



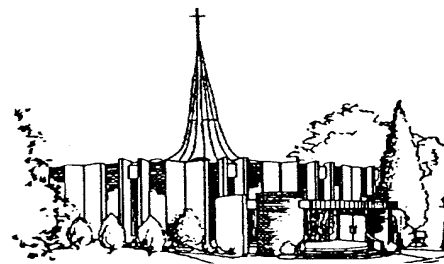
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Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday 7.00am, 8.30am,
10.00am, 6.00pm

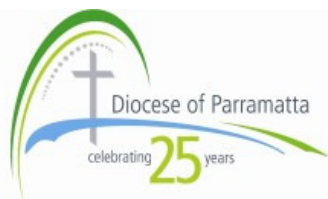
Reconciliation:

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



4th Sunday of Lent : Year A

3rd April 2011

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

First Reading : *Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Last but not least, the boy, David, is chosen to be king. God's ways are different from ours.*

Response to the Psalm : The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading : *Ephesians 5:8-14 Paul reminds the Ephesians how they were once in darkness. To be in Christ is to live in the lights.*

Gospel Acclamation : Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel : *John 9:1-41 The dynamic story of the man born blind, and the wilful blindness of those who think they see.*

Communion Antiphon : The Lord rubbed my eyes: I went away and washed then I could see, and I believed in God.

Next Week's Readings : *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

Romans 8:8-1

John 11:1-45

PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for the different ministries for the week end 9/10 April, 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 W Limjap	Samuel & Joshua Vella David Limjap	K Smith	S Falleiro	L De Bono	R De Bono	J Powell
7 am	A Ruzgas		A Johnston	G Nunn	D Friend	A Pace	A Scibberas
8.30 am	E Thomas B Doughan	Jordan & Joshua Lay	C Lay	K McNamara	M Doughan M Le Fevre	G Burns M Stynes	B Oxlade 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	Benjamin & Thomas Kroon Glen Wambeek		J Laffan	L McConnell	R Marsh	C Rondeau

Please pray for those who are sick

Kath Shipway, Trish Smith, Mary Dallat, Joe Hewitt, Max Sedl, Gwen Robinson, Martha Dierick, Sr Madeleine, OCD, Lesley Malicki, Anisty Hewitt, Franis Riodan, Marianne Goc-ong, Thomas Meehan, Gwen Robinson, Noeleen Morris, Millie Bugden, Linda Moran, Marie Rivet, Gwen Witton, Norma Addison, 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

Patrick Bourke, Kevin Murphy, Walter Ranawake, Michael Barrett, Michael Dodd and Barry Honeywood **who died recently** and Terry Baskett, Paul Price, Alex Sarkany, Bruno Valentini, Lola Marcella Barnett, Ken Minney, Bill Baldwin, Gaye and Victor Jordan Tuballa, Grace DeBono and Kellie Ann Potts **whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for** Mary Rose Guillaumier, Andrew Harnett, Nora and Bernard Wilding, Mary Armstrong, Reg Levinge and Tania Felice.

The Rosary Statue will be at the home of Polly Melder at 1/43 Evan Street, Penrith and the Rosary will be said at 7 pm. All welcome.



Congratulations to Maryanne and Steve Williams on the birth of their first grandchild, Zac first child to Clare (Williams) and Shane Willemse.

Diocesan Works Fund collection for 2010 will take place at all Masses next week end 9/10 April 2011. All donations over \$ 2/- are tax deductible. Our quota for this collection is \$ 11,256.

Young at Heart :

The next meeting is on Wednesday 6th April. Please feel free to bring along



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

Jessie Borg

Lenten Devotions and New Translation of the Mass

In this Season of Lent, we will be implementing some of the new translations of the Roman Missal in Mass. As we reflect on our relationship with God and others, let us take this time to reflect and take a closer look at the Mass.

On the Fridays of Lent, in the Church, we will be giving liturgical formation (new translation of the mass) and Lenten Devotions.

8th April : 7:30pm - 8:30pm
15th April : 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Also after each Sunday Mass in Lent we will be playing a 5 minute video explaining the new translation. We do encourage all parishioners to come and begin a journey of rediscovering the meaning of the Mass.

PARISH OUTREACH

Sacramental Program First Reconciliation

Our preparation for the Sacrament of Penance is now completed.

All of the children have attended their family group sessions and practice for the celebration of their First Reconciliation.

