



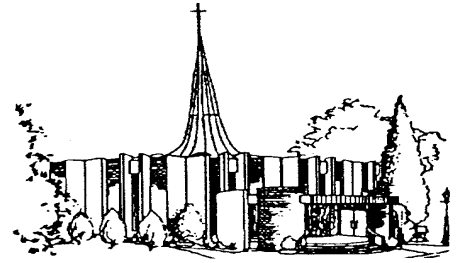
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Principal Phone : 4721 2623

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time : 24th July 2011

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.

First Reading : Kings 3:5, 7-12 *When King Solomon is offered any gift from God, he chooses not riches, nor power, but the wisdom of a discerning heart.*

Response to the Psalm : Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading : Romans 8:28-30 *St Paul assures us that despite our sufferings the Lord will bring about his purpose, which is to share his glory now and more fully at the end of time.*

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel : Matthew 13:44-52 *Jesus compares the kingdom of God to the finding of a treasure and a rare pearl. Both demand a committed response.*

Communion Antiphon : O bless the Lord, my soul, and remember all his kindness.

Clergy Conference will be held during the period 26th to the 28th July 2011

There will be NO Mass held at St Nicholas of Myra from Monday 25th to Thursday 28th July 2011

Daily Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary, 26 Swanston Street, St Marys (Telephone: 9623 1962)

Monday 25 July 2011 - 9am
Tuesday 26 July 2011 - 9am
Wednesday 27 July 2011 - 12 noon
Thursday 28 July 2011 - 9am

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 30/31 July 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 Jordan Gordan D'Mello	Jessica Buttigieg William Attard	S Falleiro	F Jackson	C Coyte	N Calub	A Calub
7 am	J Sweeney			G Nunn	J McSpadden	A Scibberas	M Edmunds
8.30 am	B Doughan D Wheelahan	Ben, Luke & Jacinta Wheelahan	M Prendeville	D Scully	M Doughan B Keavy	A Fletcher C Fletcher	D Streher L Streher P Morson
10 am	J Relunia D Cocksedge	Luke & Samuel Bourke Diego Gutierrez	M Varua	A Morel	J Dumas	B Hansen	J Spillane
6 pm	V Graham B Wrightson	Noah, Elijah & Jonah Gilbert	K Ryan	J Laffan	K Wrightson	D Lee	B Mowbray

Please pray for those who are sick

Alan Cullen, Pam Rassmussen, Ken Schneiders,
Margaret MaGoldrick, Rebecca Vinci,
Vanessa Jacobs, Ben Slaughter,
Connie Faba, Sr Carole Gibbons, Sr Margaret Keane,
Tymika, Sheila Johnston, Alex Donaldson, 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, Sr Madeleine, OCD, 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

Ted and Esme Viswasam, Patricia Sedl, Alphonse
Gatt, Fausto Vasarelli, Lauretta Ragusa and Mavis
Doulman **who died recently** and for
Luke de Saipath, Christopher Kohlenberg,
Lourdes Mendiola, George Attard,
Manuel Andrade and Bill Chapman
whose anniversaries occur at this time and also
for Jessie Borg, Mary Rose Guillaumier,
Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge,
Tania Felice, Bernard and Norah Wilding and
Souls of Purgatory.



HAPPY 85th BIRTHDAY

Hugh Keavy

**WEEKLY PLANNED
GIVING ENVELOPES**
*Could you please collect your
envelopes at your earliest
convenience.*

(1) Altar Servers Christmas Party

(2) Calling children and teenagers to serve in this mighty Ministry!!!

(1) Hellooooo legends of the Altar Servers Ministry. Thru' the kindness & generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Wakeling of our parish, we're going to enjoy our Christmas party on the **Nepean Belle!** Won't that be great? :-)) So set aside Saturday the 12th of November between 3 and 4.30pm for this stellar event!

(2) Hey? Would **you** like to become an Altar Server? Have you received the sacrament of Holy Eucharist and do you regularly attend mass here at St. Nicholas of Myra church? Are mum and dad able to support you serve in this ministry? If you answered "YES" to all of the above, then get mum or dad to ring the parish office ASAP because when Fr. John comes back from WYD in Spain, in early September, we're going to have a training day.

Rodger Kroon

PARISH OUTREACH

Next Week's Readings :
Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Rosary Statue will be the home of Hugh and Betty Keavy at 181/37 Mulgoa Road, Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.



Congratulations : Bridget Grant, Andre and Sophia Markas, Lisiate and Saione Tua who were baptized on 17 July 2011.

Sacramental News
Sacrament of Confirmation
Confirmation preparation

will begin with a **parent only** session on **Sunday, 24 July 2011 at 11:15am** in the parish meeting room. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be available for children who have made their First Reconciliation, First Communion and are in year 5 or above.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Anne Tucker during school hours on 4721 2509. Alternatively you can send an email to sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

FAITH DEVELOPMENT & FORMATION



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Are you a Catholic who regrets never receiving Communion or Confirmation?

Are you dating or married to a Catholic and feel drawn to learn something about your partner's Church?

Do you have questions about what the Catholic Church teaches and believes?

