



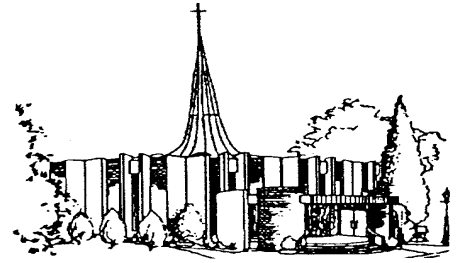
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### Schools

**Mary MacKillop Primary**  
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

*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time : 21st August 2011*



*Hello everyone, it's been great here in Jerusalem! Been to the wailing wall, garden of Gethsemane, walked the path of Palm Sunday, saw the place of the last supper and where the holy spirit came upon the apostles and saw the place where Mary assumed into heaven. All in the one day. I will be posting photos when I have time. Going to the garden of Gethsemane tonight for holy hour! Awesome experiences!! Keeping all in prayer.*

*A special moment during the Holy Land to Madrid pilgrimage, with a Mass celebrated by Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP at Our Lady of the Rosary in Amman, Jordan. One group of pilgrims also ascended Mt Nebo, where God gave Moses a glimpse of the Promised Land.*

*The last two days have been another amazing experience. We've been to Masada, floated in the dead sea, went into the church in Bethany where Jesus enjoyed company with Mary and Martha. Experienced the via Delarosa (stations of the cross) which we finished in the Holy Sepulcher where we celebrated Mass. It's been amazing to be in the places where Jesus walked and talked. Transformed - absolutely! Have arrived in Madrid very weary but looking forward to the opening Mass. Fr John*



**Farewell Mass for Fr Sunny at 10am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
The 10am Mass on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September will be concelebrated by Frs Sunny, Chris and John followed by a short morning tea outside the church (weather permitting).  
You are most welcome to bring a plate to be shared .

## PARISH OUTREACH

*Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 27/28 August, 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 Dexter Isaaks	Jessica Buttigieg William Attard	S Falleiro	F Jackson	M James	L De Bono	R De Bono
7 am	A Ruzgas		G Nunn	K Masters	A Sciberras	M Edmunds	J McSpadden
8.30 am	J Jordan H McCann	Ben, Luke & Ja- cinta Wheelahan	B Burns	P Nematalla	A Fletcher C Fletcher	G Burns P Wheeler	B Oxlade M Ryan P Chang
10 am	E Thomas D Cocksedge	Luke & Samuel Bourke Diego Gutierrez	A Hewitt	A Johnson	J Dumas	C Gotzman	J Spillane
6 pm	B Wrightson Brian D'Lima	Noah, Elijah & Jonah Gilbert	K Ryan	L Hooker	K Pemberton	M Herrick	C Rondeau

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

Angela Zecick, 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, 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 Sedl, Gwen Robinson, 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*

Sheila Johnston, Bill Rohan, Medardo Rosales, Jose Rico and Sr Madeleine OCD **who died recently** and for Betty Bonham, George Attard, Norma Bout, Evelyn and Claude Fernandez, Joseph Grima, Victor Rosales, Frank Brennan, Kenneth Halloran, Joan Baskett, Ronnie Borg and Esma Cram **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for** Mary Rose Guillaumier, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Tania Felice, Bernard and Norah Wilding, Bonnaire family, Alphonse Gatt and Mary and Augustus Halloran.

**Rosary Statue** will be the home of Alan Thomas at 20 Willoring Drive, Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.



**Lamingtons** are on sale this weekend. Please support.



### *Something Special*

**Morning Tea and Cruise on the Nepean Belle  
Tuesday 13th September, 2011. 10 - 11.30 am  
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**Business Card Size Ad \$40.00**

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As well as being one of our sponsors, your business will be acknowledged in our Parish Bulletin.

If you are interested in placing an ad, or need more information please contact

Sue Gauci 0438 623 627 or email

[fundraising@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:fundraising@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Fundraising Committee

## PARISH OUTREACH



### *St Vincent de Paul Society : Door-knock Appeal*

Once again St Vincent de Paul Door-knock Appeal is at hand and we are asking for volunteers to doorknock, this year at Glenmore Park and not at Penrith as in previous years.

