



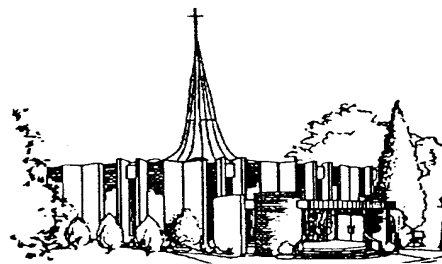
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Schools

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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

Ascension of the Lord 5th June 2011

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Jesus returns to the Father after promising to give his Spirit to the disciples to help them in being his witnesses.

Response to the Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 Paul prays for enlightenment and wisdom for the disciples of Christ, who is the head of his body, the Church.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 On the mountain, the disciples worship Christ, who commands them to bring others to faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Communion Antiphon: I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.

Questions and answers on the new translation of the Roman Missal

Apostles' Creed - "He descended into hell"

This brief and matter-of-fact statement holds the promise of immense hope for believers. It asserts that Jesus Christ not only died our death but also entered the realm of the dead and set them free. This "hell" is not the hell of later popular imagination – the fiery hell of eternal punishment – but the hell of the scriptures, Hades or Sheol, the shadowy domain where the dead are spiritless and lost, cut off from light and life. Dwelling with the dead Jesus brings his life-giving love to bear on all the powers of darkness and disarms them. Nothing in the cosmos is excluded from this victory, as Paul writes, "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Roms 8:38-39).

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 11/12 June, 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 C Walsh	Rachel, Samuel & Joshua Vella Jessica Buttigieg	A Morel	L Walsh	L DeBono	R DeBono	C Coyte
7 am	A Ruzgas		A Johnston	G Nunn	M Viswasam	J McSpadden	M Edmunds
8.30 am	W Limjap E Thomas	David Limjap Joshua Emerson	K Smith	M Compston	P Morson U Gomez	M Ryan P Wheeler	B Keavy M Stynes B Oxlade
10 am	F Sultana R Gotzman	Luke & Samuel Bourke Jeremiah Dowling	M Varua	J Dowling	P Chang	J Spillane	J Dumas
6 pm	R Kroon D Wellfare	Benjamin & Tho- mas Kroon	K Ryan	K Mowbray	D Lee	D Streher	L Streher

Please pray for those who are sick

Brian Harnett, Therese Fitzgerald, Paul Fitzgerald, Cheryl Davie, Baby William Marr, Peter Francis, Paul Rodgers, Noelene Lilley, Baby Mia, Terry Scully, Sharon Gorrell, Michelle Kay, Leonor Defino, Trish Smith, Mary Dallat, Max Sedl, Gwen Robinson, Martha Dierick, Sr Madeleine, OCD, Lesley Malicki, Anisty Hewitt, Franis Riodan, 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

Rosie Mirbaito, Joyce Jackson and Jerry Sutherland **who died recently** and for Sandra Wade, Annette Hansen, Raymond Cram and Casimiro Sciberras **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for** Mary Rose Guillaumier, Nora and Bernard Wilding, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge and Anthony Refalo.

Ecumenical Worship Service for Christian Unity

Sunday 12th June, 2011 at 2 pm

St Nicholas Church, High Street, Penrith

All Welcome

Come along and join with members of other denominations to pray for Christian Unity.

Sacramental Update

First Communion:

The first communion program has commenced for children in year 4, or for children who have turned 9 years old and above.

The family group sessions has commenced and will run for 4 weeks. The children will then make their First Communion on 18/19 June 2011 during our normal Mass celebration times.

If you are unsure of what Mass you selected for your child/children to make their First Communion please check the notice board in the Church foyer which will display this. It is essential that all children attend their family group sessions each week to prepare for their First Communion. If at any time you can not attend a session, could you please notify me at the office and I will organise another group for you to attend a catch up.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me during school hours in the parish office.

I ask the whole parish community of St Nicholas of Myra, to remember these children and their families in prayer during these weeks of preparation. Anne Tucker

Dear Parishioners,

Please be aware that on a number of occasions the public Toilets at our church have been childishly vandalised. It has caused much inconvenience and waste of resources. I especially ask Parents to supervise children when using these conveniences to prevent silly behaviour like *"the flushing of toilet rolls down the toilet"* Thank you for your cooperation and your continued care of our shared resources.

