



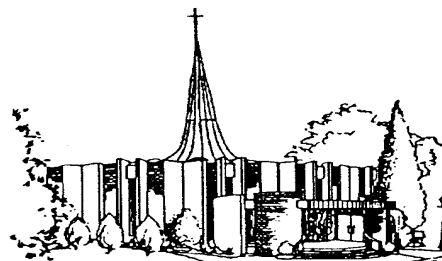
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Principal Phone : 4721 2623

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time : 30 October 2011

Entrance Antiphon: Do not abandon me, Lord. My God, do not go away from me! Hurry to help me, Lord, my Saviour.

First Reading : *Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 Religious leaders are warned that they have caused many to 'stray' and 'stumble' because of their teaching and actions.*

Response to the Psalm : In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading : *Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 God's message is a 'living power' among communities of Christians.*

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel : *Matthew 23:1-12 The failures of the scribes and Pharisees are identified and Jesus suggests that his followers seek a path of humility and service.*

Communion Antiphon : Lord, you will show me the path of life and fill me with joy in your presence.

CONGRATULATIONS FR JOHN & ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS
ON YOUR 1ST ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

All week day Masses from the 7th
till the 11th November will be said
in PMR1 due to the installation of
the AV System.



Important: Please keep this date in your diary :
For all Eucharistic Ministers:
Meeting on 22nd November at 7.30pm in PMR 1.
More details to follow.

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 5/6 November, 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 Jaryd Nematalla	Jasmine, Lillian & Bethany Neal Jessica Buttigieg	C Lay	AM Pletkan	M Svehla	N Calub	A Calub
7 am	D Wiggins		A Johnston	K Masters	G Wiggins	J McSpadden	A Sciberras
8.30 am	C Pemberton D Wheelahan	Ben, Luke & Ja- cinta Wheelahan	R Wood	J McWhirter	C Fletcher A Fletcher	C Bullock D Bullock	B Oxlade P Morson G Burns
10 am	R Gotzman W Limjap	Renee Taylor Simone Dawson	P Samuelu	D Dawson	M Rivet	C Gotzman	O Bonnaire
6 pm	Ben Kroon R Kroon	Kaitlyn, Luke & Daniel Hooker Diego Gutierrez	C D'Mello	L Streher	K Wrightson	D Streher	

Please pray for those who are sick

Charlene Stiles, Gemma Morin, Maria Lawton, Paul Mullins, Lorraine Phibbs, Alan Newman, Evelyn Gray, Alister Bout, Paul Williams, Patrick & Cathy Clarke, Karen Titheradge, Hilda Murray, Ivana Secolo, Angela Zecick, Bill Rohan (Junior), Margaret Goldrick, 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, 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

Shirley Junge, Lourdes Welsh, Sr Betty McDonald and Shirley Hadden **who died recently** and for Estrella DeLacruz, Jack Bertles, Frank Mintoff, Auna Sanial Ecoben, Bienvenida Sanial, Sylvia Thornton, Margaret Clarke, Anthony Mudie, Emmanuel Attard, Fred Galea, John O'Donnell, Conrad Marks, Manuel Vella, Jose Jergoro, John Melder, Michael Brown and Claire Solomns **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for** Mary Rose Guillaumier, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Tania Felice, Bernard and Norah Wilding, Eddie Limjap, Ethan Caburian, Boscarior and Zarrino families, Trinidad Gibbons, Ferdinand Neuhauser, Angela Borg and Robereto Vinci.

Next Week's Readings :

*Wisdom 6:12-16
Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13*

Congratulations : Sarah Dawson who was baptized on 23 October, 2011.

Altar Servers Christmas Party

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!

Rodger Kroon



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

John Maiden

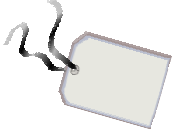
HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY

Desley Mulock

PARISH OUTREACH

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed All Souls Day Wednesday 2nd November

Parishioners, together with family and friends who wish to remember the departed members of their family, are invited to attend this special commemoration Mass.



As an expression of remembrance you are encouraged to write your loved One's name and perhaps a prayer on the cards provided to be placed on the 'Tree of Remembrance' on the Sanctuary during the Mass.



Special Prayer Tags are available in the November envelopes OR in the box at the main door of the church.

