

# NEWSLETTER

4th April 2016 Term 1 Week 11

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School  
Katoomba 2780

Growth through love and learning

### First Holy Communion

Yesterday was the liturgical Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day. It therefore was most appropriate that many young children from our Parish made their First Holy Communion.

Congratulations to Luke Hronsky, Thomas MacNamara, Jasper Luppino, Joseph Zammit, Jack Moseley and Liberty Marshall-Lacey who were our Holy Communicants yesterday.



This Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April is the last day of Term 1

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April is a Pupil Free Day.

The first day for Term 2 is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### Anzac Day March @ Katoomba Monday 25th April

The Members of the Katoomba RSL Sub-Branch have cordially invited us to participate in the Anzac Day Commemoration Services on Monday 25th April 2016. Anzac Day falls on Monday of Week 1, Term 2 and is a Public Holiday. We will be continuing our tradition of attending this very important commemorative service as a school. Therefore, we are asking as many families as possible to join with us.

This year we have been invited to both the Dawn Service and the I am March. At the **Dawn Service, 6am** at the War Memorial on Lurline Street Jasper Luppino from Year 3 will read a poem written by a student of similar age from New Zealand. If you want to join us at this service, we will meet at the memorial by about 5:45am. I imagine it will be busy and therefore our school will be located up near the front (I haven't been to this service in Katoomba before and am unsure of what numbers to expect).

### Katoomba Street March

We will need to assemble at 10:50am at Carrington Place on Katoomba Street for the March down Katoomba and Lurline Streets. Students must be in their full WINTER Uniform, including school hat. We will be marching behind our school banner.

11:30am there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial. Two of our leaders will lay the wreath on behalf of our school.

12 noon a Commemoration Service will be held in the Auditorium of the Katoomba Public School, Merriwa Street Katoomba. Scarlett Hay has been chosen to read The Ode. This is a start of a tradition for a young person to read The Ode.

Lest we forget...



**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish**  
**Parish Priest Fr. Ted Tyler**

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

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Website: [marymackilloppupperbluemountains.org.au](http://marymackilloppupperbluemountains.org.au)

### Mass Times

**Friday:** Katoomba 12 noon Mass

**Saturday:** Katoomba 9.30 am Mass **Saturday Vigil:** Leura 5pm Mass

**Sunday:** Wentworth Falls 8am Katoomba 10am Leura 5pm

**Rosary:** Monday Katoomba 8.30 am, Tuesday Leura 4.45pm,

Wednesday Wentworth Falls 9.30 am, Friday Katoomba 11.30 am.

Saturday Katoomba 9 am.

# Enrolling Now for 2017

## SAS 2016

As part of our annual Sculptures at School initiative, all students will be going on an excursion to visit Scenic World Sculptural Exhibition. All students will travel by bus to Scenic World and go by the scenic cableway and scenic railway to access the rainforest. Your annual General Contribution covers all costs for this excursion. A note was be sent home today. Please complete and send back this permission note by this Thursday.



## 2017 Enrolment for Kinder

We are now taking Enrolments for our Kindergarten Class 2017. If your child will be ready to begin school in 2017, or you know of anyone that may be interested in enrolment please contact our School Administration Office for an enrolment pack. We also have some spaces available in other classes.

## Newsletter Changes

A letter has been sent to all families today regarding the changes to our school newsletter. Please read this letter as it gives you choices to be able to access the newsletter. Newsletters will now be produced on the odd weeks of term. Hard copies are available by request.

## Parent Body

Last Wednesday week was the Parent Body AGM. As there were not enough people attending the meeting to constitute a quorum, it has been rescheduled for **Wednesday morning 18<sup>th</sup> May (Week 4)**.

If there is not enough interest in the Parent Body, it will need to fold and alternative arrangements will be made for activities throughout the year.



## Stage 3 Greek Myth Readers Theatre

Stage 3 will be presenting their Greek Myth Readers Theatres as part of this terms English program. Plays will be presented on Thursday 7th April



**Session 1**  
11:15 to 12:00

**Session 2**  
12:10 to 1:00

Parents are most welcome to join us.

