



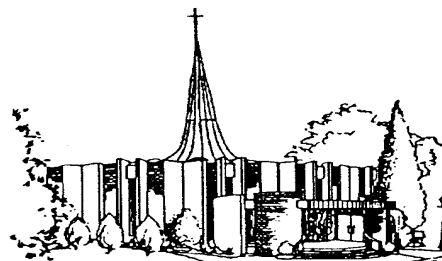
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Mrs Anne Hines,

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 7 pm
Wednesday 9.30 am
Thursday 9.30 am
Friday 12.10 pm
Saturday 9.00 am

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time : 9th October 2011

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it? But you are forgiving, God of Israel.

First Reading : *Isaiah 25:6-10 On the mountain of Zion, God celebrates the end of death in a banquet with all peoples, whose sorrow and suffering are removed forever.*

Response to the Psalm : I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading : *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 The apostle Paul is in prison, yet even there rejoices in God and in his companions for the strength and equanimity to accept whatever befalls him.*

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel : *Matthew 22:1-14 God's kingdom is described as being like a great feast to which everyone, both bad and good, is invited, but not everyone accept the invitation.*

Communion Antiphon : The rich suffer want and go hungry, but nothing shall be lacking to those who fear the Lord.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There are a few changes to the Mass times next week, due to the fact that we will only have Fr John in the Parish. These changes are :

Monday 10th October 9.30 am Tuesday 11th October 7 pm Wednesday 12th October 9.30 am

Thursday 13th October 9.30 am Friday 14th October 12.10 pm Saturday 15th October 9.00 am

The week end Masses have not been changed.

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 15/16 October, 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 Cocksedge M Pletkan	Claire & David Pletkan Jordan & Joshua Lay	K McNamara	C Lay	M James	A Calub	N Calub
7 am	D Wiggins		K Masters	G Nunn	G Wiggins	J McSpadden	D Friend
8.30 am	F Sultana C Foley	Gabrielle Isaaks	V Sultana	P Nematalla	R Bryan B Oxlade	C Bullock D Bullock	P Wheller P Morson
10 am	E Thomas J Tabone	Simone Dawson Ethan Klanert	D Scully	P Samuela	J Dumas	M Ryan	O Bonnaire
6 pm	V Graham R Kroon	Noah, Elijah & Jonah Gilbert	B Beath	A Falleiro	R Marsh	M Herrick	L McConnell

Please pray for those who are sick

Lorraine Phibbs, Alan Newman, Evelyn Gray, Alister Bout, Paul Williams, Shirley Junge, Danielle Xerri, Otti Olszewski, Patrick & Cathy Clarke, Karen Titheradge, Hilda Murray, Ivana Secolo, Angela Zecick, Bill Rohan (Junior), Ken Schneiders, Margaret MaGoldrick, 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, 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

Janina Sztelma, Alberta Delgado Cabandon, Manuel Mendoza, Zaldy Bautista, Estrella Dela Cruz, Margaret Kennedy, Len Clark, William Beckhof and Geoffrey Hewitt **who died recently** and for Edward Harrison, Tony Brady, Frank Mintoff, Sonnie Langan, Ricardo Guballa, Patrick Gale, Elaine Nicholson, Trevor Ross and Ursula & Austin Hewitt **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for** Mary Rose Guillaumier, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge, Tania Felice, Bernard and Norah Wilding, Trinidad Gibbons and Andrew Harnett.

Next Week's Readings :

*Isaiah 45:1,4-6
Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21*

Sacramental News



On Thursday 13 October 2011 there will be an information evening about Baptism for children 7 years and older. **Bookings are essential** for this meeting. So if your child is not yet Baptised, and is 7 years old this year, why not contact St Nicholas Parish Office and find out a bit more about the preparation for Baptism. Contact : Anne Tucker 4721 2509 or email sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

Alice O'Hare

Congratulations : Lennon Connolly, Madison Greenup, Isaac Membreno, Lily Rayment and Sienna Wilkinson who were baptized on 2 October, 2011

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

Rosary Statue will be at the home of Chris & Kath Pemberton at 21 Henderson Cr. Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.



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YOUNG ADULTS



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Thank you to Seth for talking to the youth about “No Salvation Outside the Church” We learned so much stuff that we haven’t learned before.

