



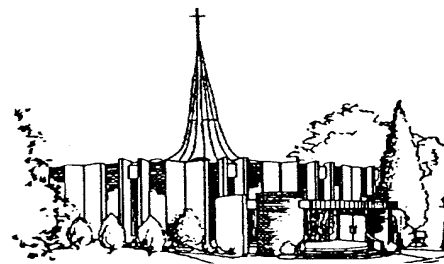
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Principal Phone : 4721 2623

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 : In PMR1

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time : 6th November 2011

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come before you, Lord; listen, and answer me.

First Reading : *Wisdom 6:12-16 The ancient writer tells us how bright a gift is wisdom and how much God wishes to impart it.*

Response to the Psalm : My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

Second Reading : *Thessalonians 4:13-18 The death and resurrection of Jesus is our insight into the promise of everlasting life.*

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready; you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel : *Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus tells a story to urge us to be wise. Let every day find us dressed for action, with lamps and oil to spare.*

Communion Antiphon : The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he gives me rest, he leads me beside the waters of peace.

Congratulations : Mr Michael Siciliano, newly appointed Principal at Mary MacKillop Primary School, South Penrith.

He replaces Mrs Anne Corrigan and we thank her for her dedication to the school and our parish. We wish her every success in her future.

Fr Chris.

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

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 12/13 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	D Wellfare D Cocksedge	Rachel, Samuel & Joshua Vella	A Smith	M Prendeville	J Vella	C Coyte	M Xiberras
7 am	J Sweeney		G Nunn	S Paterson	S Sweeney	D Friend	A Pace
8.30 am	J Jordan B Doughan	Siobhan Meally Jeremiah Dowling	D Scully	K Smith	M Doughan B Keavy	P Morson L Olander	M Stynes R Bryan B Oxlade
10 am	H McCann C Foley	Luke & Samuel Bourke	J Dowling	A Hewitt	J Dumas	M Rivet	
6 pm	V Graham Brian D'Lima	Glen Wambeek	K Mowbray	L Hooker	R Marsh	D Lee	L McConnell

Please pray for those who are sick

Sandra Ryan, Maddison, 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

Please pray for James Doyle and Ericas Nardi who died recently and also for all those whose names have been entered in the Book of Remembrance.

Next Week's Readings :

*Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30*

Congratulations : Harley Vlaar and Chloe Leggatt who was baptized on 30 October, 2011.



CONGRATULATIONS
Helen & Steve Williams
on your 30th Wedding Anniversary.

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 BIRTHDAY

Betty Keavy
Rhonda Shirvington

PARISH OUTREACH



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

During the past months, the Parish Council identified a need for a formal document outlining the guidelines and protocols for the Extraordinary Ministry of the Eucharist in our Parish. These guidelines have now been documented. To facilitate induction into this ministry's new guidelines, a meeting has been arranged for

Tuesday 22nd November, 2011 at 7.30 pm in PM R 1.

At this meeting, the new guidelines and protocols will be explained in relation to the sacredness of the ministry.

"The ministry of Holy Communion by Extraordinary Ministers requires proper disposition, good Christian living and ongoing training".

George Cardinal Pell, 2003

It is imperative that all extraordinary ministers attend this meeting in order to become familiar with the new guidelines. If, for some reason, you are unable to attend please contact the number below to make alternative arrangements.

A copy of the document will be given to each minister at the meeting.

Mairead Stynes (47322878)

Rosary Statue will be at the home of John & Dorcas Netter at 12 York Road, Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.



