



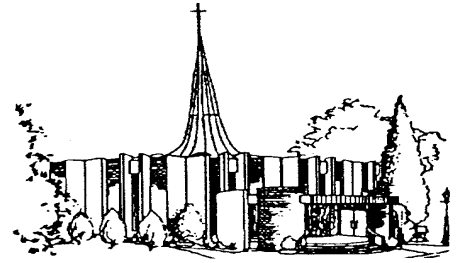
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Mrs Anne Corrigan,
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St Nicholas of Myra Primary
Mrs Anne Hines,
Principal Phone : 4721 2623

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday 7.00am, 8.30am,
10.00am, 6.00pm

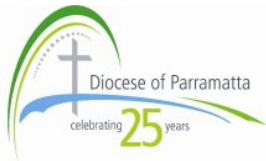
Reconciliation:

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



Second Sunday of Easter 1st May 2011

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn children you should thirst for milk, on which your spirit can grow to strength, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 The early Christian community gives us an ideal view of what can be achieved.

Response to the Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: Peter 1:3-9 Peter calls us to look beyond the problems of the present and live joyfully in the expectation of future glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31 Thomas makes the great act of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

Communion Antiphon: Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe, alleluia.

Questions and answers on the new translation of the Roman Missal

Why is there a new translation of the Missal?

The missal we currently use was published in 1973 and has served the Church well for nearly 40 years. However over that time there has been much discussion of the need to revise this initial translation of the Latin into English in order to recapture more accurately the meaning and poetry of the original Latin texts and their allusions to Scripture. In 2001 the Vatican published guiding principles for translating the Latin Missal into other languages. This new translation follows these guidelines and will adhere more closely to the Latin text. It will be more formal at times but will provide a richer and more nuanced translation of our rich heritage of prayer that is contained in the Roman Missal.

Who is doing the work of translation?

The work of translation has been done by a group of Bishops specialising in translation and linguistics. The International Commission for English in the Liturgy (ICEL) has translated the Latin into English and then submitted the drafts to all the Bishops of the English speaking world. Finally the translation has been approved by the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments with the assistance of a committee called Vox Clara.

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 7/8 May, 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 J Relunia	Claire & David Pletkan	A M Pletkan	K Smith	M Svelha	L DeBono	R DeBono
7 am	D Wiggins		K Masters	G Nunn	G Wiggins	S Sweeney	M Edmunds
8.30 am	C Walsh B Doughan	Jordan & Joshua Lay Gabrielle Isaaks	C Lay	L Walsh	M Rivet M Ryan	M Doughan L Olander	R Bryan M Stynes U Gomez
10 am	C Pemberton H McCann	Scott Goodwin Ethan Klanert	A Hewitt	F Jackson	B Hansen	K Pemberton	O Bonnaire
6 pm	V Graham B Wrightson	Kaitlyn, Luke & Daniel Hooker	K Mowbray	L Hooker	K Wrightson	L McConnell	R Marsh

Please pray for those who are sick

Baby Mia, Terry Scully, Sharon Gorrell, Michelle Kay, Leonor Defino, Kath Shipway, Trish Smith, Mary Dallat, Max Sedl, Gwen Robinson, Martha Dierick, Sr Madeleine, OCD, Lesley Malicki, Anisty Hewitt, Franis Riodan, Marianne Goc-ong, Thomas Meehan, Gwen Robinson, Noeleen Morris, Millie Bugden, Linda Moran, Marie Rivet, Gwen Witton, Norma Addison, 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

Fred Gorman, Patrick Bourke, George Peter Richards and Patricia Wilson **who died recently** and Michael Hagarty, Marcin Partynski, Conrad Marks, Brendan Jacobs, Allan Mullins, Andrew Harnett, Charlie Attard, Perfecto Mendiola Jr., M Sultana, Frank Scerri, James Coffey, Raymond Roberts and Gillian Hill **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for** Mary Rose Guillaumier, Nora and Bernard Wilding, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Tania Felice, Jamie Tuite, Ronnie Borg, Theresa Liu, Paul Chia Teck Yeow, Joseph Liu Ah Woo, McSpadden and Gale family and friends.

