



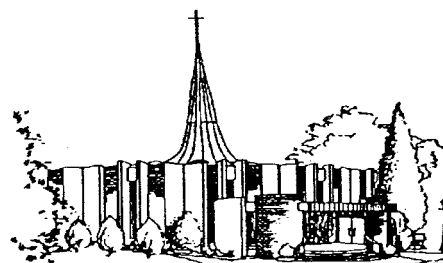
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## Schools

**Mary MacKillop Primary**  
**Mr Michael Siciliano,**  
**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

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B : 5th February, 2012

**Entrance Antiphon:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**First Reading :** Job 7:1-4, 6-7 *In spite of his many sufferings, Job will not turn against God.*

**Response to the Psalm :** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Second Reading :** *Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Paul did not spare himself for the sake of the Gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** *Mark 1:29-39 Having spent himself in ministering to those in need, Jesus seeks a place of quiet to rest and pray.*

**Communion Antiphon :** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

## PARISH OUTREACH

**Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 11/12 February, 2012. If you cannot fulfill this commitment, please arrange for someone to take your place. Thanks.**

Time	Acolytes	Altar Servers	Community Rep.	Reader	Eucharist Ministers		
Vigil	J Buttigieg Gordan D'Mello	Samuel & Joshua Vella Jessica Buttigieg	K McNamara	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	Jeremiah Dowling	K Smith	F Jackson	P Morson U Gomez	M Ryan P Wheeler	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 B Wrightson	Glen Wambeek Natalie Moniz	K Ryan	K Mowbray	D Lee	D Streher	L Streher

*Please pray for those who are sick*

Angela Zecick, Doreen Longmore, Maria Kukac,  
Edward Goh, Martha Dierick, Paul Landrigan, Sean  
Mullins and Katelyn Reid.

*Congratulations : Isaac D'Costa and  
Benitez Fuentes who were baptized on  
28th January, 2012.*

*Thank you all for helping to make my  
80th Birthday so memorable. I love you all.  
Many thanks. Stuart*

**HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY  
FRANK MARGERISON  
HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY  
GRAHAM FLETCHER**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
DANI RUTKOWSKI**



**Josephite Associates : Next meeting will be held on  
Wednesday 15th February at 10.15am in the Parish  
Meeting Room1. Please contact 4732 6732 if unable  
to there.**

**Please pray for Peter Worner, Esmee White, Noel  
Brown and Mahes Ramalingam who recently  
died and for Karl Engsmyr, John Condon, Joe  
Keane, Dorrie Bertles, Michael Scerri,  
Loreta Xerri and Vince Cuttell whose  
anniversaries occur at this time and also for  
Norah and Bernard Wilding, Mary Armstrong,  
Reg Levinge, Gerald Desmond Barnes, Emanuel  
Vella and Bill Baldwin.**

**Dear Fr. Chris', Fr. John and fellow parishioners of  
St. Nicholas of Myra.**

The Altar Server's Ministry would like to thank you,  
very much, for blessing us with the opportunity to cele-  
brate Christmas 2011 together on the *Nepean Belle*.  
We would also like to thank Mr. & Mrs. John & Helen  
Wakling for being so kind and generous to taking us  
aboard the beautiful *Belle* for afternoon tea and a  
cruise up the gorgeous Nepean River.

**Thank you, ALL, so very much!**

Rodger Kroon

**Rosary Statue** will be at the home of  
Peter & Rita MacKenzie at 773 Castlereagh  
Road, Agnes Banks and the Rosary will be  
said at 7 pm.



## SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Your child is invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith.

If your child is in year 3 or above they are invited to join our Parish community to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will commence with a *parent only* session on Sunday 5 February, 2012. This meeting will be held in the Parish hall, 326 High Street, Penrith (entrance via Higgins Street) starting at 11:15am.

If you would like to enrol your child/children in this program it is necessary that you attend the first parent only session on Sunday 5 February, 2012.

If you would like further information for the preparation of Sacraments or have any questions regarding this program please do not hesitate to contact Anne Tucker at St Nicholas Church parish office on 47212509 or via email at [sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au](mailto:sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au)

## DIOCESAN OUTREACH

**Introduction to Canon Law** – A thirteen week Course at the Broadway Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia. Lecturer: Right Rev Monsignor Robert McGuckin, Judicial Vicar for N.S.W. and the A.C.T.

Thursdays 9.30am – 12.30 pm commencing on 1 March 2012.

The course will cover a variety of topics such as the historical background to Canon Law; the purpose, nature and sources of Canon Law; parts of the 1983 Code of Canon Law; the relationship between Canon and Civil law; the Church's tribunals (including procedure, evidence and appeals); marriage and annulment; the administration of Church property etc.

Students may simply wish to audit the course or complete assignments and exam.

