



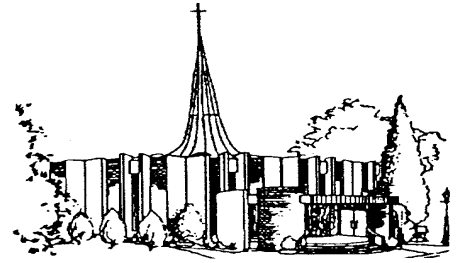
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Principal Phone : 4721 2623

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time : 31st July 2011

Entrance Antiphon: God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.

First Reading : *Isaiah 55:1-3 The prophet calls us to fullness of life. Listen and your soul will live.*

Response to the Psalm : The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Second Reading : *Romans 8:35, 37-39 Paul proclaims the utter certainty of Christ's triumph over death.*

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel : *Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus escapes the threats of Herod and meets the needs of the crowds.*

Communion Antiphon : You give us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat.



Parish Pastoral Council

An initial meeting of the new elected Parish Pastoral Council took place recently.
The newly elected members are :

David Bullock

Adam Drinan

Lorraine McConnell

Mairead Stynes

Michael Vella

We also farewelled the final five original members of the PPC, Chris Jaja, Michael Dwyer, Caroline D'Mello, Anthony Sciberras and Lyn Olander. Thank you to these members for their continued support over the past four years.

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 6/7 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	D Wellfare Jared Nematalla	Rachel, Samuel & Joshua Vella	K Smith	S Falleiro	L De Bono	R De Bono	J Powell
7 am	A Ruzgas		R Powell	G Nunn	D Friend	A Pace	A Scibberas
8.30 am	E Thomas B Doughan	Noah, Elijah & Jonah Gilbert	B Burns	J McWhiter	M Doughan M Ryan	G Burns B Oxlade	M Stynes P Wheeler B Keavy
10 am	C Pemberton C Foley	Gabrielle Isaaks Ethan Klanert	O Kiss	R Wood	K Pemberton	M Rivet	O Bonnaire
6 pm	R Kroon J Relunia	Glen Wambeek Jordan & Joshua Lay	K Mirabito	A Fallerio	L McConnell	R Marsh	C Rondeau

Please pray for those who are sick

Rick Lister, 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

Alphonse Gatt and Mavis Dowlman **who died recently** and for Betty Bonham, Conrad Marks, Lourdes Mendiola, John Kean, Michael Scerri, Luke Paul de Saipath, Helen Szymko, Lenny O'Farrell, Samuel Irving, Harry Poole, Kathleen Poole, Sonali McCarthy and Sam Rees **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for** Mary Rose Guillaumier, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Tania Felice, Bernard and Norah Wilding.

**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 19:9, 11-13

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

Rosary Statue will be the home of John & Joan McSpadden at 3 Timgalan Avenue, Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.

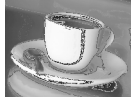


Congratulations : *Lucas Aquilina, Tannah Ashford-Wykes, James Hughes, Sophia Neale, Zac Rossetto and Addison Summerfield* who were baptized on 24 July 2011.

Young at Heart :

The next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd August. Please feel free to bring along a friend.

We meet at 10 am in Parish Meeting Room 1.



Feastday of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Monday August 8th

Mass will be celebrated here at St Nicholas Church at 9.30 am after which a small Morning Tea will follow in P M R 1.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share. 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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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

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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 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).

INFLAME YOUTH

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

With the success of both the Parish youth groups, Inflamm and Flock 99, the Parish is working towards setting up a new Junior Youth Group for young people in school Year 7 to 10. We have 7 young people excited about the new youth group and have signed up. If you would like to get to know other young people, grow in your faith and have some fun together then come along to our first youth group meeting.

Date: Sunday 7 August 2011 (Please note change of date from 31 July)

Time: 7pm (After 6pm Mass)

Venue: PMR 1

RSVP: Carolyn (0448 443 619)

PARISH OUTREACH

KNIT IN

Want to be part of 702ABC.

Knit in and help Wrap with Love?

Come along to Penrith City Library on Friday 5th August, 2011 from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.

Tea, coffee and morning tea provided. Bring your own lunch.

Contact Carol 4732 3108 or Library 4732 7891

Bring along your 8 ply wool or acrylic and size 4 mm needles.



A special "DIVINE MERCY" devotional hour

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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

This is a fantastic chance to perform with a Catholic theatre company as a singer, actor, dancer or orchestral player. Auditions are from July 14th – 1st August at the BXVI Centre (235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills). To register email

arteschristisydney@gmail.com or phone 0414 099 516 or visit www.arteschristi.org.au

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.