Our next Inquiry Sessions will be:
Wednesday 20th July
and
Wednesday 27th July
St Nicholas of Myra Church
Parish Meeting Room 1
7:30pm

For more information call:
Jane McCann - 4733 3210
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YOUNG ADULTS

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Thanks to those who joined us in prayer on Tuesday and a study of the origins and values of praying a novena. 18 days to go until the first pilgrims from the parish board the plane – thanks for the prayers and support.

Upcoming events include:

Sun, July 17, after 6pm mass	Theology with Seth
Sun, July 24, 6pm mass	St Nic's WYD11 commissioning mass (Church) + dinner
Sun, July 31, 2pm	Diocesan WYD11 commissioning mass (St Pat's, Parramatta)
Aug 4 – Aug 29	Pilgrims overseas for WYD11
Sat, Aug 6	Vinnies Van training (Greystanes)
Sun, Aug 21, after 6pm mass	Adoration (in church)

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).



PARISH OUTREACH

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

Thank you from Caritas, Australia for our generous amount of \$ 9307.95 donated from our parishioners.

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

PRAYER MORNING AT MARY MACKILLOP PLACE, 7 MOUNT STREET NORTH SYDNEY, WEDNESDAY, 27th JULY 2011 (ENTRY VIA MUSEUM RECEPTION)

You are invited to a Prayer Morning with Mary MacKillop on Wednesday, 27th July, 2011 from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Cost \$15 (Concession \$10).

This month's topic: "Trust in Divine Providence – We do what we can and leave the rest to Jesus" - Sister Karen Muir rsj.

If you would like to stay on for the 1pm Mass in the Chapel, you are most welcome.

Bookings and further enquiries: 8912 4884 or mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au.

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OPEN AUDITIONS are now on for Artes Christi's 2011 musical JOSEPH.

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For some further background on Artes Christi's work, over the past decade, more than 500 young people from right across NSW have participated in our productions with each of them able to experience a truly unique opportunity for high quality artistic performance within a Catholic context. Our 2010 premiere production of MACKILLOP was seen by almost 10,000 people across Australia and starred a cast & orchestra of over 100 people.

ATTENTION – CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

St Patrick's Church Hill invites you to 'Branches', a 10-week journey for young adults looking to re-visit or grow in their faith. Tuesday July 26 in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church, 20 Grosvenor St, Sydney. Each session begins with a meal. Donation is \$10. For more info check out our Facebook page [Branches @ St. Patrick 2011](#)

Young People's Prayer at the Cathedral

The First Thursday 'Prayer for our Lives and Purpose' that occurs each month at the Cathedral is cancelled in August due to WYD activities and departures. It will resume on Thursday 1st September at 7pm.

Feast Days of the Week

Monday July 25 St James, Apostle

James and his brother, John the beloved disciple, were the sons of Salome and the fisherman, Zebedee. They left everything when Christ called them to be 'fishers of men'. Named 'Sons of Thunder' by Jesus, the two brothers were present during most of the recorded miracles of Christ. With Peter they formed the group of three apostles chosen by Jesus to be present at certain special events, i.e.: the miracle of the raising of Jairus' daughter, at the Transfiguration, and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Tuesday July 26 Sts Joachim and Ann, parents of Mary

While they are not mentioned in the Gospels, tradition holds, on the grounds of very old testimonies, that Saints Joachim and Ann were the father and mother of Mary, the Mother of God.

Friday July 29 St Martha

'Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus.' This unique statement in John's Gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother. Jesus was apparently a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. On one visit we see Martha's frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Martha asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, as he reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately, leaves the guests, and goes to meet him, stating clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God. Of the three siblings Martha is the only one acknowledged with a Feast Day.

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Marriage Sunday: 14 August

The Diocese of Parramatta has designated Marriage Sunday to provide the faith community with an opportunity to highlight the vocation of Marriage and to celebrate and acknowledge the married members of parishes.

Family Bush Dance: Saturday 20 August

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish is holding a bush dance so round up all of your friends and relatives for a great night with loads of dancing and laughing. Time for a hoedown! Tickets: single \$10, family \$20. BYO food and drinks, supper provided - tea and coffee. Doors open 7pm; band starts 7.30pm. Venue: Camilleri Hall, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Pay at door or reserve a table with Parish Office (02) 9631 8135 or Julie McIntyre 0410 047 974.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY ISSUE of July 24

- 10 million reasons you can feel proud
- MPs told: don't meddle with marriage
- ACN support will send Sudanese to WYD Madrid
- Dad's pain led to lifelong war against pro-death lobby
- Priest's life 'is not just about saying Mass on Sunday'
- The Bailey Beat - with Mike Bailey

Social Justice in the Club: 11 August

From Hopelessness to Success: How do we overcome long-term unemployment and rebuild personal, family and community wellbeing? The St Vincent de Paul Society invites you to join with them for a vibrant night of discussion about issues which matter deeply in our local communities. Hosted by Dr Andy Marks, Senior Researcher, for NSW St Vincent de Paul Society. All welcome - no charge. To reserve your place or for more details tel (02) 9689 1900 or view events calendar at: www.vinnies.org.au

Pilgrimage with Father John Boyle

Fr John Boyle, Parish Priest of St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, will be leading a pilgrimage in September called the Essence of Christianity Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will take in Turkey, including Gallipoli, the Holy Land, Rome and Assisi starting on September 18 and arriving back in Australia on October 15. There are still some places available. For details contact Monica at Harvest Pilgrimages tel 1800 819 156 or Frances at St Bernadette's Parish Office tel (02) 9634 2622.