The Rosary Statue will be at the home of Paul & Pauline Landrigan at 4 Hand Avenue, Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.



Sacramental Program First Reconciliation

Any child who is currently in year 4 or above is invited to join the Sacramental program and prepare for their First Holy Communion. The first parent session will be on Wednesday, 4 May at 7:00pm in PMR1.

Please keep all of these children in your prayers as they prepare to make their First Reconciliation.

Anne Tucker

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

Young at Heart :

The next meeting is on Wednesday 4th May. Please feel free to bring along a friend.



We meet at 10 am in Parish Meeting Room 1.

PARISH OUTREACH



DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS AT 2.30pm Sunday 1st May 2011 at St Nicholas of Myra

- * Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- * The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- * Homily and Benediction
- * Stations of the Cross
- * Reconciliation
- * DIVINE MERCY MASS AT 6PM

Afternoon tea 4.30pm-5.15pm

World Youth Day expenses

Parishioners are holding a cake stall this week end after all Masses. This is to raise funds for the youth in our parish to help meet World Youth Day expenses.



We need your support to make this a success, and in return we hope you can enjoy a delicious home baked Cake, Slices and Scones.

Next Week's Readings : Acts 2:14, 22-33 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

INFLAME YOUTH

SUNDAYS | 7PM-9PM | PMR4

Hey there parishioner!

Hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday. We've been busy preparing the next couple of months for Inflammé and have some exciting sessions lined up for this month.

Sunday 1st May – **The Church's Teaching on Killing and Murder**

Each first Sunday of the month we explore a different teaching of the Church.

Sunday 8th May – **Dinner Party!**

Each second Sunday in the month we have a social gathering.

Sunday 15th May – **Bible Study**

Every third Sunday we delve into the depths of scripture.

Sunday 22nd May – **Shrine Time**

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

Sunday 29th May – **Wheel of Fortune Night**

We're going to have an actual wheel! It's going to be fun. Come!

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. We are the rowdy (but friendly!) characters that hang out near the car park after 6pm mass, you can't miss us!



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

During the Easter Vigil, we celebrated the **Sacraments of Initiation** and welcomed as fully participating members of the Church.

Joyce Lee

Caroline Atkin

Tracey Marvaso

Robert Henningham

Scott Wilson

Edward Wagner

Julie Wharerau

Lynzie Wharerau and Phillip Russell

We also celebrated the Baptism of Angelina He and Alfred He

Congratulations and welcome to the Parish Community:

Thank you to the Parish Community for your prayerful support for the new members of our Parish family, and to all those who sent cards or letters of congratulations and welcome. They were greatly appreciated by the new members of our community. As we continue the RCIA journey until Pentecost, please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Thank you to the Sponsors and Team members for your ongoing support and commitment.

Heartfelt thanks to Sue Gauci for organising the Supper and to Jane McCann for operating the computer during the Vigil;

for the music, the beautiful banners, and to all those who acted as Ministers in the various roles during the Vigil. A special thank you to those who generously tidied the church after the Vigil, You all helped make the celebration such a memorable and special occasion.

Thank you too to Fr. Chris, Fr. Sunny and Fr. John for their support and encouragement throughout the RCIA process.

Thank you to all.



The newly welcomed into the Penrith Catholic Community on Easter Saturday Night would like to sincerely thank the St Nicholas of Myra Community for their prayerful support; for their enthusiastic welcome; and for their gifts and many cards of welcome. Without the parish support, the many elect and candidates would not have progressed to full membership of the church. We thank the RCIA team and Ina and Norm Heffernan for their many hours of instruction and support.

We also thank the prayerful support of Father Chris, Father Sunny and Father John in the journey.

Thanks *Frances Wagner*

YOUNG ADULTS

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What an epic Easter! Thank you to all those involved in the Easter celebrations – what a blessing it is to know God at this time of year and have the opportunity to share this blessing with others.