To register contact Roszanna Hazlewood at the School of LAW, The University of Notre Dame, 104 Broadway (PO Box 944, Broadway NSW 2007) Ph 82044300  
Email: [roszanna.hazlewood@nd.edu.au](mailto:roszanna.hazlewood@nd.edu.au)

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## INFLAME YOUTH

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A massive thank you to all who participated in the Nepean Deanery Sports Days last Saturday! Our squad, Inflammali-cious eventually tied for fourth and it was a mad fun day, despite a few showers! Cheers to the entire organising team, especially Keren from Flock who coordinated brilliantly.

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Theology on the Couch – Celibacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century w/ TBA!

Join us as the hit series returns for 2012, with a seriously hot topic to kick off the year. We're dealing with celibacy in the modern day ranging from issues like sex before marriage, priestly celibacy and dating. Don't miss this one!

We'll have a very special guest joining us too!



### 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)

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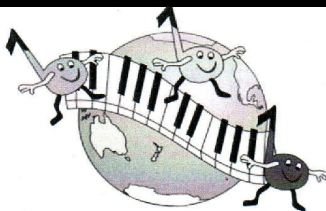
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ST NICHOLAS—PENRITH  
FRIDAY 10th February  
Immediately after the  
12.10 pm Mass



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

### Help needed

*St Nicholas of Myra primary school* is in need of people to hear the children read. Research has shown that when children have an audience for their reading their confidence and fluency improve. If you are able to help for an hour (9-10am) on any day of the week please contact Mary Vella at the school. Thank you.

### Feast Days of the Week

**Mon 6 Feb St Paul Miki (1562-1597) and Companions, Martyrs**

Paul Miki, the son of a Japanese military leader, joined the Jesuit Order in 1580, and became known for his eloquent preaching. Crucified in 1597 with 25 other Catholics, Paul's words from the cross were:

"The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

**Fri Feb 10 St Scholastica 480 - 543**

Twin sister of St Benedict, Scholastica consecrated her life to God. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighbourhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns.

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## DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### *Saint Mary MacKillop National Pilgrimages 2012*

In 2012 two National Aust Pilgrimages will be conducted 11 - 21 April and 24 October - 3 November.

The pilgrimage offers you an opportunity to reflect on your own life as you walk with Mary MacKillop the journey of her life.

Fly to Melbourne and then journey by coach to Hamilton, Portland, Penola, Adelaide, fly to Sydney and then home.

Cost from Sydney \$2,540 pp twin share \*Single Supplement \$410.

*For a brochure and further information please contact*

Sister Monica Barlow on 02 8912 4818 or email

[mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au](mailto:mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au).

### *Learn Maltese with Skola Maltija Sydney*

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2012. Children from Kindergarten to Year 6, can study an accredited Maltese language and culture course. Classes commence on 11th February 2012 on Saturday.

To ENROL NOW please call the principal, Mrs Jane Borg on 0402 167 439 or Mrs Cynthia Villar on 9820 8120 or email [skolamaltijasdney@yahoo.com.au](mailto:skolamaltijasdney@yahoo.com.au) High School students can enrol with the Saturday School of Community Languages through their high school.

For more information contact Mr Charles Galea on 9674 2970. Skola Maltija Sydney is a program of Akkademja Maltija ta' NSW Inc.

Our school is supported by the NSW Community Language Schools Program, NSW Department of Education and Communities.

### *Be a mentor to a student in your workplace*

The Lighthouse program is looking for mentors throughout Western Sydney for 2012 in all trade areas and in hospitality, retail and office settings to host a Year 9 or 10 student from our local Catholic secondary schools one day a week in your workplace.

The Lighthouse program is strongly supported by the workplace trainers who are there to offer guidance to mentors throughout the 18 weeks, visiting students in the workplace fortnightly and available for consultation at all times. Free TAFE training for all new mentors help them feel confident about their role.

For more information about how to join our team of valued mentors, contact:

- Maree Armstrong-Ley tel 0417 060 132, [maree.armstrong@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:maree.armstrong@parra.catholic.edu.au)
- Vanessa McDougall tel 0407 246 [vanessa.mcdougall@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vanessa.mcdougall@parra.catholic.edu.au)
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### *Executive Officer – Renewal Program*

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of Executive Officer to be part of a new program designed to re-engage Catholics, attract people who may be interested in the Catholic Church and generally promote its good works. Further information about this role is available at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au).

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## DIOCESAN OUTREACH

### **RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**



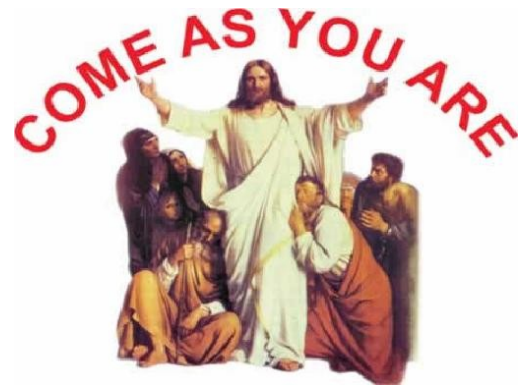
The Solo Parent Ministry is offering another 7 week "Recovery Program" for those who have been through the breakdown of their marriage or long term partnership. Through input, small group discussions and time for personal reflection this program is designed to help you work through your pain, grief and numerous losses and to assist you in planning for a future filled with hope. Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Wednesday nights, commencing 22nd Feb. 7.30 pm. \$70.00 . Registration and further details, contact Sr. Eileen Quade 02 99330205 or [eileen.quade@ccss.org.au](mailto:eileen.quade@ccss.org.au).