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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 27th July. at the Diocesan Assembly Centre Blacktown. The Focus Question this month is: "Who am I after Separation?" Parent, Own Person, What I had to leave behind? 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

Compeer

All it takes is just an hour a week to help someone who is lonely. **Compeer** is a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society that matches volunteers in one-on-one friendship with people living with a mental illness, making a real difference to their quality of life. You can help reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and provide a fun social opportunity for someone who is socially isolated and in need of a supportive friend.

Volunteers are asked to spend just an hour a week for a minimum of 12 months with their Compeer friend doing simple social activities such as catching up over a cup of coffee, going for a walk in the park, or whatever activity you and your friend decide to do together. The volunteer's role is to be a friend, not a counsellor or health professional.

We are currently seeking friendly, accepting and emotionally mature **male volunteers aged between 50 – 70 years** to be matched with a friend in Penrith and outer Western Sydney areas. The next volunteer training sessions will be held over two consecutive Saturdays at Lewisham in September – an application and interview must be conducted prior to training.

For more information about this volunteering opportunity please phone Vanessa Julien on 9622 2411 or email: compeer.blacktown@vinnies.org.au.

Compeer: What a difference a friend makes.

St Nicholas of Myra Trivia Night

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

St Nicholas of Myra School is taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program this year.

From now until September 18th 2011, you can earn one Earn & Learn point for our school for every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards).

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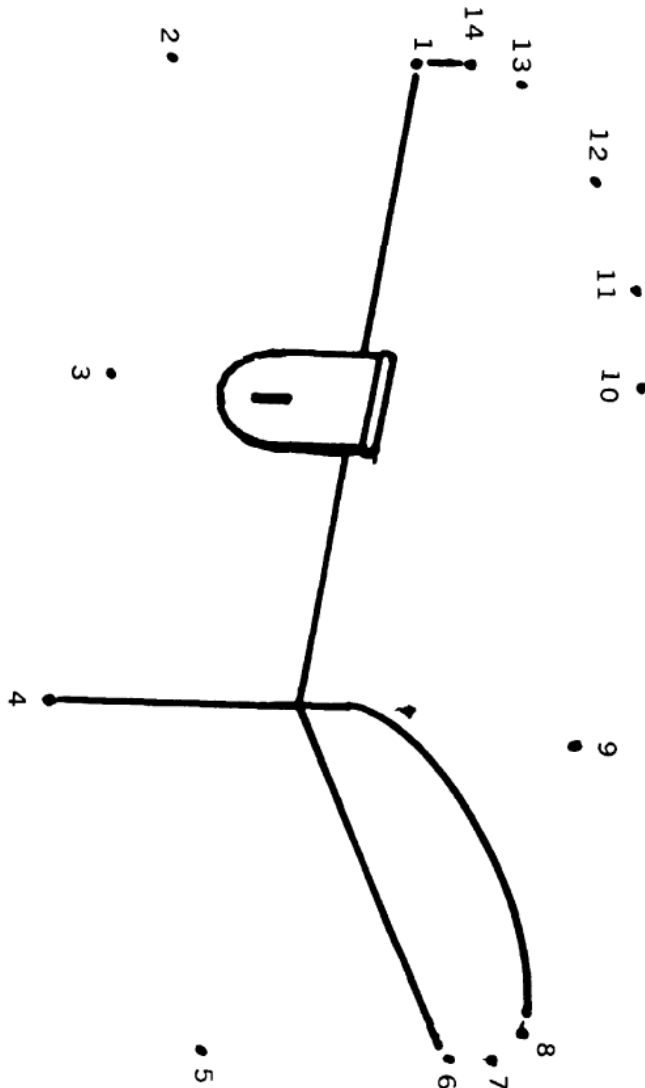
St Nicholas of Myra Trivia Night

Put this date in your diary - Trivia Night on Friday September 16th at 7:00pm in the School Hall. For further information and to book your place, contact the school office on 4721 2623.



Children's Corner

Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "I once found a treasure buried where I had just dug a fresh new gopher hole. It was too heavy so I just covered it up again. I'll bet you wouldn't do that. You would probably go and find a shovel and come back for it! Here's a picture for you to finish that shows something in which treasure is sometimes hidden. Connect all the numbers to see what it is."



This week at

St Nic's

Monday 25 July

St James, apostle

10 am Legion of Mary Meeting - PMR1

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Tuesday 26 July

St Joachim & Ann, parents of Mary

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 27 July

7.30 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 28 July

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 29 July

St Martha

7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 30 July

Sunday 31 July

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



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)

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.

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