The reason for collecting at Glenmore Park is that if we pool our resources in one area then we may be able to cover most of Glenmore Park and not some streets in Penrith. Of course, there will be collectors at each Mass at St Nicholas to give the opportunity for those that wish to contribute in the Penrith Parish.

- The Appeal will be held on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August
- At Glenmore Park Bethany School Hall
- Commencing at 9 am

So please fill in the Volunteer slip and hand to any St Vincent de Paul member, or priest or leave it in the collection plate.

Your generous assistance of a few hours will greatly help those of need.

Should you have any further questions or feel you may need some information, please phone Anthony Ruzgas on 4722 9454.

**Wanted urgently** drivers to pick up and drop off Students from St Dominic's College, Kingswood at 12 noon every Thursday and transfer them to & from the following schools in Penrith to teach Scripture in the Public schools. The duration is approximately an hour each week. If you have a bit of spare time and would like to assist we would love to hear from you.

1. York Public School
2. Orchard Hills public School.

Please contact me at the Parish office on 47 21 2509 or on email at : [catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

Thank you,  
*Fred Keuneman*  
Catechist Co-ordinator

### *Wanted Scripture teachers*

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If you would like any further information, or feel that this is what you have been looking for please contact *Fred Keuneman at the parish office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday on 47212509 or by email to [catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)*



**HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY**  
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**Congratulations : Mia Carson and Sebastian Cirillo** who were baptized on 14th August 2011.

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## YOUNG ADULTS

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Thanks to Connie who lead in Bible Study. It was great to open our minds and our hearts to God's Word.

Due to many people away in Madrid for WYD, flock 99 will be taking a break, but will be resuming again in late September with a Welcome Home Dinner for our pilgrims from Madrid. More details to follow later.

In the meantime please continue to pray for all our pilgrims who are in Madrid for WYD this week.

Newcomers are always welcome to join flock 99! Contact us at [99flockers@gmail.com](mailto:99flockers@gmail.com), on 0407 064 872 or check out our facebook page (flock99).

## JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meeting date: **Sunday 21 August 2011**  
Time: **7pm – 8:15pm (after 6pm Mass)** Venue: **Hall 2**

For more information or to RSVP please call Carolyn on 0448 443 619.

## INFLAME YOUTH

SUNDAYS | 7PM-9PM | PMR4

Upcoming

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August –

**Diocesan Local WYD  
Celebration**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August –

**Shrine Time  
(Schoenstatt Holy Hour)**

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** – [inflame@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:inflame@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!

## 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.

For the next meeting contact Ina & Norman 47 321 751

RCIA is a way of renewing the life of the Church - we are each called to play our part

### UNDERSTANDING THE RCIA a journey for the entire parish

*We currently have three people inquiring about our Catholic faith.*

*Are you too wondering what the Catholic faith is all about OR do you know someone who is asking questions?*

*It's not too late to begin the journey.....call NOW for more information: 4732 1751 or email*

*[inanorm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:inanorm@optusnet.com.au)*

The RCIA is an important aspect of parish life because it does (or at least it can and should) renew parish life. The RCIA is a journey of conversion for the person participating in the initiation process, and by extension, can be a journey of conversion for the whole parish! That is, conversion happens when the parish fully embraces the process of initiation and walks the journey of faith with the candidates for initiation. So what do we mean by conversion. The Rite tells us that those requesting initiation "seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion." This indicates that those who come to our parish saying, "I want to be Catholic," are indeed "seeking" something. Although they may not articulate it as such, what they really seek is God. So, the parish invites them to into this wonderful process whereby they develop, deepen and enrich their relationship with our loving God in Christ Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Now, if RCIA really is this amazing journey of conversion to God in Christ, then the sponsors who walk with the candidates, supporting them, praying for them, witnessing to their faith, guiding them along the path, cannot help but experience some kind of conversion themselves. Likewise, the Christian community that supports, prays for, guides and celebrates with the inquirers also renews its own conversion to God in Christ. Indeed, we Catholics believe that conversion to Jesus Christ is a lifelong and ongoing process. Therefore, when we witness others changing their lives, giving up old ways of 'doing' and 'being', and committing themselves to Jesus Christ, it inspires and challenges us to recommit ourselves as well. And when the members of the parish recommit themselves to Christ, then the parish too is renewed.