Upcoming events include:

Sunday 9th of October - 2pm: Parish Retreat

Sunday 9th of October after 6pm mass: Prayer Night- Bringing the needs of the community to the Lord

Sunday 16th of October after 6pm mass: Adoration with Praise and Worship: spend some time in the Lord’s presence with Holy Hour, Praise and Worship.

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).

FAITH DEVELOPMENT & FORMATION



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

Catechetical Aspect of the RCIA

During the Precatechumenate, the responsibility of priests, deacons and laity is to ensure the inquirers are exposed to a proper explanation of the Gospel. The Gospel is God’s revelation of Himself and His love of humanity, together with His plan of salvation for the world.



Therefore the elements of the Gospel in the precatechumenate are:

- Revelation:** Who is God (*Three Divine Persons—Trinity*) and what does God want.
- Scripture:** God’s revelation of Himself and His Plan of salvation - our unity with Him.
- Our Sin:** The loss of God’s life within us – separation from God.
- Jesus:** Salvation from sin through Jesus - re-union with God and humanity.
- Salvation:** Through the Paschal Mystery, our sins are forgiven and our close spiritual relationship with God is possible.
- The Church:** Through the Church we receive the seven sacraments – God’s Divine Life within us.
- The Christian life:** Believing, hoping, trusting, loving.

Through the answering of questions, sharing our stories, and focusing on the Gospel, the seeds of conversion are planted – faith and initial conversion lead the person away from sin and toward the mystery of God’s love. Continuing conversion is the heart of ongoing faith formation, and is the nucleus of the Catholic way of life.

In the next RCIA meeting we will talk about: WHO is Jesus - history, humanity, divinity

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INFLAME YOUTH

SUNDAYS | 7PM-9PM | PMR4

Last Sunday was our monthly *Theology on the Couch* session. A monthly gathering where we explore some of the deeper and controversial theological points of our faith. Last Sunday we explored the ancient axiom of the Church, that there is no salvation to be found outside of the Church (that is, the mystical body of Christ). We left encouraged by the mercy and sovereignty of God, but at the same time challenged to be constantly evangelising, not just through our words, but by the way we live our lives.

Upcoming

Sunday 9th October – **BBQ after Mass**

Join us for a BBQ dinner at Adrian's house after mass.

Sunday 16th October – **Inflame Holy Hour**

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

Sunday 23rd – **Shrine Time**

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

Sunday 30th – **Diner Outing**

We're heading out to Panarotti's after Mass.

Inflame 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 – inflame@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!

DIOCESAN OUTREACH

St Nicholas of Myra School – Supporting your parish school

- **Coles Vouchers** – please collect vouchers from Coles (blue and red tickets) until October 18 and return to the school. The school will redeem these vouchers for some much needed sporting equipment.
- **Woolworths** – Earn and Learn Points – these are noted at the bottom of your receipts. Simply cut off the section containing the Earn and Learn Points and return to the school. These points will be redeemed for educational resources. This offer runs until October 18.
- **Both** Coles Vouchers and Woolworths Earn and Learn Points can be posted to the school, St Nicholas of Myra PO Box 265 Penrith 2751

Thanks for your support!

Penrith Community Kitchen

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.

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Family Fair & Bush Dance: 28 October

Join the parish community of Our Lady of the Angels and enjoy all the fun of the fair: show bags, pony rides, plant stall, white elephant stall, Indian, Italian & Middle Eastern food. Time: 5-10.30pm includes fireworks at 9pm. Cost: \$20 per family. Where: Our Lady of the Angels Parish, 1 Wellgate Ave, Kellyville.

The Friends of "Providence House" in Malta

("Dar tal-Providenza") have organised a 21 day tour for the purpose of raising funds for this institution. Leaves Sydney 5th May 2012 then – **4 Night** stopover in Bangkok, **8 Day tour** from Paris to Italy, **7 Night Cruise** of the Mediterranean stopping in Naples, Palermo, Tunis, Barcelona, Marseilles and Genoa. We then fly from Milan to Malta if you wish. **Total cost from \$6890**, which includes all airfares/taxes & surcharges, daily breakfast & dinner on tour, all Hotel accommodation twin share, luxury coach and tour director and all that's included in the Tour itinerary. All main meals on the **MSC Fantasia**. For information or brochure contact Tour Leader, Jim Borg on 9636 7767 or 0418 825591.