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FRIDAY 11th November, 2011
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- **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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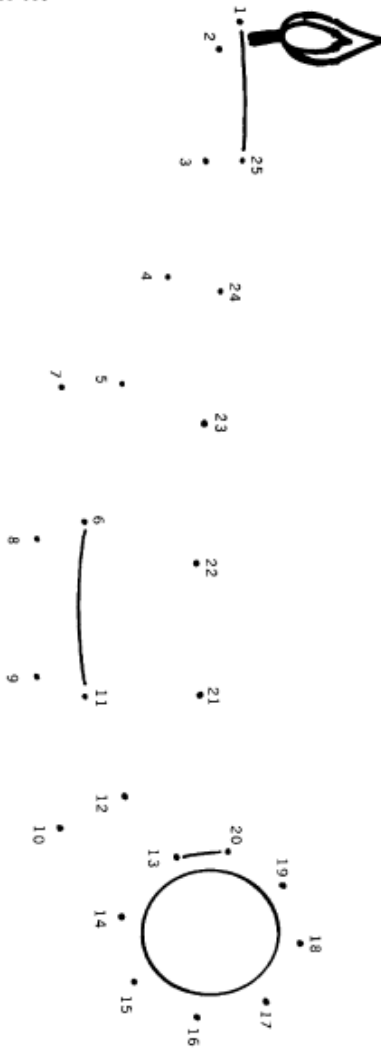
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Children's Corner

Finish The Picture. Today's Gospel story tells about some people who were waiting outside, in the middle of the night, for a friend to come. Here is a picture of something they were holding while they waited. Connect all the numbers to see what it is.



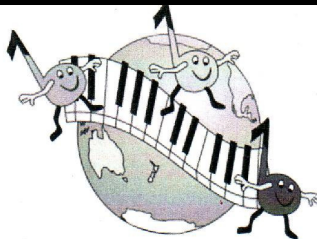
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RCIA News... More information: Ina & Norman Heffernan 47 321 751
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process that makes it possible for adults to be received into the Catholic Church.



UNDERSTANDING THE RCIA

a journey for the entire parish

During the Vigil Mass last Saturday evening we celebrated the first of the RCIA Rites - the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming Candidates.

Congratulations to: Irene Soo, Daniel Braid and Deanna Bayliss who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil next Year, and to Lisa Howell who will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Precatechumenate Catechesis

The invitation to follow the Catholic way of life must be given gradually, convincingly, prayerfully, and with humility. This is the mission of the pre-catechumenate period - the first part of the RCIA process. During this period, according to the guidelines in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, each inquirer "should receive help and attention so that they may purify their intentions and clarify their desire to cooperate with God's grace" (RCIA 38).

Initial conversion, the beginning of faith, is the goal of this period.

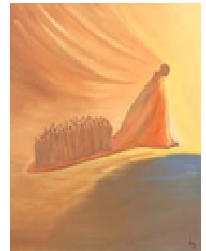
Conversion is a progressive process, involving various stages of change and involves a change in mindset **from something** combined with a **turning towards something else** - that is conversion to Jesus Christ".

This 'turning' occurs in many areas, including:

- **In prayer** ~ discovering conversation with God.
- **In communio** ~ seeking relationships and the experience of Christian Witness within the Church community.
- **In the moral life** ~ living out their growing Christian convictions.
- **In perspective** ~ learning to see things through a Catholic worldview.
- **In seeking and study** ~ growing in hunger for the knowledge of God.

The pre-catechumenate period has as its mission to influence Inquirers in each of these areas. The pre-catechumenate period is not to be viewed as something less than a time to foster initial conversion. It is much more than a preliminary "social" introduction to the parish, and has a clearly defined, catechetical and pastoral mission.

In the next RCIA meeting we will talk about: PRAYER - purpose and practicalities



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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.

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 6 November 2011

- Win \$1000 for yourself ... and \$1000 for your parish
- Detention death – Govt policy 'inhuman', says priest
- Charitable Works Fund – Pastoral Appeal supplement
- Timor posting 'a blessing in disguise' for Fr Peter
- Back to school for the Mullins boys

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

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

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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.

Vocations Reflection Afternoon

All young men interested in finding out about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life are welcome to attend a Vocations Reflection Afternoon.

This will be a time of input, discussion, quiet time and prayer.

Date: Sunday 20 November

Location: Our Lady of the Angels Parish Rouse Hill, 1 Wellgate Ave Kellyville

Time: Starts 2pm and concludes with dinner at 6pm

Please invite any young men who may be interested in coming, they do not have to be thinking of joining next year, maybe just wondering.