All Souls Day Mass Offering

Occasionally people have asked what signifies a Mass offering for the deceased. The Australian Bishops Conference has recommended \$10 per Mass during the year and \$20 during November.



Envelopes that are to be used for **November Masses** are now available. Please clearly mark the name/names of the deceased on these envelopes

A special "DIVINE MERCY"
devotional hour
ST NICHOLAS—PENRITH
FRIDAY 11th November, 2011
Immediately after the
12.10 pm Mass

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- The Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayer
- The Stations of the Cross

ALL WELCOME



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

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YOUNG ADULTS

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Congratulations to both Matthew and Angela and Allan and Ally who made commitments to each other and to God in marriage last weekend. The Brides were both beautiful and the Grooms handsome and together with the bridesmaids and groomsmen made a fantastic party. We hope and pray that you have had a fun start to your married lives and look forward to having you back in amongst the flock soon!

Tonight (Sunday) at 7pm we have comments from the couch with Fr Fernando: The much anticipated speaker returns to thrill us with his experience of faith, ministry and priesthood including his journey that led him to ordination. This highly successful format of sharing, questions and answers will enable us to be encouraged and built up through his testimony! Come and be part of the action in Not the upper room!

Friday, 4th of November: Home Dinner at the Jaja Restaurant. All young people are welcome to join Flock99 in this predominantly social evening complete with good food, excellent company and exciting games! RSVP to the email address, on facebook or by phone by Wednesday for catering purposes. Don't feel scared just come along!

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

Hi everyone!

Last Sunday evening the youth headed over to Mt. Schoenstatt for *Shrine Time*, where we were able to pray and reflect in front of the Blessed Sacrament while also singing some beautiful praise and worship songs. *Shrine Time* is held on the fourth Sunday of every month, starting at 7.30pm and open to everyone.

Upcoming

Sunday 30th October – Comments from the Couch. Flock99 are hosting Fr. Fernando who will be sharing his journey into the priesthood, Q&A will also be held. Thanks Flock99

Sunday 6th November – Theology on the Couch: "What is Love?"

Each first-Sunday, Inflammation and youth from neighbouring parishes gather with a guest speaker to discuss some of the deeper aspects of our faith. This month we will be looking at what the true definition of love is, and what it means for us. Open to all!

Inflammation is St Nicholas of Myra's gathering of fresh young adults aged somewhere between 17-21-ish who are passionate about Christ and seeing a change not only in our own lives, but in the greater community.

Contact – inflammation@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!

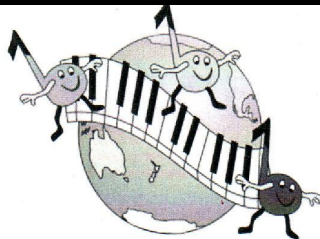
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RCIA News... More information: Ina & Norman Heffernan 47 321 751
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process that makes it possible for adults to be received into the Catholic Church.



UNDERSTANDING THE RCIA

a journey for the entire parish

The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults



The RCIA group have been meeting since the beginning of July, and at the VIGIL Mass this weekend will celebrate the first of the RCIA Liturgical Rites. This week we invite you personally, to join with us on our spiritual journey by becoming a 'prayer partner' for one of those currently seeking to become a full member in our Catholic tradition. The most important community support we receive is the support provided by those who regularly pray.

The Rite of Acceptance and Welcome:

is the liturgical rite, marking the beginning of the

Catechumenate proper, when the Inquirers express, and the Church accepts, their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ. This rite may be celebrated at any time of the year, and if required, more than once during the liturgical year.

The Rite of Acceptance is the first rite in the RCIA process. It takes place within the context of a Sunday Mass. Those wishing to enter into the second phase of the RCIA (*the catechumenate or study phase*) make a public commitment to accept the way of the cross.

The worshipping community, *the members of our parish family*, publicly welcome these individuals and promise to support them in their ongoing journey of faith. The unbaptised inquirers are now called **Catechumens** and are signed with the sign of the cross to remind them of their commitment to continue to further develop in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ. They also receive the Word of God, to remind them that the Scripture and Tradition are the source of our faith.

Those who are already baptised (Candidates) are also acknowledged and welcomed into our community during this celebration.

Three simple steps to become a Prayer Partner

Prayer Partner Posters are located on the wall near the carpark entrance.