Fr Chris

PARISH OUTREACH



Pentecost

11th-12th June

Pentecost is the birth day of the Church.

Truly an occasion for a celebration.

Red is the liturgical colour for this day.

Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost.

There has been a long tradition of special celebrations on Pentecost.

This year to celebrate we invite you to.....

'set the community ON FIRE' and wear something RED when you come to Mass.

Next Week's Readings :

Acts 2:1-11 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Parish Prayer

Father, pour out your spirit upon the people of this parish

so that inspired by your Word,

nourished at your table

and graced by your empowering love

our lives may be devoted

to the service of our brothers and sisters

and the building up of your Kingdom.

May our parish community truly be for

this place and time the body of Christ your Son,

through whom we make this prayer.

Amen.

Changes to the Mass

As we are approaching the new implementation of the translation of the Roman Missal, there will be a new Music Mass setting that will also be introduced. In the next coming weeks before Mass the new setting will be played for us to familiarise ourselves with the new tune and words.

*The **Rosary Statue** will be at the home of Evelyn Gray on 1/37A Evan Street, Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. 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

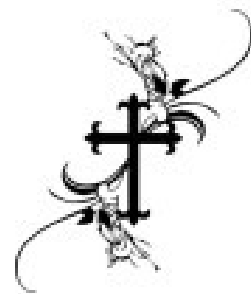
- **Jamison Gardens**

3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.30am

- **Mt View Village**

1st Friday of each month at 10am

***Congratulations :** Sofisa Campora-Kaal, Brock Danby, Oliver Felton, Emma McGinley and Emilija Nikolic who were baptized on 29th May 2011.*



YOUNG ADULTS

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Please continue to pray for the world youth day pilgrims as they prepare for Madrid at the end of August. We will be selling raffle tickets this weekend and next weekend at all the masses - please support the youth through this last fundraiser with some great prizes to be won! (Toyota Yaris Car; \$1000 Gift Certificate; Middle Harbour Coffee Cruise and more). For a full list of the potential prizes please enquire at the pastoral office, check out <http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth> or ask a ticket salesperson after mass.

Upcoming events include:

Sun, June 5, after 6pm mass	Changes to the Mass – video session
Tues, June 7, 7-9pm	WYD diocesan formation (parish hall)
Fri, June 10, 7pm onwards	Vinnies Van (Merrylands)
Sat, June 18, 8.30-11am	Breakfast with Cardinal George Pell (Parramatta)
Sun, June 19, after 6pm mass	Praise, worship + adoration with Inflammé (Church)
Sun, June 26, after 6pm mass	Comments from the Couch with Fr Fernando Montano Rodriguez MG
Sat, July 2, 11am-2pm	WYD pilgrimage final group preparation (TBC)

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).

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Praise the Lord

“Let everything that has breath praise The Lord”
(Ps 150:6)

Come and join us in Penrith on our Monthly Praise and Worship with Bro. Lalith Perera, the Spiritual Director of the Community of the Risen Lord sharing the word live from Colombo, Sri Lanka via skype video cast.

Every 1st Tuesday of the Month from 7:30pm to 9:30pm
Next meeting on the 7th June 2011
At St Nicholas of Myra Church
All are Welcome

For information of the Risen Lord Community in Sydney please contact Charles or Varuni on 4704 8345 / 0431 608 702

Email: varuni.emerson@gmail.com

INFLAME YOUTH

SUNDAYS | 7PM-9PM | PMR4

Hey Parishoner!

Thanks to everyone who been praying for the young people in the parish! Please continue to pray for us as we prepare for World Youth Day.

Upcoming

Sunday 5th June – **Fellowship Feast**

We're going to have a feast...and fellowship!

Sunday 12th June – **Old Skool Video Games Night**

Bring your old CRT monitors and 8-bit soundcards.

Sunday 19th June – **Holy Hour**

Every third Sunday we pray, meditate, reflect and adore in our monthly Holy Hour.

Sunday 22nd June – **Shrine Time**

On the fourth Sunday on the month we visit the Schoenstatt shrine in Mulgoa for prayer, reflection, meditation, praise and worship.

Inflammé 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 – inflammé@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!

Breakfast with the Cardinal and Bishop!