**In the next RCIA meeting we will talk about: 'Who are we - our story'**

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## DIOCESAN 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 Sonny or  
Father John



## Spirituality in the Pub

*What is prayer? Who prays?*

In the world today, especially in Western countries, more and more families have little or no affiliation to religious faith. What does prayer mean to these people? and what impact might this have for their children?

*Let children pray.*

Bring your questions, answers and your own story to this evening of open conversation.

**Speaker: JANE MACKIE** is Founder and Co-ordinator of the Children's Prayer Network in Australia and is married with 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Jane entered children's ministry in 1988 when she was attending St Paul's Anglican Church, Wahroonga where she co-ordinated children's ministry for many years. In 1995 Jane was invited to lead a team working with children from different nations who were invited to attend the Global

Consultation on World Evangelisation in Korea as praying delegates. Subsequently she set up and co-ordinated a Children's Prayer Network in Australia. Jane has travelled to more than 30 countries since then, usually accompanied by a team of children and young people to share the vision Christ has given her. Her heart is also to educate the church on the role of children in ministry.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

**Penrith Bowling Club cnr Derby & Woodriff St Penrith (centre of town 7.30pm – 9.00pm)**

*SIP is an initiative of Catalyst for Renewal (Inc) and provides a forum for conversation for believers and seekers of all persuasions.*

Check out the new CfR website [catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au](http://catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au)

For further information contact Sue Winkworth 9760 2324 (h) 9835 1583 (w) [winkworth.sue@gmail.com](mailto:winkworth.sue@gmail.com)



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## DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### **BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY**

In 2006, Bishop Manning established the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta to assist in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and in 2007 authorised an annual special appeal, "The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Priests", to be held on Father's Day each year. It is hoped to raise \$150,000 each year through this appeal. Bishop Fisher has asked that this appeal continue to support our retired and sick priests.

Last year, you gave over \$150,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of **September 3 and 4**. A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Fathers' Day weekend.

### ***Faith to the EXTREME—SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS***

Date : 9 am Tuesday 27/9/2011 - 2 pm Thursday 29/9/2011

Location : Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale

Who : Young People in years 7 - 10

Host : Catholic Youth Services Sydney and Catholic Youth Parramatta

Cost : \$ 100 (covers accommodation, transport, meals and activities)

How : Download a registration form from [www.cyc.org.au](http://www.cyc.org.au) and return by Monday September 19

### **1st TRIDUUM NOVENA MASS - OUR LADY OF PENAFRANCIA 27TH AUGUST**

The replica of Our Lady of Penafrancia will visit three parishes starting 27th August until 17th Sept. The 1st triduum novena mass will be held on 27th August at 9:00 am at Blessed John XXIII Church, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens. The mass will be celebrated by Fr. David Hume. Everyone is invited to attend. The triduum novena masses are preparation to the Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia which will be held on 17th Sept at St Nicholas of Myra.

### **CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY**

Couples who were married in 1986 (25 years) and over, are invited to celebrate their journey with other couples and family members during a special Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta, Sunday 18th September, 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Bishop Anthony Fisher is hoping that those celebrating anniversaries of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and over be his special guests at this event. He will be the Principal Celebrant and will host afternoon tea following Mass.

Please contact your Parish Secretary on 4721 2509 to register your names by Tuesday, 6th September, 2011.



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## DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS – PENRITH & BLACKTOWN

For those of you who have suffered the death of your spouse, the Solo Parent Ministry (CatholicCare Social Services) provides an opportunity for you to meet for discussion and mutual support on the second Wednesday of each month at Penrith and the second Thursday of each month at Blacktown for six consecutive months from March to August/September. We meet at the Parish Centre in Penrith and CatholicCare Social Services Centre, 51-59 Allawah St at Blacktown. The Group is open to anyone to join at any time; each month we deal with a different aspect of bereavement. This month we will focus on **“The impact of Bereavement on Identity”** at Penrith and **“Allowing your Grief to be a healing process”** at Blacktown. We meet from 10.00 to 11.30 on both Wednesday and Thursday, the next dates being the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of August respectively. If you would like to come along please register your name at Ph. 99330222 and specify which group you will be attending.

### Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace

Sunday Seminar :

Speaker : Janette Lindesay, Associate Professor (Climatology), ANU

Topic : What are the Scientists saying about climate change? Fact or Fiction?