Catholic Weekly 31st July 2011

- Catholics – make your faith count! Census plea
- Cardinal thanks jubilarian priests
- Forced adoption: 'apology will help the healing process'
- WYD Madrid the 'greatest school excursion'
- Help Caritas East Africa appeal, say bishops
- Children are 'a gift of God – not a lottery prize'
- The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey

1st Saturday Novena and Mass (6th August 2011) Our Lady of Penafrancia

The Australian Devotees of Our Lady of Penafrancia is inviting the parishioners to please join us in the 1st Saturday novena and mass on 6th August at St Nicholas of Myra Church. Novena will be at 11:00 am followed by mass at 11:20 am. Fellowship will follow after mass at the parish meeting hall. Hope you can join us.

Feast Days of the Week

Monday Aug 1 St Alphonsus Liguori 1696-1787
Alphonsus was born in Naples, Italy. Visiting the local Hospital for Incurables in 1723, Alphonsus had a vision and felt called to consecrate his life solely to God. He founded the Redemptorists in 1732 and became Bishop of St Agatha of the Goths near Naples in 1762. For 13 years Alphonsus fed the poor, instructed families, reorganized the seminary and religious houses, taught theology, and wrote works that have survived through the years. Canonized in 1839, he was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1871. More at: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01334a.htm>

Thursday Aug 4 St John Vianney 1786 - 1859
Known as the *Curé d'Ars*. As a young farm hand, he taught other children their prayers. Assigned in 1818 to the parish of Ars, a tiny village near Lyons, France, he would spend 40 years there as parish priest. He was gifted with the discernment of spirits, prophecy, hidden knowledge, and working miracles. Crowds came to hear him preach, and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By 1855 there were 20,000 pilgrims a year to Ars – the government had to run extra trains. Pope Pius X proposed him as a model for all parish priests. More at: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/08326c.htm>

Friday Aug 5 St Dominic 1170 - 1221
Born of wealthy Spanish nobility, Dominic conducted a lifelong apostolate among heretics. In 1215 he founded the Order of Friars Preachers (Dominicans) and an order of nuns, the Dominican Sisters. In a vision, Our Lady told him to say the Rosary daily, and to teach it to all who would listen. One day he met a beggar whom he embraced and told: 'You are my companion and must walk with me. If we hold together, no earthly power can withstand us.' The beggar was Saint Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226). More at: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/05106a.htm>

Saturday Aug 6 Transfiguration of the Lord
This unique event in the Gospel occurred when Jesus took his three closest companions, Peter, James and John, up a mountain and was transfigured: 'His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as light.' It is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. There is more on the Transfiguration at: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/15019a.htm>

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

ATTENTION – CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

'Branches', a 10-week journey for young adults looking to re-visit or grow in their faith, commenced last week. The second session starts 6.30pm on Tuesday, August 2 in the Crypt at St Patrick's Church, 20 Grosvenor St, Sydney. Each session begins with a meal. Donation is \$10. Everyone is welcome, for more info check out our Facebook page [Branches @ St. Patrick 2011](#)

Interfaith Conversation: 18 August

Topic: Fundamentalist Religion versus Extremism. This is the second in a series of three interfaith conversations to be held under the heading 'embracing difficult conversations'. You are invited to be part of this respectful dialogue at the Brahma Kumaris Centre, 78 Alt St, Ashfield (plenty of street parking), from 7.30-9.30pm. Speakers: Imam Afroz Ali (Director, Al Ghazzali Centre) and Dr Julian Droogan, Lecturer, Managing Editor The Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism.

Moderated by Charlie Hogg, Head of Brahma Kumaris, Australia. RSVP:

companionsindialogue@gmail.com<<http://us.mc1110.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=companionsindialogue@gmail.com>>

Family Bush Dance: Saturday 20 August

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish holding a bush dance. 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 book a table: Parish Office (02) 9631 8135 or Julie McIntyre 0410 047 974.

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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Pray for Renewal in the Spirit of WYD Madrid 2011: 20 August

Everyone is invited to join the Missionaries of God's Love in St Benedict's Church, Broadway, to pray for renewal in the spirit for WYD. Fr Ken Barker MGL will celebrate Mass and there will be benediction, adoration and rosary. From 2pm-5pm – bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. St Benedict's Church is on cnr Abercrombie St, Chippendale.