Thank you to all those parishioners who have supported the WYD fundraising efforts over the last few weeks. We feel very blessed by the generosity of the parish and thank you for your prayers and encouragement. Thank you to Margaret and her team who have volunteered their time and baking skills to whip up a storm of goodies for selling this weekend. We are blown away by your willingness to support us in such a tangible way – thank you so much!

Upcoming events include:

Sun, May 1, 7.15	Formation with DA
Fri, May 6 – Sun, May 8	flock99 retreat (Katoomba)
Sat, May 7	Vinnies Van training (Greystanes)
Sun, May 15	Jason Evert Catechesis: Sex, marriage + relationships (Epping)
Tues, May 17, after 7pm mass	Bible Study
Fri/Sat, May 27/28	Home dinner (contact us for venue details)

The next Vinnies Van training day will be Saturday, May 7. If you are interested in participating in this ministry then let us know – it is a great way to reach out into the community and is always an experience!

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).

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Women of Faith Dinner “Inspiring women”

Date : 15th May 2011

Time : 5.45 for 6 pm start

Venue : Sapphire Lounge, 7 Station Road, Auburn, 2144 (Previously Bosphorus)

Cost : \$ 35 pp (includes 3 course meal, Vegetarian meal available)

Keynote Speaker : *The Hon. Justice Virginia Bell*

Bookings and payments due 6th May at registration

@ affinity.org.au or by phone on 9702 0789. Payment is essential at the time of booking. Cheque, credit card and money order accepted.

Women only event.

Organised by : *Affinity Intercultural Foundation, Uniting Church NSW, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, Diocese of Parramatta*

UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS OF ANNULMENTS

The Solo Parent Ministry is offering another Information night on “Understanding the Process of Annulments in the Catholic Church” on Wed. 25th May at 7.30pm at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. This night is open for any interested people, not just for those who are separated or divorced. Canon Lawyers from the Parramatta Diocesan Tribunal Office will be speaking to you and answering any questions you may have regarding the process. Please register by phoning the CCSS Office at 9933 0222 or email: eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.



Penrith St Andrew's Day PWA

Presbyterian Inland Mission Luncheon on Thursday 12 May 2011 at 11.30 am at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 9 Doonmore Street, Penrith.

Guest Speakers: Stephen & Rosemary Goldsmith, Patrol Padre, Darling Patrol, NSW speaking about their experiences travelling the outback.

Donation : \$ 10. Gentlemen most welcome.

RSVP : 6th May 2011 to Dorothy 8602 0896.

Charismatic Healing Mass: Instead of our usual Charismatic Mass on the first Sunday of the month, we are joining in the Divine Mercy devotions and Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Cnr Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. Starts 1:30pm, includes Reconciliation, Exposition, Benediction, and the Chaplet.

Ends with 3pm Mass followed by individual ministry.

All welcome!

Parish Prayer

Father, pour out your spirit upon the people of this parish

*so that inspired by your Word,
nourished at your table*

*and graced by your empowering love
our lives may be devoted*

*to the service of our brothers and sisters
and the building up of your Kingdom.*

*May our parish community truly be for
this place and time the body of Christ your Son,
through whom we make this prayer.*

Amen.

Inside 'Catholic Weekly' 1 May 2011

- Pope John Paul II Beatification – souvenir supplement
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- Our Silver Jubilee Year: Fr John Boyle on growing up in the Diocese
- WYD registration extended to 15 May
- Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: 1-7 May
- Schoenstatt Marian Pilgrimage: Build Family Around the Shrine

Beatification of John Paul II: Sunday 1 May Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate Solemn Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta at 11am. In Sydney, there will be a live webcast of the Rome event from 6pm in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral. Food stalls, some seating or BYO picnic blanket.

Details: www.sydney.catholic.org.au

Diocese of Parramatta Silver Jubilee Mass:

Thursday 19 May Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will preside at the Silver Jubilee Mass for the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Parramatta. All welcome.

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Time: 7.30pm.

"Return to the Upper Room" in adoration, worship, praise, intercession, thanksgiving and Benediction. Friday 6 May 2011, 7:30pm
@ Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Cnr Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys.

