



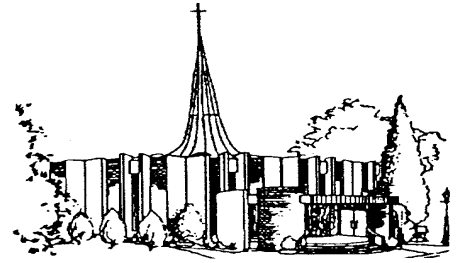
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Schools

Mary MacKillop Primary
Mrs Anne Corrigan,
Principal Phone : 4736 3466
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

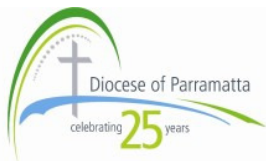
Reconciliation:

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



Easter Sunday 24th April 2011



Entrance Antiphon: I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 Obedient to the command of the risen Lord, Peter is preaching forgiveness of sins through the name of Jesus.

Response to the Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 The resurrection of Christ challenges us to a new way of living, focused on spiritual realities.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 Mary of Magdala is confused at the empty tomb, Peter is hesitant and the other disciple sees and believes, understanding for the first time the teaching of scripture that Christ must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon: Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia!

A happy Easter to everyone. On this day the whole of creation rejoices at the resurrection of God's only Son. It is our Heavenly Father's ultimate gift to all his creatures. For us who call ourselves Christian it is a day of profound blessing and thanksgiving. On this day we renew our hope and trust in God for inspite of our wickedness, the Lord chooses to save us in the most beautiful and caring way, He gives us his only Son. On this day, the Son of life, the Lord of Creation rises anew. On this day may we too have the courage to rise with Christ by letting him take away all our faults and sins so that we may live freely this new life He gives. On Easter Sunday, God is reconciled to the world, the human race; and we are once again reconciled to God. On this day, we rejoice in the new life of Easter and pray that this blessing will inspire us to live lives committed to goodness and to life. A Happy Easter to all, alleluia, alleluia. Fr Chris

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 30 April/ 1 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	C Foley J Buttigieg	Jessica Buttigieg William Attard	F Jackson	S Falleiro	M James	L De Bono	R De Bono
7 am	A Ruzgas		G Nunn	K Masters	A Scibberas	M Edmunds	J McSpadden
8.30 am	J Jordan H McCann	Nicholas & Ben Wheelahan Joshua Emerson	B Burns	P Nematalla	G Burns P Wheeler	A Fletcher C Fletcher	B Oxlade M Ryan L Olander
10 am	E Thomas D Cocksedge	Luke & Samuel Bourke Diego Gutierrez	A Morel	D Scully	C Gotzman	J Dumas	B Hansen
6 pm	V Graham C Pemberton	Noah, Elijah & Jonah Gilbert	Youth	Youth	K Pemberton	C Rondeau	M Herrick

Please pray for those who are sick

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, Luke Collins, Eric Anderson and Antonio Di Munno **who died recently** and Michael Hagarty, George Attard, Marcin Partynski, Jamie Tuite, Mary Newman, James Lafferty and James Coffey **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for** Mary Rose Guillaumier, Nora and Bernard Wilding, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Tania Felice, Anthony Chia, Joseph Goh, Theresa Chua, Dorrie & Jack Bertles, Joseph Lusch, Johana Gutwein, Josefin Milla, Stinson, Ryan, Murphy, Poole and Irving families.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CONGRATULATIONS
WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS**



**DORA & RUDY & LESSEPS-FONSECA 55 yrs
SANDRA & NAP TAVARES 30 yrs**

Anzac Day on Monday Mass 9.30am

A Brown Slouch Hat

There is a symbol, we love and adore it,
You see it daily wherever you go.
Long years have passed since our fathers once wore it,
What is the symbol that we should all know?
It's a brown slouch hat with the side turned up, and it means the world to me.
It's the symbol of our Nation—the land of liberty.
And as soldiers they wear it, how proudly they bear it, for all the world to see.
Just a brown slouch hat with the side turned up, heading straight for victory.
Don't you thrill as young Bill passes by?
Don't you beam at the gleam in his eye?
Head erect, shoulders square, tunic spic and span,
Ev'ry inch a soldier and ev'ry inch a man.
As they swing down the street, aren't they grand?
Three abreast to the beat of the band,
But what do we remember when the boys have passed along?
Marching by so brave and strong.
J Albert & Son, Sydney, 1942



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fred Keuneman

Kate Gauci

**CONGRATULATIONS
Dominic & Melanie Cocksedge on the
birth of your daughter.**



The **Rosary Statue** will be at the home of Mary Ryan at 94 Stafford Street, Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm.
All welcome.