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: BLACKTOWN**

This year the Solo Parent Ministry will continue to offer individual counselling and small group programs for men and women who are grieving the death of their spouse. In February we begin a series of eight "Bereavement Support Group" Sessions (fortnightly) in which there will be input and time for sharing on topics that are relevant to your experience of grief and loss. Our first series will begin on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 10.00 – 11.30am at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Later in the year a similar Program will be offered in Penrith. The first Session Topic is entitled "The Physical Effects of Grief." You do not have to register for ALL Sessions when you register; only certain topics may be of interest to you. For further information and registration contact Sr. Eileen on 99330205 or [eileen.quade@ccee.org.au](mailto:eileen.quade@ccee.org.au).

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7th February (Tuesday)

**Theme: Bringing Down the Glory Of The Lord**

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
7, Grantham Street, Seven Hills, 2147

8th February (Wednesday)

**Theme: Quiet Time Retreat With The Lord**

2:00 PM - 9:00 PM

St. Joseph's Center For Reflective Living  
04, Mackillop Drive, Baulkham Hills, 2153

9th February (Thursday)

**Theme: A Life That Brings Transformation To Others**

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Holy Spirit Church  
5, Todd Row, Cnr. Moore Street, St. Clair, 2759

11th - 12th February (Saturday & Sunday)

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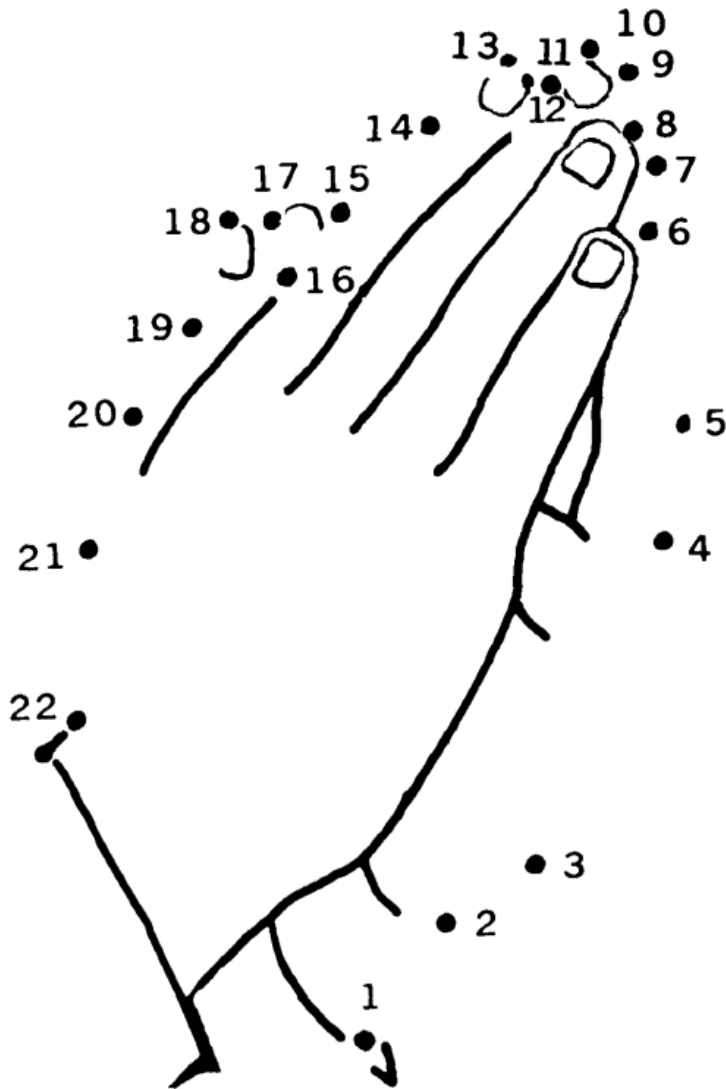
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# Children's Page

**Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "How do you feel when you are all alone? Sometimes it can feel lonely, but sometimes it can be nice to have some quiet time. Jesus sometimes took time to be by himself. Here is a picture for you to finish. It shows something Jesus did when he was alone (and something we should all do too)."**



## This week at St Nic's

**Monday 6th February**

St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs  
10 am Legion of Mary Meeting - PMR1  
5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

**Tuesday 7th February**

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

**Wednesday 8th February**

7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

**Thursday 9th February**

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

**Friday 10th February**

St Scholastica, virgin  
7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

**Saturday 11th February**

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

**Sunday 12th February**

**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.

### *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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