Date: **Saturday 18th June**
Topic: **Culture of Life v Culture of Death**

Guest Speaker: **Cardinal George Pell**
Place: **St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta**

Time: **8:30am-11am**

Cost: **By donation**

*For those who have not already RSVP'd, please do so by **13th June** to*

youth@parra.catholic.org.au for catering purposes. For any enquiries, please call 8838 3418

The flyer for this event can be downloaded at <http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth>
Look forward to seeing you all there!

God Bless,

Fr Suresh Kumar MSFS Diocesan Youth Worker



**A special "DIVINE MERCY"
devotional hour**

**ST NICHOLAS—PENRITH
FRIDAY 10th June, 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

Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway:

Tuesday 7 June

You are invited to join the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish for a visit to the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway, a unique tribute to the bravery of Australian troops. Trip includes a visit to the Schoenstatt Shrine, a place of grace and pilgrimage at Mulgoa, dedicated to Our Lady under the title, Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt.

The shrine is one of more than 195 exact replicas of the original in Germany, where the founder, Fr Kentenich, and a small group of students entered into a covenant of love with Mary. Lunch at King Henry's Court, Penrith, cost \$10. Bus leaves 8.45am from Virgil St & 9am from Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes.

Cost \$30. Bookings: Marie 9896 7046 or Frances 9636 5548.

Nepean Early Intervention Prevention program

under Nepean Youth Accommodation Service based in Penrith are seeking youth mentors in regards to numeracy and literacy tutoring, music lessons, living skills programs and to provide a positive presence. If you know of any young people that would be suitable and interested in becoming a youth mentor with Penrith Youth Refuge please contact the Team Leader, Tracy Hannah on 0403 084 072.

Parish Liturgy Co-ordinator (part time)

The Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes, is seeking a professional leader for the position of Liturgy Co-ordinator who will be part of the Parish's Pastoral Team and be responsible for the development, co-ordination and implementation of a total parish program of worship. Applications are invited from practising Catholics who are active in the life of the Church.

The position entails 12-15 hours per week. For further information and/or application contact: Fr Robert Bossini, PP, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes, NSW, 2145. Tel (02) 9631 8135, bob@olqp.org.au

Applications close: Tuesday 7 June.

Pastoral Practitioner (full time)

St John of God Hospital is looking for a suitably qualified applicant to be part of their Pastoral Services Team. This is permanent position based at Richmond - 38 hours per week.

Position requirements:

- Tertiary qualification in Spirituality, Theology and/or Pastoral Care, Member of or working towards membership of Spiritual Care Australia;
- An effective member of a service delivery team, responsible for an holistic approach to client/patient care;
- Familiarity with current methods of pastoral intervention.

Starting date negotiable. Enquiries can be made to Cathy Scott, Director of Mission, tel (02) 45 70 6217. Please apply via the website www.sjog.org.au/careers <<http://www.sjog.org.au/careers>> Job no. 5067. Applications close: Tuesday 7 June.

The Maltese Cultural Association of NSW

in conjunction with the St Nicholas Festa Committee will be celebrating the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul - MNARJA - at the Parish of the Good Shepherd, 130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton on Sunday 19th June.

1pm Hall opens for the Arts and Crafts exhibition,

2pm Mass with folkloric singing,

3pm entertainment commences at the Hall. Live band, singers, choirs and others.

Plenty of food and drinks available at the canteen.

ENTRY IS FREE FOR EVERYONE.

A great celebration for the whole family.

For details contact Jim Borg 9636 7767 or Marisa 9688 4928.

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Feast Days of the Week

Friday June 11 St Barnabas Apostle

We meet St Barnabas in Acts 4:36-37: 'There was a Levite of Cypriot origin called Joseph whom the apostles surnamed Barnabas.' He was probably converted shortly after Pentecost and while not one of the Twelve, he is regarded like St Paul as an 'apostle'. When the disciples were slow to accept the former persecutor, Saul of Tarsus, 'Barnabas took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles and explained how the Lord had appeared to him.' (Acts 9:27) Founder of the church in Antioch, Barnabas accompanied first Paul and then Mark on taking the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Dialogue for young adults (20s and 30s)

- "Young Adults at Prayer"
- Presented by panel of young adults.
- Bring all the questions that you have about prayer but are too afraid to ask!
- Sunday June 5th, 7:30pm, 2011
- St Francis Xavier Parish Hall
- 19 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay

Join the Band

Our Lady Queen of Peace Maltese Band is a philharmonic band based in Blacktown that plays at many feasts and festivals around Western Sydney. We welcome musicians of any level and experience to join us in a fun, social atmosphere. So if you play a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument or are interested in learning, contact Scott on 0416 114 979 or Antoine on 0405 233 144 .

