



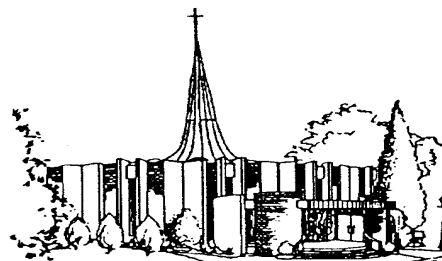
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Weekend Mass:

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time : 2nd October 2011

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world, and no one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

First Reading : *Isaiah 5:1-7 The Lord likens his people to his favoured vineyard.*

Response to the Psalm : The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading : *Philippians 4:6-9 We are to fill our minds with everything that is true and good and the God of peace will be with us.*

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel : *Matthew 21:33-43 We are called to take care of the Lord's vineyard, his kingdom and produce from it the fruits of his love.*

Communion Antiphon : The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to those who are searching for his love.

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 8/9 October, 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 J Relunia	Samuel & Joshua Vella Jessica Buttigieg		A M Pletkan	L De Bono	R De Bono	C Coyte
7 am	A Ruzgas		K Masters	R Powell	M Viswasam	J McSpadden	M Edmunds
8.30 am	W Limjap C Foley	Jermiah Dowling	K Smith		P Morson P Chang	M Ryan P Wheller	B Keavy M Stynes B Oxlade
10 am	R Gotzman F Sultana	Luke & Samuel Bourke Joshua Emerson	M Varua	J Dowling	J Spillane	J Dumas	
6 pm	Brian D'Lima D Wellfare	Glen Wambeek Natalie Moniz	K Ryan	K Mowbray	D Lee	D Streher	L Streher

Please pray for those who are sick

Janina Sztelma, Shirley Junge, Danielle Xerri, Otti Olszewski, Patrick & Cathy Clarke, Karen Titheradge, Hilda Murray, Ivana Secolo, Angela Zecick, Bill Rohan (Junior), Ken Schneiders, Margaret MaGoldrick, Rebecca Vinci, Vanessa Jacobs, Ben Slaughter, Connie Faba, Sr Carole Gibbons, Sr Margaret Keane, Tymika, Mary Dallat, John Ryan, Therese Fitzgerald, Paul Fitzgerald, Cheryl Davie, Baby William Marr, Peter Francis, Paul Rodgers, Noelene Lilley, Baby Mia, Sharon Gorrell, Michelle Kay, Trish Smith, Max Sedl, 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

Des Vagg (Sr Anita's brother) Rick Lister, Wally Withell, Emmanuel Vella, Margaret Kennedy (Wife of deceased St Dominic's Principal, Graham Kennedy) and Mavis Doulman **who died recently** and for Zig Rutkowski, Peter Donnelly, Theresa Lim, Petronella Crocker, Frank Mintoff, Sonnie Langan, Charles Handy, May Gale, Keith Latham and Ananda Rambukkana **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for** Mary Rose Guillaumier, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Tania Felice, Bernard and Norah Wilding, Trinidad Gibbons, Angelo Vella, Conrad Marks, Narcisa, Igmedio, Dorothy. Magdalena, Zacarias, Juan, Cristita, Diosdada, Lucila, John Johanes, Maria, Roberto & Theo.

Sacramental News



Next Week's Readings :

*Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14*

Congratulations : Skye Brennan, Kauri Murch, Max Nappa, Te Tareha, Brayden, Riley and Ashton Weaver who were baptized on 25 September 2011.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Margaret Rjordan (50th)
Judy Field

On Thursday 13 October 2011 there will be an information evening about Baptism for children 7 years and older. **Bookings are essential** for this meeting. So if your child is not yet Baptised, and is 7 years old this year, why not contact St Nicholas Parish Office and find out a bit more about the preparation for Baptism? Contact : Anne Tucker 4721 2509 or email sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

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.