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Marriage Sunday on 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.

Marriage Day Rally: Tuesday 16 August

A national rally to show support for traditional marriage will be held in the Great Hall of Parliament House in Canberra on 16 August from 10am - noon. The keynote speaker will be Rebecca Hagelin from the US speaking on 'One Man, One Woman: the Future of Civil Society'. Politicians and others supporting marriage will address the rally.

Registration is \$30 per person, which includes entry to the Great Hall and morning tea. For more information about the rally and to register

tel (03) 9816 0800 or visit:

www.marriageday.org.au

www.marriageday.org.au

Free transport: CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta is arranging buses for people in our Diocese to attend the rally - this is a separate booking. There will be 2 pick-up points:

1. 5.45am from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills;

2. 5.45am in the carpark near the Information Kiosk at Panthers Leagues Club, Mulgoa Rd, Penrith.

Lunch provided: CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta will provide lunch at a venue in Canberra. The deadline for booking a seat on the bus is Tuesday 9 August - seating is limited, so book early: tel CatholicCare

(02)9933 0222. For more information visit CatholicCare's website:

www.ccss.org.au

Please note: registration for the rally and booking a seat on the bus are to be done separately.

Social Justice in the Club: Thursday 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, at Blacktown RSL from 7-8.30pm. 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

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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.

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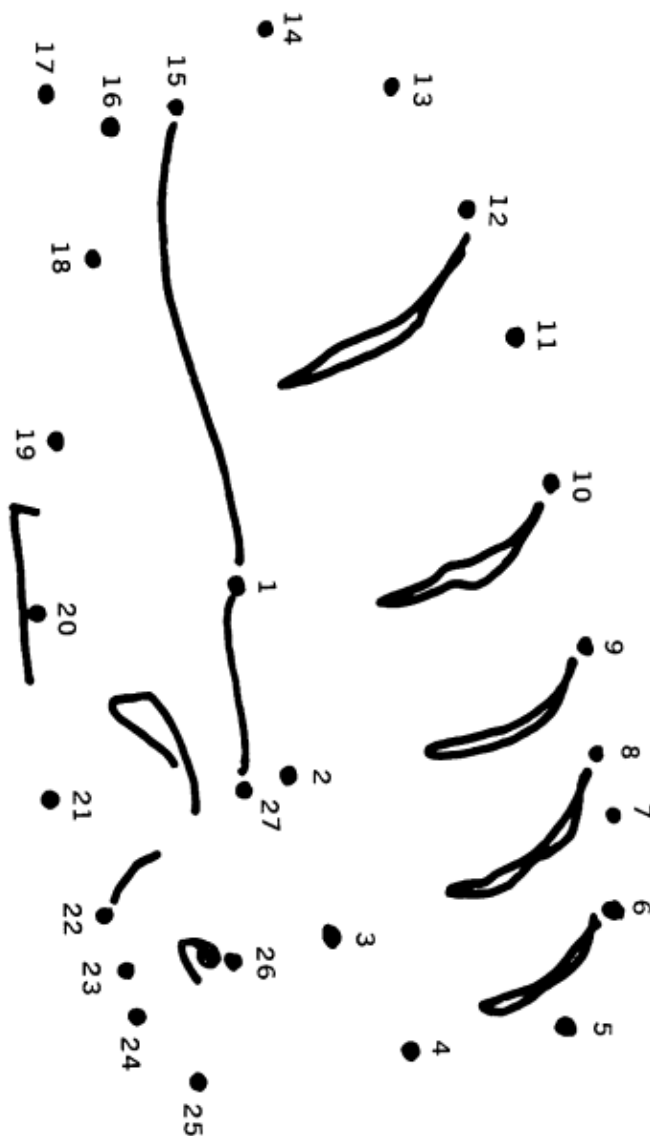
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a Catholic?**

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.

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Children's Corner

Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "Did you ever go somewhere and forget to take your lunch? I did once. My stomach was growling by the time I got home! Here's a picture of something Jesus used to feed some people a lunch one time when they forgot to bring their own. Connect all the numbers to see what it is."



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 1 August

St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor
10 am Legion of Mary Meeting - PMR1
5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Tuesday 2 August

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 3 August

7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 4 August

St John Vianney, priest
5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 5 August

St Dominic, priest
7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 6 August

Transfiguration of the Lord
9 am Healing Mass
11 am Our Lady of Penafrancia

Sunday 7 August

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7 pm Youth Group Meeting - PMR1

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.