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Positions vacant

1. Pastoral Associate (part time)

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is seeking applications for the position of Pastoral Assoc. Part-time position (24 hrs/week). The successful applicant will need to demonstrate: an ability to minister on a parish team, a strong commitment to the Catholic faith, an understanding of current issues in the Catholic Church in Australia in relation to parish life and ministry, strong communication skills, a capacity for strategic thinking, a commitment to collaborative processes and relevant qualifications in areas of theology and pastoral ministry. Contact Parish Office for information pack:

(02) 9631 3316 (Tues-Fri). Applications must include names and contact details for at least two referees, one of whom must be your parish priest. Closing date: Friday 24 June 2011.

2. Parish Liturgy Co-ordinator (part time)

The Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, is seeking a professional leader for the position of Liturgy Co-ordinator who will be part of the Parish's Pastoral Team and be responsible for the development, co-ordination and implementation of a total parish program of worship. Applications are invited from practising Catholics who are active in the life of the Church.

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'Let Your Light Shine' at Pentecost: Sunday 12 June

'Let Your Light Shine' is the theme for the Pentecost celebration at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Worship, Praise, Teachings, Eucharist, Prayer Ministry, Benediction, BBQ lunch, fellowship. Speakers: Fr Elias Vella from Malta and Diana Mascarenhas from India. Starts at noon. OLQP Parish, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Details (02) 9631 4917.

Theology on Tap: Monday 13 June

Get to know Sydney's new Bishop. Speaker: Rev Peter A Comensoli (Auxiliary Bishop-elect, Archdiocese of Sydney). Note change of venue: The Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall Street, Parramatta. Time: 6.30pm. Details: www.theologyontap.com.au

Patrician Brothers' Blacktown Old Boys' Reunion:

24 June Reunion for classes 1952-2002 - '50 Years of Pat's Boys!' Time: 7pm-11:30pm.

Where: Blacktown Workers' Club Auditorium. Tickets: \$50 (incl. 3-course meal). Single tickets or organise a table of 10. Bookings: Pauline Field at the school tel (02) 9671 3000.

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

'Catholic Outlook' June issue

- Silver Jubilee Mass coverage
- Internet a new frontier for Fr Ted Tyler
- Inter-church taskforce to tackle problem gambling
- Catholic Schools Week coverage
- Nearly 300 pilgrims from our Diocese register for WYD Madrid

Catholic Weekly 5 June 2011

- Child beauty show 'exploits little girls'
- Remove offensive 'prophet of Islam' signs, says bishop
- Artist 'blown away' by Domus art project
- Papers presented on sainthood cause for Fulton
- BER – Building the Education Revolution – school feature
- Parramatta anniversary – bishop's homily
- The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey

Charismatic Mass, followed by prayer for healing and individual ministry.
2:30pm, Sunday 5th June 2011.

Celebrant: Fr. Geoffrey Coombe MGL. St Nicholas of Myra Church,
High St, Penrith (Entry via Higgins St).

All welcome!



Compeer

a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society

Can you spare just an hour a week to help someone who is lonely? Imagine how difficult life might be for someone who is living with a mental illness, who feels socially isolated and wants to reconnect with their community? You can help reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and provide a supportive social opportunity and genuine friendship to someone who is looking for a new friend.

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 and improving their self-esteem.

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 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, compassionate and emotionally mature **male volunteers aged between 35 and 70 years** to be matched with a male friend in your area. The next volunteer training sessions will be held over two consecutive Saturdays at Lewisham in June – 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.



**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)

This week at

St Nic's

Monday 6 June

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

Tuesday 7 June

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 8 June

7.30 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 9 June

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 10 June

7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 11 June

St Barnabas, apostle

Sunday 12 June

Pentecost Sunday

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.

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.