"Praise the Lord"

"Let everything that has breath praise The Lord" (Ps 150:6)

Come and join us in Penrith on our Monthly Praise and Worship with Bro. Lalith Perera, the Spiritual Director of the Community of the Risen Lord sharing the word live from Colombo, Sri Lanka via skype video cast.

Every 1st Tuesday of the Month from 7:30pm to 9:30pm

**Next meeting on the 3rd May 2011
At St Nicholas of Myra Church Parish Hall
All are Welcome**

For information of the Risen Lord Community in Sydney please contact Charles or Varuni on 4704 8345 / 0431 608 702

Email: varuni.emerson@gmail.com

Retreat day for Mothers - All mothers and grandmothers are warmly invited to attend a retreat day on Saturday 7 May. The day will include two talks with times for prayer, meals and Mass. Support will be available for mothers with babies and pre-school children. The day will be held at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa (one hour west of the Sydney CBD). The cost of the day, including meals is \$10. Enquiries and registrations: lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5283.

Australian Red Cross : Blood Service

The need for blood never takes a break, particularly at Easter. With one in three Australians needing blood or a blood treatment during their lifetime, it is likely that many have already been helped through blood donation. Yet only one in 30 Australians donates.

- Australia needs over 27,000 donations every week
- One in three people will need blood yet only one in 30 donates
- Blood donations are needed all year round, particularly just before or after holidays like Easter.

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

*Invitation to the young people of the Diocese - This Thursday 5th May
'Prayer for our Lives and Purpose' - Every First Thursday at Seven
Come to St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, (7pm-8.15pm)*

Gather with good people for some prayer / adoration / scripture / music / quiet plus an interesting 20 mins sharing from a speaker about one's life and purpose All welcome to enjoy this quality time. Attend and go ... or join a few for a meal in Church St afterwards ... as you wish.

For more info - Fr Paul Roberts 0419219819 or the Youth Office 88383418 (plenty of car parking, entry off Victoria Rd behind cathedral or ten minutes walk.

Feast Days of the Week

Mon April 2 St Athanasius, Doctor of the Church 295-373

Born in Alexandria, Egypt, Athanasius has been acclaimed as the greatest champion of Catholic belief on the subject of the Incarnation that the Church has ever known and in his lifetime earned the title of "Father of Orthodoxy". He attended the Council of Nicea in 325 where he fought for the defeat of Arianism and acceptance of the divinity of Jesus. Appointed Bishop of Alexandria in 328.

Tue April 3 Sts Philip and James

Philip is listed in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke as one of the Apostles. He was called by Jesus himself and brought Nathanael to Christ. Philip was present at the miracle of the loaves and fishes, when he engaged in a brief dialogue with the Lord, and was the Apostle approached by the Hellenistic Jews from Bethsaida to introduce them to Jesus.

James was a Galilean fisherman working with his brother, John, and his father, Zebedee, until called by Jesus. Apart from Simon Peter, James and John were the only apostles to whom Jesus gave a special name: Sons of Thunder. James, with Peter and John, held a special place among the Apostles, being chosen by Jesus to accompany him on a number of occasions including the raising of the daughter of Jairus, the Transfiguration, and in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Humour

An elderly woman walked into her local church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps, 'Where would you like to sit?' he asked politely.

'The front row please,' she answered amiably.

'You really don't want to do that,' the usher said, 'This vicar is really boring.'

'Young man, do you happen to know who I am?' she inquired, glaring at him.

'No,' he rejoined.

'I'm the vicar's mother,' she announced indignantly.

'Do you know who I am?' he asked.

'No,' she said.

'Good,' he answered and disappeared.



**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)

This week at

St Nic's

Monday 2 May

St Athanasius, bishop, doctor

10 am Legion of Mary Meeting - PMR1

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Tuesday 3 May

Sts Philip and James, apostles

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 4 May

7.30 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting -
Hall2

Thursday 5 May

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 6 May

7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 7 May

9 am Healing Mass

Sunday 8 May

Third Sunday of Easter

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.