The children will make their First Reconciliation under the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation either on Wednesday, 6 April at 7:00pm or during Holy Week on Tuesday, 19 April at 7:00pm.

Any child who is currently in year 4 or above will then be invited to join the Sacramental program and prepare for their First Holy Communion. A letter will be distributed to the children who are eligible. The first parent session will be on Wednesday, 4 May at 7:00pm.

I would like to thank all of the facilitators who have contributed with the parents in preparing these children to make their First Reconciliation.

Anne Tucker



**A special "DIVINE MERCY"
devotional hour
ST NICHOLAS—PENRITH
FRIDAY 8th April
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**

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS AT 2.30pm Sunday 1st May 2011 at St Nicholas of Myra

- * Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- * The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- * Homily and Benediction
- * Stations of the Cross
- * Reconciliation
- * DIVINE MERCY MASS AT 6PM

Afternoon tea 4.30pm-5.15pm

The Governor Phillip Special Hospital is soon to be taken over and enlarged as a Nursing Home and other Aged Care facilities. Several of our parish people have administered Pastoral Care over many years. Recently four ladies

- Odette Bonnaire
- Marie Rivett
- Margaret Condon
- Betty Keavy (35 years service)

who are presently volunteers in that home received Certificates of Appreciation from Governor Phillip Hospital and N.S.W. Health and will continue to work as volunteers under the new Banner. *Congratulations ladies*

**Amendment : Fundraising : Recipe Book
Please be advised that the final date for submitting
recipes is Sunday 1st May, 2011.**

**Congratulations : Madalyn Bunce, Jayden Crye,
Zachary Debrincat, Claire Fairbrother and Harper
Shaw** who were Baptised on the 27th March, 2011.

'Why Pray?' A talk by challenging speaker,
Sr Hilda Scott OSB, of the Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo.
7.30pm Sunday 3rd April, St Francis Xavier's Church,
Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay.
Primarily for Young Adults, part of the Dialogue series,
'Adventures in Prayer - Pushing the Boundaries'.

YOUNG ADULTS

flock99

Thank you to those who have bought sausages and tasty home-baked treats to help raise money for the 9 WYD pilgrims from our parish. The parish support has been overwhelming!

Thank you to Jude for speaking with us about our call to share the Good News with the world. It can be so easy to forget that we all share in the responsibility of evangelisation no matter how hard it can be at times.

This week – Sun, April 3, 7.15-8.30pm:

Daniel Ang continues to lead our formation sessions exploring our Catholic faith and its application in our lives today.

Upcoming events include:

Sun, April 3, 7.15-8.30pm

Formation with DA : Mission and Evangelization
Vinnies Van (Penrith + Parramatta)

Fri, April 8, 7-11pm

Diocesan Palm Sunday youth celebrations (Parramatta)

Sun, April 17, 6pm

Stations of the Cross

Fri, April 22

Sun, May 1, 7.15

Formation with DA

Fri, May 6 – Sun, May 8

flock99 retreat (Katoomba)

The next Vinnies Van training day will be Saturday, May 7. If you are interested in participating in this ministry then let us know – it is a great way to reach out into the community and is always an experience!

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).



St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith
Easter Programme

Holy Week

Monday (18th April 2011)

9.30 am Mass

Individual reconciliation 10.00 am – 11.00 am

Tuesday (19th April 2011)

6.45 am Mass

Individual reconciliation 10.00 am – 11.00 am

2nd rite reconciliation 7.00 pm **NO 7 pm Mass**

Wednesday (20th April 2011)

6.45 am and 9.30 am Mass

Individual reconciliation 10.00 am – 11.00 am

HOLY THURSDAY (21st April 2011)

Individual reconciliation 10.00 am – 11.00 am

7.00pm (only) **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration**
(until 10.30 pm)

GOOD FRIDAY (22nd April 2011)

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

individual reconciliation after 3.00 pm service for 1 hr

HOLY SATURDAY (23rd April 2011)

NO reconciliation and NO Mass

7.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY (24th April 2011)

7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 6.00 pm Mass



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

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THIS WEEKEND we celebrate the Second of the THREE SCRUTINIES. Scrutinies and exorcisms are special ritual prayers of the Church which strengthen the Elect in preparation for baptism. Each of the three Scrutinies is intended to bring a growth in holiness to those who would become Catholics and also for the Parish community

Scrutinies are celebrated in order to:

- Deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan
- Protect them against temptation
- Give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. (John 14:6)
- Help complete the conversion of the elect
- Deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ
- To carry out their decision to love God above all.



