome to come along. They do not have to be thinking of joining next year, maybe just wondering...

Contact Fr Warren Edwards (Vocations Director) regarding attendance for catering purposes on 0409 172 700 or fr_warren@hotmail.com

Thank you & God Bless, **Fr Warren Edwards**
Vocations Director Parramatta Diocese

Bishop Anthony on social media

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* Check out the diocesan Youtube channel: ParramattaDiocese's channel.

* Subscribe to an RSS feed from Bishop Anthony's page on the diocesan website:

www.parra.catholic.org.au

Vocations Reflection Afternoon: 26 February

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta now has 11 seminarians in formation at Holy Spirit Seminary. Check out the news story & photos under "News & Events" at www.parra.catholic.org.au All young men who feel God may be calling them to the priesthood are invited to a reflection afternoon and dinner on Sunday 26 February 2012 at Our Lady of the Angels Parish – Rouse Hill, 1 Wellgate Ave, Kellyville. The afternoon starts at 2pm and concludes with pizza at 6pm. Any interested young men are welcome to come along. They do not have to be thinking of joining this year, maybe just wondering. For catering purposes, contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocation Director, tel 0409 172 700, fr_warren@hotmail.com

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You do not have to belong to the Blacktown Parish in order to book in to attend these fortnightly Bereavement Support Group gatherings for those whose husband, wife or long term partner has died. The topic for our input and discussion next Tues. 21st Feb (10.00am – 11.30am) will center around “Images and Frameworks for Understanding Grief.” We meet at the CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. Please register with Sr. Eileen Quade 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.

RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Our first 2012 “Recovery” Program, for those who have been through the painful process of separation and divorce, commences on Wed 22nd Feb at 7.30pm at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St. Blacktown. Over seven weeks you will be assisted in dealing with and working through the many issues that arise for you following the breakdown of your relationship or marriage. For registration and further details contact Sr. Eileen Quade, 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.

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A behavior management program for children 2-12 years that can be used by both parents and teachers.

Dates: 30th April, 7th May and 14th May 2012
Time: 10 am - 12.30 pm
Where: CatholicCare Social Services, 326 High Street, Penrith

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RSVP: 23rd April 2012
Facilitator: Annette McKinley - Certified Practitioner
Cost: \$ 15 to cover course materials (Please phone to discuss any financial difficulties).

The Blue Mountain Centre for Religious Enquiry

will be conducting its next forum on Quakerism, entitled: "The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers): A Testimony of Peace and Social Justice" on Sunday, 26 February in the Santa Maria Hall, next to the Catholic Church on the Great Western Highway at Lawson from 2 till 4pm. Quakers believe in simplicity and equality. The guest speakers Glennda Marsh-Letts and Frank Lumley would like to introduce the Society through a brief outline of its history and religious practice, concentrating on the Society's work towards the establishment of Peace through Social Justice. Admittance is free, refreshments are available and everyone is welcome. Parking is available in Somers Street and some areas on the church grounds.

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’

Youth Leaders Retreat

Catholic Youth Parramatta is inviting **all youth leaders and potential youth leaders** to come together at the beginning of a new year for a day of Retreat in the presence of God and each other. The Retreat will include guest speakers, group workshops, private reflection surrounded by nature as well as socialising and fun. It's a great way to start our youth ministry in 2012!

Date: 25th February 2012

For: Youth Leaders & potential youth leaders aged 18-35yrs

Time: Registration: 9am for a 9.30am start

Place: Mount Schoenstatt Conference & Retreat Centre, ‘The Family Room’, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

Cost: \$5 donation (Morning tea & lunch are provided)

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Mon 20th Feb 2012 to the details below.

For more info & to RSVP, please email CYP on youth@parra.catholic.org.au or call 8838 3418 / 0408 420 331. *Flyer can be downloaded from the website: www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth*

BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP

The Attorney General will speak about Youth and Politics-where do the youth and young adults fit in, the importance of voting intelligently, joining political parties, and much more! Q & A time will follow after the talk.

Guest Speaker: The Hon. Gregory Smith, Attorney General of NSW

Topic: ‘Youth and Politics’

Date: Saturday 10th March

Place: St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta

Time: 8.30am-10.30am

Age: 16-35 years

Please RSVP to the Diocesan Youth Office by 5th March to youth@parra.catholic.org.au or 8838 3418.

RSVP’s are essential for catering purposes. *Flyer can be downloaded from the website: www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth*

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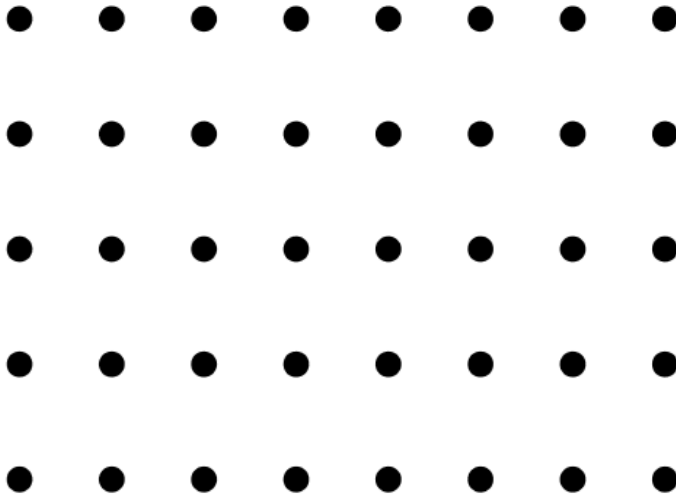
Weekend date: 23 – 25 March at St. Mary’s Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW

Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

Information: website www.wvme.org.au

Children's Page

Make a Square. Play this fun game with a friend. Each of you takes turns connecting two lines together. When your line completes a square, you win that square. When you win a square, either write your initial in it or color it your color. Then you get another turn! The one with the most squares wins!



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This week at St Nic's

Monday 20th February

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

Tuesday 21st February

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 22nd February

Ash Wednesday

7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 23rd February

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 24th February

7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 25th February

Sunday 26th February
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.