UNDERSTANDING THE RCIA

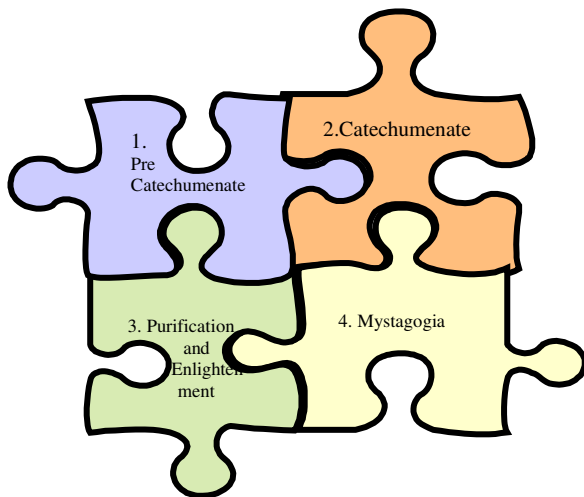
a journey for the entire parish

The RCIA continues after the Easter celebration, and meets until Pentecost. This is called the time of **mystagogia**. The word comes from an ancient Greek word indicating a deepening understanding of the mysteries of our faith. During the Easter season, the **neophytes** - newly initiated or 'planted' - meet each week to continue to deepen their understanding of the great Paschal Mystery into which they are now included.

These new Christians have received the Body of Christ and have become part of the Body of Christ through Baptism. The Church sees the period of mystagogy as a time to further assist the neophytes to understand and to live out their new lives as part of the Body of Christ.

Mystagogy is also about mission. The new Christians, now part of Christ's body, join with us to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is how the whole parish, and the entire Church, is involved in the mission of the Church.

Through the RCIA our parish participates in the mission of the Church - we make new disciples and we renew ourselves. When we commit ourselves, our energy and our resources to the RCIA, we commit our parish to continuing the mission of Jesus in the Church and in the world.



PRAYER FOR RCIA INQUIRERS

*God our Father,
you send out your Spirit to touch
the hearts of people
so that they may believe in you and
in Jesus, whom you sent.
Look kindly on all inquirers
as they listen to your voice.
Open their hearts to your Spirit and
bring to fulfilment
the good work
you have begun in them.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus our Lord.*

Amen

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

**In the next RCIA meeting we will talk about:
WHO is Jesus - history, humanity, divinity**

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YOUNG ADULTS



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Thank you to the parish for the friendly greetings our pilgrims have received on returning home! Your continued support and prayers are much appreciated! Thank you to the Thompsons for hosting a fantastic Welcome Home dinner on last Saturday. It was wonderful to share such a relaxed and fun evening sharing many of the stories from the pilgrimage and WYD in Madrid. Mt Schoenstatt's Shrine Time was wonderful to be part of on Sunday evening too.

Upcoming events include:

Sunday 2nd of October - 2pm: Vocational reflection afternoon at Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill with Fr Warren (Vocational Director). Anyone who is trying to answer the questions of direction and purpose in their lives or continuing to discern are encouraged to attend this afternoon with our Vocational director and featuring Bishop Fisher, Fr John Watkins and Seminarians from the Parramatta Diocese in a perfect opportunity to be put in the right direction.

Sunday 2nd of October - 7pm: **Theology on the Couch - "No Salvation Outside the Church"** Our own Seth Harsh will be speaking to Inflame and answering questions on salvation and the position of the church. Not to be missed! To be held in PMR4.

Sunday 9th of October after 6pm mass: Prayer Night- Bringing the needs of the community to the Lord

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).

INFLAME YOUTH

SUNDAYS | 7PM-9PM | PMR4

Thanks to everyone who came to our Holy Hour last week. It was a wonderful hour of prayer and reflection. The Hour runs on the third Sunday of each month and we invite all of the parish are to join us in adoration.

Coming up this month is a massive 'Theology on the Couch' session titled 'No Salvation Outside of the Church'. Make sure to be there!

Upcoming

Sunday 2nd October – **'No Salvation Outside of the Catholic Church' – Theology on the Couch**

What did the fathers of the Church mean when they said that no salvation is to be found outside of the Church? What does the Church mean when She declares that She is the Universal Sacrament of Salvation?

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 – inflamm@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!

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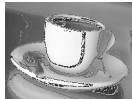
Hospital Masses : Parishioners are welcome

- **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 5th October, 2011. Please feel free to bring along a friend.

We meet at 10 am in Parish Meeting Room 1.



St Nicholas of Myra School – Supporting your parish school

- **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 October 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!

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Penrith Community Kitchen

As in previous years, Penrith Community Kitchen is once again appealing to you to supply toiletries, combs, hankies, socks and/or other small gifts or cash to help us provide Christmas luncheon and presents for the men and women in Penrith who use the Kitchen daily. Donations of \$2.00 or more are Tax deductible and may be mailed to Penrith Community Kitchen P.O. Box 516 Penrith 2751. By helping us we can once again show the true meaning of Christmas to all in need.