Theology on Tap: 10 October

Fr Alexander Sherbrooke (on tour from London) is the speaker at Theology on Tap on Monday 10 October. TOT is a casual and relaxed forum where friends from all walks of life gather for straight talk, hard facts and real answers on our faith and how it applies to daily life. Come for a listen and invite your friends, especially those wanting to learn more (or debate) about the Catholic faith. Fire off the questions you have never had the opportunity to ask. The Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall St, Parramatta. Time: 6.30pm. Details: www.theologyontap.com.au

Charismatic Healing Mass followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry. **2:30pm Sunday 16th October @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys.** Celebrant: Paul Glynn SM, author of many books including 'A song for Nagasaki' & 'The Smile of a Ragpicker'. All Welcome!

Anti-Poverty Week from 16 - 22 October, 2011

Web site: www.antipovertyweek.org.au

The Week focuses on poverty around the world, especially in the poorest countries but also in wealthier countries such as Australia. Its main aims are to strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and within Australia, and to encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems.

The Maltese Language School of NSW,

a division of The Maltese Community Council of NSW, invites new students to join one of its classes for Term 4 held on Saturday mornings at Horsley Park and Wednesday evenings at Seven Hills for fast learning of the Maltese language and culture. Teachers also required. For all enquiries please contact Maria on 0416 119 100 malteselanguageschoolnsw@hotmail.com.

PARISH SECRETARY (TEMPORARY) – HOLY SPIRIT, ST CLAIR

As the Parish Secretary will be on maternity leave during the first half of 2012, a vacancy exists for the part-time position of Parish Secretary (Temporary) commencing on 30 January 2012 for a maximum period of 6 months. Suitably qualified persons are invited to apply. For more details and copy of the position description, please contact the Holy Spirit Parish Office on 9670 8222 or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au. Applications close on Friday 28 October 2011.

Tools for Parents

FREE Workshops & Groups for Dads & Mums/ Primary Carers of children 0-12 years with FREE Childcare.
Bookings 4588 3502 Mon-Thursday or email: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au
"Making Step-families work" Wednesday 26th October, 2011 from 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm.
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MALTESE STYLE SPIN-A-WHEEL FETE

The traditional "Maltese Spring Fete" organised by the
Saint Nicholas Festa Committee will be held on
Sunday **23 October 2011** at the Good Shepherd Parish
Hall,

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton (*opp the shopping
centre*). Entertainment by the

The Falcons Band. Hall opens at **2:00pm**. Entry &
parking free & plenty of traditional Maltese food & drinks
available. Free paddle pops for all the children.
Everyone is welcome.

Blue Mountain Centre for Religious Enquiry

Forum: 16 October

In 2007-08 the Blue Mountain Centre for Religious
Enquiry conducted occasional forums on a Sunday
afternoon in Lawson. These forums will recommence in
October. Initially, members of the Blue Mountains
Interfaith Group will be invited to describe their faith.
The scope of religious enquiry is seen to include
science and humanities. Speakers at the first forum will
be John D'Arcy May and several Buddhist practitioners
in the Blue Mountains. John D'Arcy May is known
internationally for his involvement in Christian Buddhist
dialogue. Admittance is free and everyone is welcome.
Venue: Our Lady of the Nativity Church, Great Western
Highway, Lawson, at 1pm on Sunday 16 October.

Life in the Spirit Seminar : 29th October 2011

"I came that they might have life and have it to the full"
St John 10:10

Venue: St Ezekiel Convent, 174 Hill End Road, Doon-
side

Time: 8.30 am to 5.00 pm

Hosted by: Living Word Servant Community

For enquiries call Salve 0414 946 412 or

Terry on 0407 296 399

Josephite Associates Next meeting will be held on
Wednesday 19th October at 10.15 am in PMR1.
Contact number 4732 6732.

BEREAVEMENT Support Group – PENRITH

The Solo Parent Ministry within CatholicCare Social
Services offers a variety of Programs and Workshops for
those who are widowed, separated or divorced. On the
second Wed of each month (from June – Nov) at the
Parish Centre in Penrith, we offer a series of Workshops
for those who have suffered the death of their spouse or
partner. We provide an opportunity for sharing on topics
that are relevant to those who are trying to come to a
deeper understanding and acceptance of their loss and
its impact on their lives.

Bookings are essential: Ph 99330222.

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
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www.sydneycatholic.org/yafc or contact
yafc@sydneycatholic.org.