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 on Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May, 2011 after all Masses. This is to raise funds for the youth in our parish to help meet World Youth Day expenses. Please help us as we would appreciate if you would like to donate a cake, slices or scones for sale.



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 2:42-47; Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE
PENRITH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

As the two year term for five members of the Parish Pastoral Council is shortly due to expire, parishioners are invited to recommend members of the parish community whom they consider would be suitable to serve as members of the Pastoral Council. You may recommend more than one person.

The aim is that the Council will be representative of the whole Parish and therefore it is hoped that the recommendation will include parishioners of all ages, lifestyles, gender and ethnic origin.

Recommended candidates will be contacted by the Parish Priest.

Recommendations close 30th April

This form can be returned by:

Placing it in the Recommendation Box at each entrance to the Church.

OR

Placing it in the letterbox at the door of the Parish Office.



I wish to recommend the following member/s of our parish community as a possible candidate for our Parish Pastoral Council.

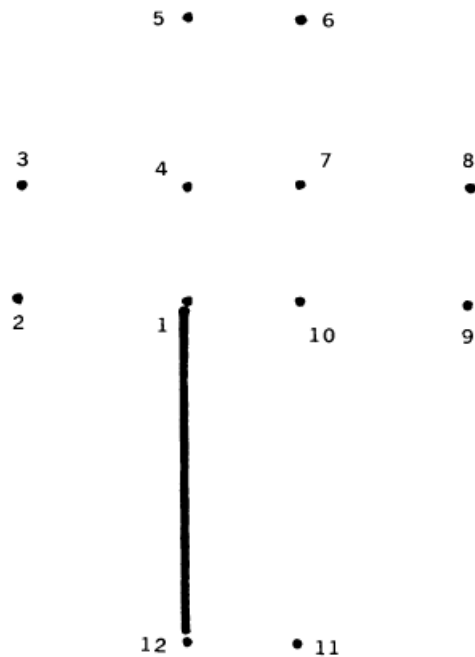
RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE/S

Name: _____

RECOMMENDED by: _____

Children's Corner

Finish The Picture. Easter day is a special time to celebrate. But we couldn't celebrate Easter if we didn't first remember what came first. Today we remember how Jesus came back to life. But how did Jesus die? Connect the numbers in the picture below to find out.



Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "I'll bet nobody has ever been as surprised as those women who went to the grave on Easter Day. To find out what they discovered there, use the code below to spell out the mystery message."

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
16	12	26	10	20	1	22	17	3	24	5	14	7
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
19	11	25	2	18	23	4	13	6	21	8	15	9

What did Mary and the other women find on Sunday morning?

4 17 20 4 11 7 12 21 16 23 20 7 25 4 15

YOUNG ADULTS

flock99

Given the 'busy-ness' of this time of year, the flockers are taking a break from weekly parish meetings over the Easter period. A number of us are involved in other parish and diocesan activities including Stations of the Cross, the Diocesan Palm Sunday celebrations and the Good Friday all night walk. If you would like to join us for any of these activities then just let us know or come along!

Thank you to all those parishioners who have already and continue to support the WYD fundraising efforts. We hope you are enjoying the sausages and sweet treats! We feel very blessed by the generosity of the parish and thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

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)

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

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.



Call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.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.

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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SUNDAY 1ST MAY 2011, 10 AM – 4 PM

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- Kids' Space
- Sausage Sizzle & Devonshire Tea
- Arts & Crafts Market
- Roving Musicians
- Gift Shop & Café

For more information about programs and events at Mary MacKillop Place, please visit our Website www.marymackillopplace.org.au.