Feast Days of the Week

Tuesday Oct 4 St Francis of Assisi 1181 - 1228
Francis of Assisi turned away from his life of wealth and privilege to live with lepers, the 'untouchables' of his society. He preached the idea of the sanctity of all life, becoming an advocate of animal rights and environmentalism in a time when even human life often had little value. He found joy in owning nothing, and giving everything away. St Francis captures the imagination of Catholics and non-Catholics alike by his unique simplicity, the originality of his spirit and his utter devotion to the risen Christ.

Friday 7 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary
'The Rosary is a way of contemplating the face of Christ seeing him - we may say - with the eyes of Mary. For this reason, it is a prayer that drawing upon the core of the Gospel is in full accord with the inspiration of the Second Vatican Council and very much in keeping with the direction I gave in the Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio ineunte*: the Church has to launch out "into the deep" in the new millennium beginning with the contemplation of the face of Christ. Therefore, I wish to suggest the recitation of the Rosary to individuals, families and Christian communities.'

Words of Pope John Paul II in 2002

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Forming Children in Christian Sexuality: 6 October

A program for Christian Education in Human Sexuality with Dr Gerard O'Shea, senior lecturer in RE at the John Paul II Institute (Melbourne) who has a keen interest in Catechesis, particularly the Montessori method of Catechesis. Topic covers: The nature of the Human Person; Physiological growth & development - puberty & fertility; and Establishing the context - vocation, friendship, marriage and family. View Dr O'Shea's new book *As I Have Loved You*: a parent resource for training children in human sexuality according to the mind of the Church. Presented by the National Association of Catholic Families on Thursday 6 October at 7.30pm. Venue: Undercroft, Tangara School for Girls, Franklin St, Cherrybrook: enquiries:nacf.sydney@hotmail.com

JP II Catholic University Choir: 7 & 8 October

The Choir of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, will present a concert of Sacred Music in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Friday 7 October at 7.30pm. The program includes works by Chopin, Gorecki, Mozart and Rutter. Tickets available at the door or by calling 0425 250 623. The Choir will also sing at the 6pm Vigil at St Patrick's Cathedral on 8 October.

FertilityCare Information Night for Doctors: 14 October

The Diocese of Broken Bay is sponsoring an information night about the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. The system can be used by doctors to help treat causes of infertility and a number of gynaecological conditions. All doctors are invited to attend the information night at 7pm on Friday 14 October at the Epping Club, 45 Rawson St, Epping. RSVP by 7 October: Agi Reefman tel (02) 9847 0474, agi.reefman@dbb.org.au

Family Fair & Bush Dance: 28 October

Join the parish community of Our Lady of the Angels and enjoy all the fun of the fair: show bags, pony rides, plant stall, white elephant stall, Indian, Italian & Middle Eastern food. Time: 5-10.30pm includes fireworks at 9pm. Cost: \$20 per family. Where: Our Lady of the Angels Parish, 1 Wellgate Ave, Kellyville.

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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 4 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 on 0416 119 100 malteselanguageschoolnsw@hotmail.com.

Pilgrims of Truth, Pilgrims of Peace: 23 October

Everyone is invited to an Ecumenical and Interfaith Conversation to remember and celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Peace called by Pope John Paul II at Assisi in 1986. Hosted by the diocesan Commission for Ecumenism & Inter-faith Dialogue. Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. The program begins at 3.30pm with afternoon tea. An Ecumenical and Interfaith Conversation will take place from 4.30-6pm. RSVP: Thursday 20 October, tel (02) 9683 6277.