St Mary MacKillop - Musical Tribute - 16th October
2011, 2pm – 4 pm.

The Chapel Musicians will be presenting a Musical
Tribute to St Mary MacKillop on Sunday, 16th October in
the Isabel Menton Theatre, Mary MacKillop Place, corner
Mount & William Streets, North Sydney.

The programme (vocal and instrumental) will include a
mix of classical, popular and sacred music.

Tickets @ \$25 each (includes champagne & canapés)
may be purchased from Museum Reception, or by
contacting 8912 4878, or mackillop@sosj.org.au.

Retreat Day with MGL Sisters: 22 October

Join the Missionaries of God's Love for a retreat day at
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Details: For further information contact the Sisters
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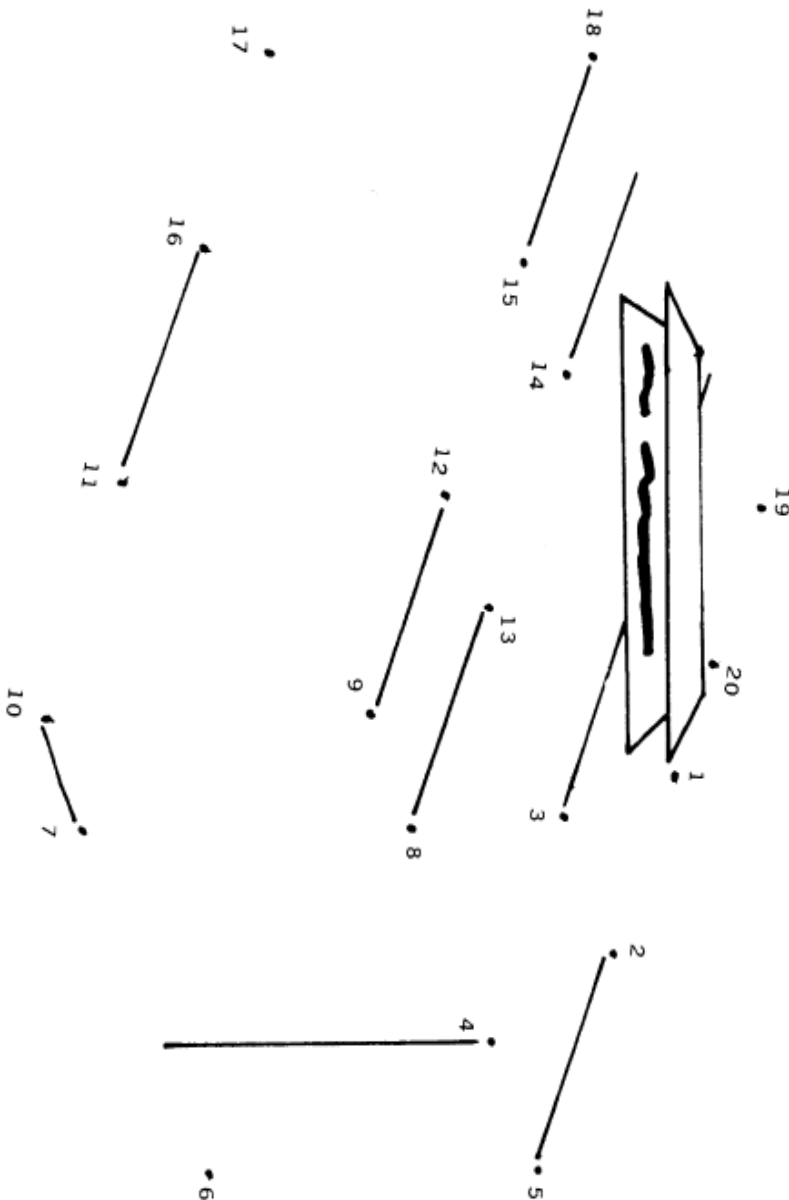
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8pm), Thu 3 & Fri 4 Nov (8pm), Sat 5 Nov (1pm & 4pm)
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Children's Corner

Finish The Picture. Today's Gospel story is about a king who gave a wedding party for his son. If you were invited to the party, what would you take with you? Finish the picture below to see something you could take.



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 10 October

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

Tuesday 11 October

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 12 October

7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 13 October

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

Friday 14 October

7 pm AA Meeting - Hall1

Saturday 15 October

St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), virgin, doctor

Sunday 16 October

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 pm Parish Retreat - Hall
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.