Date : Sunday 21 August 2011

Venue : 9 Alexandra Avenue, Croydon

Time : 9.45 am - 12 pm

Morning Tea provided

Cost : \$ 10 if able

All Welcome

## Happy 50th Birthday, Palms!

**Come and celebrate at the Jubilee Dinner 22 October, 2011.**

**Join returned volunteers and the many friends and supporters of Palms who have travelled - and are still on the road with us - for the next 50 years! Organise a Parish Table!**

Register by September 1 and pay the **special price of \$50 (incl. GST)** per person or \$500 (incl. GST) for a table of 10. Contact Palms (02) 9518 9551 or register online at: <http://www.palms.org.au/news/50th-anniversary-dinner-22-oct-2011/>

See you there !

### Celebrate WYD in Parramatta: Sunday 21 August

A local celebration of World Youth Day for young people in our Diocese. Program includes: concert, youth group expo, live web streaming of Final Mass with Pope Benedict in Madrid, and BBQ. Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta. Celebrations commence with a concert at 3.30pm. Live streaming of the Papal Mass starts at 5pm. Follow our young people via the Parramatta WYD pilgrim blog at: [www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth/wyd-blogs](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth/wyd-blogs)

### University of Notre Dame Open Day: Saturday 27 August

You are welcome to talk with the University of Notre Dame's dedicated staff at this month's Open Day at the Broadway Campus. Time: 9am-4pm. Details: (02) 8204 4404, [www.nd.edu.au](http://www.nd.edu.au)

### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Coronation of the Icon of Our Lady of Mercy: Sunday 28 August

Confirming Sunday 28 August is the day when the Pauline Fathers and Brothers invite all pilgrims to celebrate this important anniversary. Principal celebrant at the 11am Mass will be Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia. Location: Pauline Fathers Monastery, 120 Hanging Rock Rd, Berrima – stay on freeway and follow signs, 3<sup>rd</sup> right turn after McDonald's and Shell station. Details: (02) 4878 9192.

### Father's Day Collection: 3-4 September

Caring for Those Who Cared: Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Collection for Retired and Sick Priests. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Make a donation through your parish or by cheque to: Clergy Support Foundation, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta, NSW, 2150, tel (02) 8839 8420.

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4732 1751 ([inanorm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:inanorm@optusnet.com.au))

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time : 21st August 2011

**Entrance Antiphon:** Listen, Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you. I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

**First Reading :** *Isaiah 22:19-23 Eliakim, as master of the palace, is entrusted with the key to the House of David and is deputed to open and close the palace in the king's name.*

**Response to the Psalm :** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Second Reading :** *Romans 11:33-36 The depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God; how unsearchable are God's ways!*

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** *Matthew 16:13-20 Peter acknowledges Jesus as Christ, Son of the living God; and Jesus recognises Peter as the rock on which the Church is built and the bearer of the keys of the kingdom.*

**Communion Antiphon :** Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven; man grows bread from earth, and wine to cheer his heart.

### Next Week's Readings :

*Jeremiah 20:7-9*

*Romans 12:1-2*

*Matthew 16:21-27*

### St Nicholas of Myra School – Supporting your parish school

- **Trivia Night** – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the School Hall at 7:00pm. Contact the school on 4721 2623 to organise your tables. Great prizes to be won.
- **Coles Vouchers** – please collect vouchers from Coles (blue and red tickets) until October 18 and return to the school. The school will redeem these vouchers for some much needed sporting equipment.
- **Woolworths** – Earn and Learn Points – these are noted at the bottom of your receipts. Simply cut off the section containing the Earn and Learn Points and return to the school. These points will be redeemed for educational resources. This offer runs until September 18.
- **Both Coles Vouchers and Woolworths Earn and Learn Points** can be posted to the school, St Nicholas of Myra PO Box 265 Penrith 2751

Thanks for your support!

### 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 22 August

*Queenship of Mary*

10 am Legion of Mary Meeting - PMR1

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

#### Tuesday 23 August

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

#### Wednesday 24 August

*St Bartholomew, apostle*

7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

#### Thursday 25 August

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

#### Friday 26 August

7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

#### Saturday 27 August

*St Monica*

#### Sunday 28 August

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7 pm Inflame 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 .*