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The Blue Mountain Centre for Religious Enquiry

will be conducting a forum on Sunday, 16 October, at Our Lady of the Nativity School Hall, Lawson at 1 pm. Initially, we will be drawing upon members of the Blue Mountains Interfaith Group to describe each their faith. Talks can naturally be broadened to include science and humanities. Our guest speaker will be John D'Arcy May, internationally known for Christian Buddhist dialogue. Admittance is free and everyone is welcome. Fr Eugene Stockton

Our Lady of Fatima The Holy Mother invites all her family

Where: Parish Church of St Benedict's Arcadia Corner Arcadia & Fagans Road, Arcadia
When: Sunday 9th October 2011 At 1.00pm
Starts with children performing a short re-enactment of the story of Our Lady of Fatima, a procession of the Rosary in five different languages, concluding with a Mass in English followed by light lunch and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Christ, Paula El-Chaar Secretary
For further information please contact:

Paul & Paula El-Chaar **0423 078 282**
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MALTESE STYLE SPIN-A-WHEEL FETE

The traditional "Maltese Spring Fete" organised by the **Saint Nicholas Festa Committee** will be held on Sunday **23 October 2011** at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall,

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton (*opp the shopping centre*). Entertainment by the

The Falcons Band. Hall opens at **2:00pm**. Entry & parking free & plenty of traditional Maltese food & drinks available.

Free paddle pops for all the children.

Everyone is welcome.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WIDOWED, SEPARATED OR DIVORCED:

Recovery Program

The Solo Parent Ministry (Catholic Care Social Services) is offering its next "Recovery" Program for those who have suffered the loss of their spouse through death or through the breakdown of their relationship. The seven week program helps people to move through their pain and hurt, and to recover some self-esteem, strength, self-confidence, courage and hope as they move into the future. The Program begins on Wed 20th Oct. at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, Blacktown. For further details and registration contact Sr. Eileen Quade at 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.

BEREAVEMENT Support Group – PENRITH

The Solo Parent Ministry within CatholicCare Social Services offers a variety of Programs and Workshops for those who are widowed, separated or divorced. On the second Wed of each month (from June – Nov) at the Parish Centre in Penrith, we offer a series of Workshops for those who have suffered the death of their spouse or partner. We provide an opportunity for sharing on topics that are relevant to those who are trying to come to a deeper understanding and acceptance of their loss and its impact on their lives.

Bookings are essential: Ph 99330222.

Youth Leaders' Formation Course 2011

From 21 November to 17 December 2011 the 5th Youth Leaders' Formation Course (YLFC) will take place. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for 20-30 young adults from around Australia to live in community while being immersed in spiritual, pastoral and intellectual formation. The month includes over 30 presentations from dynamic speakers, daily Mass and prayer, silent retreat, parish mission, social outreach and life changing friendships! Are you being called to be a part of YLFC 2011...to Serve Christ, Grow in Faith and Change the World!! See the YLFC video, flyer and all information at www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc or contact ylfc@sydneycatholic.org.

Catholic Weekly 2 October 2011

- Win \$1000 for yourself ... and \$1000 for your parish
- 'Aged need more care in their homes'
- 'Politicians exploit voter racism' in bid to govern, say bishops
- Student excellence awards – pictures, citations
- Catechists' 150 years of service
- The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey

Catholic Outlook - October issue

- Women bear the brunt of homelessness
- News from our Catholic schools
- Couples Celebrate the Journey at St Patrick's Cathedral
- Annual CCD Mass and service awards
- Death of much-loved priest Fr Rod Bray
- Australia's Bishops launch Social Justice Statement

Children's Corner

Missing Words. Below are sentences taken from today's Gospel story. Fill in the blanks with the word from the Word List that completes that sentence.

WORD LIST:

TEMPLE	JERUSALEM	PARABLES	GRAPES
VINEYARD	STEAL	WORKERS	STORY
GREEDY	ENEMIES	SON	KINGDOM
WANTED			

1. Jesus went to _____ .
2. God _____ Jesus to go to Jerusalem.
3. Jesus taught about God's _____ .
4. Jesus was in the beautiful stone _____ .
5. Jesus told _____ to teach about God.
6. A parable is a picture _____ .
7. There was a man who owned a _____ .
8. A vineyard is a place where _____ are grown.
9. _____ took care of the vineyard.
10. The _____ men decided to _____ the vineyard.
11. The owner sent his own _____ to collect.
12. The workers _____ the son.
13. Jesus said his _____ were like the wicked workers.

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This week at

St Nic's

Monday 3 October

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

Tuesday 4 October

St Francis of Assisi
11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 5 October

10 am Young at Heart - PMR1
7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 6 October

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 7 October

Our Lady of the Rosary
7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 8 October

Sunday 9 October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7 pm Inflame Youth Group—PMR4

Rosary Statue will be the home of Polly Melder at 1/143 Evan Street, Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.



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.

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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 .