Contact Fr Warren Edwards, Vocations Director if you would like to come.

Mob: 0409 172 700

Ph: 8883 4063

Email: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

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

A morning of quiet reflection at the Grail Centre

22 McHatton St, North Sydney, on Wednesday 16 November, 10am to 12 noon. Theme: Looking for Wisdom. There will be time for silent meditation on scripture and the opportunity to share thoughts in a group. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Tricia Gemmell (9436 3447 or pgemmell@tpg.com.au) or the Grail Centre (9955 3053) or ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au.

The Blue Mountain Centre for Religious Enquiry will be conducting its next forum entitled "Wisdom of the Idiots" on Sunday, 13 November in the Santa Maria Hall, next to the Catholic Church on the Great Western Highway at Lawson from 2 till 4pm. The guest speaker will be Shaykh Ibrahim Ansari a Sufi elder teacher of the Ansari Sufi Order. Sufism is an ancient spiritual tradition that has its modern roots in Islam and is a way of learning how to access direct knowledge from the heart. Admittance is free and everyone is welcome. Parking is available in Somers Street and some areas on the church grounds.

Mount Carmel Retreat Centre

Weekend Retreat on November 18-20, 2011 (Friday PM- Sunday PM)

"A Map of Life"

Lost your GPS? Google Maps have let you down! St. John of the Cross offers us a roadmap for journeying through life's ups and downs.. (Fr. Greg Homeming, OCD)

Location: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St. Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566 : Tel. no. 9603-1433

Feast Days of the Week

Wed Nov 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The anniversary of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, erected by the Emperor Constantine in 333, has been observed on November 9 since the twelfth century. This is the oldest, and ranks first among the four great "patriarchal" basilicas of Rome. The official cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, the Lateran Basilica is a symbol of the unity of the Church.

Its altar stands alone among all the altars of the Catholic world in being built of wood and not of stone, and enclosing no relics of any kind. The reason for this peculiarity is that it is itself a relic of a most interesting kind, being the actual wooden altar upon which St Peter is believed to have celebrated Mass during his residence in Rome.

Thur Nov 10 St Leo the Great c.400 - 461

St Leo the Great, born in Tuscany, was Pope from 440 to 461. He persuaded Emperor Valentinian to recognize the primacy of the Bishop of Rome in an edict in 445. The Council of Chalcedon, which he called in 451, affirmed the full humanity and full divinity of Jesus as the expression of Catholic Faith concerning the Person of Christ. All historical treatises eulogize his efforts during the upheaval of the fifth century barbarian invasion. His encounter with Attila the Hun, at the gates of Rome persuading him to turn back, remains a memorial to his great eloquence.

Fri Nov 11 St Martin of Tours c.316 - 397

Born in Pavia, Italy, to pagan parents, Martin became a catechumen in his early teens. At age 15 he joined the Roman army, where once on horseback he encountered a beggar. Having nothing to give but the clothes on his back, he cut his heavy officer's cloak in half, and gave half to the beggar. Later he had a vision of Christ wearing the cloak. A hermit and monk for ten years, he was declared Bishop of Tours by popular acclamation in 371 – and was the first non-martyr to be given the status of a saint.

Sat Nov 12 St Josaphat Kuncevcy c.1580-1623

Born in the little town of Volodymyr in Lithuania. In 1609, after private study under the Jesuit Fabricius, Josaphat was ordained priest. He subsequently became superior in several monasteries, and on 12 November, 1617, was reluctantly consecrated Bishop of Vitebsk, with right of succession to the Archbishopric of Polotsk. He became archbishop in 1618. Josaphat, an Eastern Rite bishop, is held up as a martyr to church unity because he died trying to bring part of the Orthodox Church into union with Rome.

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This week at

St Nic's

Monday 7 November

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

Tuesday 8 November

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

Wednesday 9 November

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 10 November

St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall
5.30 pm RCIC Meeting - PMR1

Friday 11 November

St Martin of Tours, bishop
7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 12 November

St Josaphat, bishop, martyr

Sunday 13 November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7 pm Inflamm Youth Group - PMR4

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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.