1. Write your **name and contact number** in the space on the sheet.
2. Take the tear-off slip home and put it in a prominent place, to remind you to pray for the person.
3. Say a prayer every day that the person you are praying for may find faith in and through the word of God as they journey to Easter.

In the next RCIA meeting we will talk about: **The Word of God - Scripture & Faith**

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Without Christ I am Nothing *Diocesan Youth & Young Adults Camp*

Our Diocesan Youth & Young Adults Camp is back for 2011 and fast approaching! A weekend full of spiritual revival, prayer, great talks, activities, music, fun & heaps more!

Dates: 25th November - 27th November

Ages: 16-35 **Price:** \$110

Place: Naamaroo Uniting Venues, Lady Game Dr, Chatswood 2067

Registration: Due by Monday 7 November

Mark the dates in your diary, invite your friends and be sure to get in early as places are limited. Download registration form and flyer at

<http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth/events/diocesan-events/diocesan-events.aspx/diocesan-youth-camp-2011.aspx>

PRAYER AND REFLECTION DAY

Twice a year the Solo Parent Ministry within CatholicCare Social Services holds two Prayer and Reflection Days. Due to many requests, this has been opened up to people from all walks of life. We offer guidance and opportunity for quiet time and prayerful reflection in the beautiful surrounds of Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill. Our next such day is on Sunday 13th Nov. between 10.30 and 3.00pm. BYO lunch. \$10.00. Our Facilitator will be Sr. Colleen O'Sullivan rsj. Bookings are essential. Call Sr. Eileen on 99330205 or email eileen.quade@ccss.org.au. All welcome!



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Wed 9th Nov. at 10.00am the Solo Parent Ministry is holding its last Bereavement Support gathering for the year at the Parish Centre in Penrith, for those who have suffered the loss of their spouse and would like some support and assistance in working through this extremely painful and traumatic experience. It helps a lot if you book in beforehand. Call Sr. Eileen 99330205 or email her:

eileen.quade@ccss.org.au. Bereavement counselling is also offered through this ministry.

Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair

The **vacancy** has become available due to maternity leave and expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified persons for the temporary position of Parish Secretary commencing on 30 January 2012. Depending on the skills and experience of applicants, the vacancy will be filled in one of the following ways:

Parish Secretary/Sacramental Coordinator – Full-time Position OR

Parish Secretary – Part-time Position (24 hours per week)

Visit WWW.Parra.catholic.org.au and go to the Employment Section and view 'Current vacancies in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta' for further information.

Ethica Accessories invites you and all the family to a Christmas Fiesta fundraiser on Friday, 18th November from 5 pm – 8 pm, with:

Christmas Carols by St Mary's Primary School; Peruvian dances performed by Raices Peruanas; Fair Trade gifts; Delicious Peruvian food; Wonderful raffle prizes

Venue : Isabel Menton Theatre, Mary MacKillop Place, 7 - 11 Mount Street, North Sydney.

Entry of \$15 includes complimentary drinks, and an opportunity to shop for Fair Trade quality gifts for family and friends. An ethical choice this Christmas - please spread the news!

Many thanks for helping Ethica Accessories which is an initiative of the Sisters of St Joseph that provides employment and income for hundreds of women living in marginalised areas in Peru.

Catholic Weekly 30 October 2011

- Win \$1000 for yourself ... and \$1000 for your parish
- 'Year of Grace' for Australian Church
- Bishops commit 'to heal any wounds of division'
- Catholic Charities Guide
- Domus: Aussies find 'a home in the Eternal City' – picture special
- The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Introduction to the Grail – for women of faith working to make the world a place of peace and justice. Sat 12 Nov, 2011, 2.00pm – 5.00pm, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney. Ph 9955 3053. Email: grailsydney@ozemail.com.au

DIALOGUE – FOR YOUNG ADULTS (20s and 30s) – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th 2011, 7:30pm

"Opening up the Gift of Contemplative Prayer" presented by Fr Gerard Moran OCD

Fr. Gerard Moran OCD is a Retreat Director at the Carmelite monastery, Varroville. Originally from Galway, Ireland, he is a great story teller.

All young adults (20s and 30s) welcome.

Sunday November 6th, 7:30pm, 2011

St Francis Xavier Parish Hall

19 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay Donation: \$5

www.yucan.org.au enquiries@yucan.org.au

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.