On the **3rd, 4th and 5th** Sundays of Lent the Gospels we hear proclaimed, **living water for the Samaritan woman, light for the blind man, life and freedom for Lazarus** - all baptismal images, and great conversion stories, and as such are

appropriate for the RCIA..

We also challenged to take a long careful look (*scrutinise*) at ourselves and our community. Are we truly a community which offers Christ's living water, light and life? The scrutiny prayers proclaim God's triumph over evil, and the freedom that is ours through forgiveness and reconciliation. The prayers focus on God's love and merciful compassion for all of us.

Scrutinies encourage us to recognise the presence of sin and its effects on us, our world, and our church. At the same time, they reassure us that Christ is more powerful than the worst evil. They show particularly that no sin is beyond the merciful forgiveness of Christ.

The Scrutinies are primarily for the Elect, but we can all take a lesson from their journey.

The Presentations:

Interspersed among the three scrutinies we have the **Presentation of the Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer**. These presentations publicly celebrate the handing on of the tradition of faith and prayer to the Elect by the community.

Please also continue to pray for the RCIA during the next few weeks as we continue out journey to Easter.

PRAYER FOR RCIA

*God our Father,
you send out your Spirit
to touch the hearts of people
so that they may believe in you and in Jesus,
whom you sent.
Look kindly on all
Catechumens, Candidates, and Team
as they listen to your voice.
Open their hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work you have begun in them.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen*

ENROLMENTS FOR 2012

St Nicholas of Myra Primary School

is now taking Kindergarten enrolments for children born between July 2006 and June 2007. Please phone 47212623 for an enrolment form or call at the school between 9am and 3:30pm Monday to Friday.

St Dominic's College

Year 7 2012 Enrolments are now open
We will be holding an Information Evening for Year 7 2012 on Wednesday 23rd March commencing at 7.30pm
Open Day Sunday 3rd April between 10am and 3.00pm.
For any enquiries please contact Fran Tyrrell on 0247311933 ext 125.

Xavier College

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2012

If you have a child who is currently in Year 6 and you would like them to attend Xavier College in 2012, please obtain an Enrolment Prospectus from the College office.

Enrolments close 20th May 2011.

Even if you have siblings at the College you must complete an Enrolment Form for your Year 6 child and forward it with relevant documentation to the College by the closing date.

Important Dates:

Open Night on Monday 4th April 2011 from 5.00pm – 7.30 pm

Closing Date for Applications 29th April 2011
Enquiries please contact Mrs Heterick on 4777 0900.

McCarthy Catholic College

**Incorporating the Trade Training Centre
75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains
Enrolling now for Years 7-12, 2012**

Open Day - Sunday 3rd April 2011,-
10.00am to 12.30pm. Tours and information sessions will be held.

Enrolments Close for Year 7: 29th April 2011
Enquiries Mrs Sharon Clarke – 4735 3211.

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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

1st Saturday Novena and Mass - Our Lady of Penafrancia
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Fellowship and AGM at Parish Meeting Hall
12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Inside 'Catholic Weekly' 3 April 2011

- New Government faces 'huge task', says cardinal
- Sydney venerates saint's relic
- School leaders, 2011 – 20-page supplement
- Bishop saddened by 'selfish stand on refugees'
- The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey
- CEO honours 'exceptional' women

Catholic Outlook - April issue

- Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter on Reconciliation - booklet enclosed in this issue
- Our Lady of the Rosary Parish welcomes St John Bosco
- 10 new trainees for Marist Youth Care program
- Beatification of Pope John Paul II on Facebook and Youtube
- How do I know my child is ready for school?
- New Missal series: dealing with change
- World Youth Day - the Spirit of Pilgrimage

PRAYER AND REFLECTION DAY

Twice a year the Solo Parent Ministry offers a day of Prayer and Reflection for anyone who would like to take an extended period of time to be alone with the Lord and to be guided in Meditation and Prayer. This day is open to anyone. Why not make this a special Lenten activity for yourself? Our facilitator this time is Sr Colleen O'Sullivan rsj, who is taking as a theme for the day: "God of the Unknown". We gather at Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill from 10.30am to 3.00pm. BYO Lunch. \$10.00 on the 27th March 2011. Bookings essential. Ph 9933 0222.