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 are 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

Inside 'Catholic Weekly' 24 April 2011

- 'Don't blame the poor for their poverty' – Vinnie
- Girl wins right to school travel
- St Mary's feast day raised to 'highest liturgical rank'
- My Uncle Dick, who died 'just a bit of a kid' – Anzac Day feature
- Widow's mission to fulfil Chris O'Brien's dream
- The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey

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.

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

ENROLMENTS FOR 2012

St Nicholas of Myra Primary School

Please phone 47212623 for an enrolment form or call at the school between 9am and 3:30pm Monday to Friday.

OPEN DAY: FRIDAY MAY 6, 12PM – 1:30PM

St Dominic's College

Year 7 2012 Enrolments are now open. For any enquiries please contact Fran Tyrrell on 0247311933 ext 125.

Xavier College

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2012

Closing Date for Applications 29th April 2011

Enquiries please contact Mrs Heterick on 4777 0900.

Caroline Chisholm College

Glenmore Park provides Catholic education for girls in Years 7 - 12

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2012. For further information contact the College on 4737 5506.

McCarthy Catholic College

Incorporating the Trade Training Centre

75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains

Enrolling now for Years 7-12, 2012

Enrolments Close for Year 7: 29th April 2011

Enquiries Mrs Sharon Clarke – 4735 3211.

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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!

"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

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.



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Spirituality in the Pub

"Sin cannot be undone only forgiven.

*What we do to ourselves and others stays
in the soul like dust in the air.*

*We cannot undo it. We can only begin
again. For that reason, God has no memory."*

**Joan Chittister: God's Tender Mercy. Reflections
on Forgiveness.**

Being a Chaplain

to those in the prison system

Please join us for an interesting evening of conversation.

Speakers:

BRO BERNARD BULFIN has a varied career in his vocation as a Patrician Brother, including Principal of Patrician Brothers College, Fairfield. Currently he is Chaplain at Parklea Correctional facility, a position he shares with the other speaker.

SR MARCIA COX who is a Josephite sister. For many years she was involved in education, then trained in pastoral care. The ministries in which she worked were at Nepean and St Vincent's hospitals, and a nursing home, until her present position working with people in the prison system.



Wednesday 27th April
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.*

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH



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Annual Marian Pilgrimage : 22nd May 2011

At Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa with Bishop Anthony Fisher
Start 10 am concludes 2.00 pm : Outdoor Event : Please take own chairs and
rugs. Inquiries 4773 8338 www.schoenstatt.org.au

Sharing the life of Christ

Sacraments of Initiation and Canon Law.

Presenter: Very Rev Robert McGuckin VG EV

The Office of Sanctifying in the Church (cc 840-1165)

The sacraments of the New Testament were instituted by Christ the Lord and entrusted to the Church. As actions of Christ and of the Church, they are signs and means by which faith is expressed and strengthened, worship is offered to God and our sanctification is brought about. (cc 840)

Day time session : Monday 9 May 2011, Time: 10am – 12pm

Or

Night time session: Tuesday 10 May 2011, Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue: Institute for Mission

1-5 Marion St Blacktown

Booking Essential: 9831 4911 or mh@instituteformission.com.au

GLOBAL MISSION VOLUNTEERS

Information session

For 50 years the Australian Catholic Church has been sending lay catholic missionaries through the auspice of Palms Global Mission Program. More communities than ever are requesting the assistance of Australians to build skills in their workplaces.

This is a mission for all ages.

Positions exist in education, health, administration, agriculture/farming, trades and other skilled areas. Live simply on a volunteer allowance in Africa, Timor-Leste or the Pacific. Positions start from July 2011. You will be well prepared.

All expenses, including travel, insurance and health will be covered.

Thursday 28 April, 6 – 8 pm

Aquinas Academy, level 5, 141 Harrington Street, Sydney

enquire on line: <http://www.palms.org.au/news/2011-information-sessions/>

or Marie Gilbert tel: (02) 9518 9551; email: marie@palms.org.au



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 2 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.



**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 25 April

Anzac Day Mass - 9.30 am

10 am Legion of Mary Meeting - PMR1

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Tuesday 26 April

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 27 April

7.30 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 28 April

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 29 April

7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 30 April

Sunday 1 May

Second 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.