Penrith Community Kitchen

Volunteer is needed for the Community Kitchen. Please contact 4721 1444.

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.

A Retreat Day for Divorced Men will be held on Saturday 12 November at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Hosted by the *Life, Marriage and Family Centre* of the Archdiocese, the day commences at 10am and concludes at 4pm. It includes two talks, Mass and time for personal prayer. Confession and spiritual guidance will be available. Bishop Terry Brady and Father Bernard Gordon will be guiding the day. Cost is \$10 and includes all meals. For enquiries and registration call Bernard on 9390 5290 or email lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org.

Artes Christi presents JOSEPH!

Don't miss Andrew Lloyd Webber's classic Biblical musical which returns to the Seymour Centre this Oct/Nov starring Catholic singer-songwriter Gary Pinto as Joseph plus footballer/entertainer Jason Stevens & opera soprano Joanna Cole.

PERFORMANCES: Fri 28 Oct (8pm), Sat 29 Oct (3pm & 8pm), Thu 3 & Fri 4 Nov (8pm), Sat 5 Nov (1pm & 4pm) GROUP TICKETS from \$30, ph 9351 7940 or book online via www.theword.org.au

PRAYER MORNING AT MARY MACKILLOP

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LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (ENTRY VIA MUSEUM RECEPTION)

This month's topic: Mary MacKillop: Pilgrim in Rome – Then & Now, Lyn Raftery rsj

If you would like to stay on for the 1pm Mass in the Chapel, you are most welcome. Bookings and further enquiries: 8912 4818 or mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au

Community Forum on Homelessness: 8 November CatholicCare Parramatta and Churches Housing Inc. are co-hosting a Community Forum on Homelessness to help promote discussion of homelessness and to examine possible solutions. As the cost of living continues to soar in Western Sydney and rents remain high, there is an urgent need for investment in public and supported housing.

Forum presenters

Rev. Derek Yule: Executive Officer of Churches Housing Inc. and Chair of the Community Housing Federation of Australia;

Rosemary Bishop: Chair of Affordable Community Housing Ltd (ACHL) in NSW and CEO of the Mamre Project at St Marys, NSW;

Tanya Gadiel: Chief Executive of Parramatta Mission's community services division; Cathy Tracey: Senior Manager, Family & Community Support with CatholicCare Parramatta.

The Forum's MC will be Noel Debien, producer of *Sunday Nights* on ABC Radio.

Time: 9.30-1.30pm, includes lunch hosted by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. Venue: Parkroyal Parramatta, 30 Phillip Street.

RSVP: Tuesday 1 November. There is no charge to attend but bookings are essential please telephone:

CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222.

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Our Lady of Penafraancia

WHAT : 1st Saturday Novena and Mass - Our Lady of Penafraancia

WHEN : Saturday 5th November 2011

TIME : Novena at 11:00 am Mass at 11:20 am
Fellowship at 12:15 pm (Parish Meeting Hall 1)

WHERE : St Nicholas of Myra Church

Please join us every 1st Saturday of the month at St Nicholas of Myra.

Please contact Jun Relunia on 0419 233 643 for any query / information.

Feast Day of the week

Tue Nov 1 All Saints

The Feast Day was instituted to honour all the saints, known and unknown, and, according to Urban IV (c.1195-1264), to make up for any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feast days during the year.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. Gregory IV (827-844) extended the celebration on 1 November to the entire Church. The vigil, known as 'Hallowe'en' seems to have been held as early as the feast itself.

Wed Nov 2 All Souls

'All Souls Day commemorates the faithful departed, those baptized Christians believed to be in purgatory. Purgatory still exists in Church teaching - it is "the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven". (Compendium of the Catechism, n. 210). The day purposely follows All Saints Day in order to shift the focus from those in heaven to those in purgatory.'

From the Catholic Enquiry Centre <http://www.catholicenquiry.com>

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 31 October

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

Tuesday 1 November

All Saints

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1
1 pm SRE Teachers Meeting - PMR1

Wednesday 2 November

All Souls

6.45 am & 9.30 am Mass
7 pm Mass
7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 3 November

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall
5.30 pm RCIC Meeting - PMR1

Friday 4 November

St Charles Borromeo, bishop
7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 5 November

9 am Healing Mass

Sunday 6 November

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7 pm Inflamm 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 .