Schoenstatt Family Days 2011

"Strengthening the Family bond in the light of Christian values"

9.30 am - 4 pm

4 Part series :

April 17th : Intimacy in Marriage

July 3rd : Time Management for Quality Family Life

September 25th : Love and Forgiveness

November 13th : The Challenge to be Family today

Bookings essential for catering and planning purposes.

To book: email: alex_de_la_harpe@amp.com.au or call Sr M Rebecca 0417 738 339

More details on Noticeboard in foyer.

Charismatic Mass, followed by prayer for healing and individual ministry.

Celebrant: Fr. Ken Barker - Author and founder of the Missionaries of God's Love priest - 2:30pm, 4 April 2011, St Nicholas of Myra Church, High St, Penrith (Entry via Higgins St). *All welcome!*

Springwood East Timor Support Group will be 'conducting its annual trivia Night on Saturday 21st May.

Tables of 8. More details later.

Enquiries 4751 1149.

With thanks *Dennis Farrar*

Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference

The Sister conference seeks to draw women together for a weekend of prayer and praise, sisterhood time and formation in what it means to be and live as a Catholic woman in the 21st Century. Keynote speakers: Sr Mary Rachel OP, Anna Krohn from the Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family; Karen Doyle, author and co-founder of Catholic media business Choicez Media. Other speakers: Fr Chris Ryan MGL as well as author, parenting expert and former principal of Redfield College, Andrew Mullins, and Carolyn Martin founder of The Day of Difference Foundation and mother of burns victim Sophie Delezio. Dates: 13-15 May at Collaroy. Numbers limited – book soon: \$195pp. Details and registration: www.sisterhood.org.au

Institute for Mission Course :

The Catholic Church

Presenter: Daniel Ang *What does it mean to belong to the Catholic Church?*

This course is for anyone wishing to learn and engage in dialogue about aspects of the Catholic Church.

It will survey major themes in ecclesiology, including the meaning and implications of the Second Vatican Council, the mission of the Church, and the Church's historical development with a view to an appreciation of a developing ecumenical theology.

Date: Saturday 14 May, 4 June, 2 July & 6 Aug 2011

Time: 9.30am—3.00pm

Cost: \$30.00 per session, or \$90, if you pay in full at the first session.

Venue: Institute for Mission 1-5 Marion St Blacktown (next to Patrician Bros)

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DIOCESAN OUTREACH



Kose from Samoa

"It stays in my mind as if it happened just yesterday, seeing all the houses in our village destroyed," explained Kose, 26, about the 2009 Samoan tsunami.

The tsunami devastated villages, killing 143 people and destroying thousands of homes, including Kose's.

Within hours Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, began assessing needs and delivering food and safe drinking water to hundreds of families through their strong community networks. This timely assistance helped save lives.

As emergency relief ended, Caritas Samoa continued helping vulnerable families rebuild their lives. They worked with communities to identify extended families most in need of permanent shelter, assisting the resolution of land ownership issues and constructing appropriate shelters.

"There were about 28 of us, one person from each family, who helped build the houses in our village. We learnt to mix concrete, measure timber and other things," Kose explains.

The program also provided school uniforms for students, and trained Church volunteers, teachers and youth leaders to offer counselling support.

Caritas Australia is working with all its Pacific partners to ensure communities better prepare themselves for future disasters.

"Now people know what to do and where to run," Kose explains. "I really thank the Caritas people. We're lucky our family has a place to live again. I have knowledge now on how to build houses. I'll help my family build a shelter at our plantation so we have somewhere to stay if tsunamis keep coming."

Disasters, sickness and tragedy are realities for many people. Our Christian faith and compassion motivates us to offer practical and spiritual support for those whose lives have been affected by such realities. In this week's Project Compassion story we met Kose, a young man whose family home was destroyed in the 2009 Samoan tsunami. Your donation to Project Compassion offers hope and ensures that before, during and after the headlines, Caritas is there delivering life-saving assistance to communities affected by disaster and helping build community capacity to better respond to future disasters.



This week at

St Nic's

Monday 4 April

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

Tuesday 5 April

11 am AA Meeting - Hall1

Wednesday 6 April

7.30 pm RCIA Meeting - PMR1
7.30 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting - Hall2

Thursday 7 April

5 pm Tae Kwon Do - Hall

Friday 8 April

5 pm AA Meeting - Hall1
7 pm Fijian Youth Group - Hall

Saturday 9 April

Sunday 10 April

5th Sunday of Lent : Year A

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.



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)