## Mini Vinnies Bubble Day

A exciting day was held last Friday as the children ran and laughed as the playground filled with bubbles. The Mini Vinnies group raised \$53.10 Congratulations to Mrs Morley and her helpers in creating a fun lunch time.

## Reminder to Parents

Parents are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to attend assembly, classroom activities, etc, they are required to sign in at the office on arrival, and sign out on departure.

## Child Protection Training

If parents are planning on assisting in the classrooms, or on an excursion, they are required to first complete "Child Protection Training". The training is completed online at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>. Simply click the training link under "Volunteer". Once training is undertaken, complete the questionnaire, submit your details, and contact the school to advise that the training has been completed.

## Bodington Visit

Students from Stage 3 recently visited the residents at Bodington Nursing Home. The children sang and presented an Easter play. They handed out Easter cards and of course chocolates. A fun morning was had by all and the residents and staff were very appreciative of the student and teachers time. Congratulations Stage 3 on making someone smile.



# School Calendar

## Birthday Wishes for April

Christopher Mizzi, Arren Shaw, Finn Spain, Tara Kondek, Keyton Marvin, Isabella Crye, Taylor Harris-Jones, Julian Brischetto and Liam Lawlor



### Katoomba Hospital Fete 2016

**Friday 15th April 9am—2pm**

All funds go directly to  
Blue Mountains District  
ANZAC Memorial Hospital

Raffles~Cake Stalls~Crafts~ Sausage Sizzle ~Clothing ~Plants  
~ Books~White Elephant~ Children's Activities~ Music  
~Raffles



### Jackeroo Ranch Horse Riding Camps

#### 1st Week

Saturday 9th April till Saturday 16th April

#### 2nd Week

Saturday 16th April till Sunday 24th April

These camps are for "Horse-Mad" children aged from 6 to 16 years. Five to Six hours per day are devoted to horse activities including a one hour lesson and three hours trail riding in the beautiful Turon Valley with tuition still being given. Previous experience is not necessary as beginners to advanced riders are catered for. We specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence.

Enquiries to Pattie Hudson  
Phone 63 377 173 Nights are best



## April

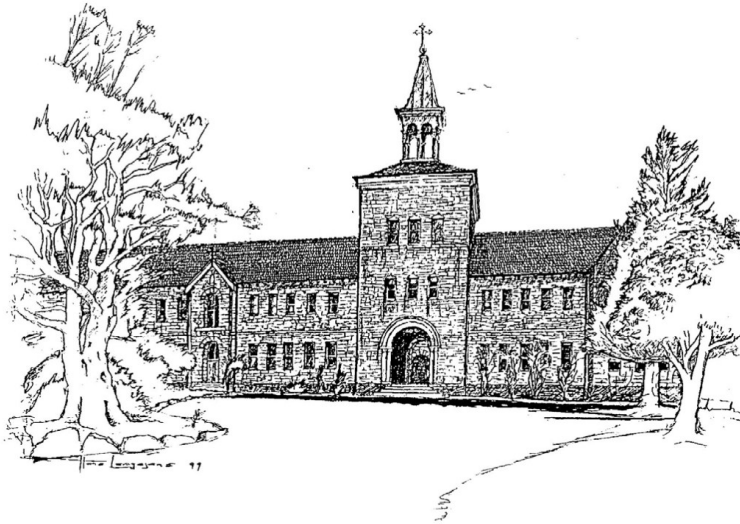
### Week 11

<b>Tuesday</b>	5th	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking	8.45am
<b>Wednesday</b>	6th	Uniform Shop Open Strings Yr 3 & 4	
<b>Thursday</b>	7th	Music and Italian Ukulele Stage 3 Greek Play Session 1 Session 2	11.15am 12.10pm
<b>Last Day Term 1</b>			
<b>Friday</b>	8th	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>	

### Term 2 Week 1

<b>Monday</b>	25th	Anzac Day Dawn Service Anzac March assemble at Carrington	6am 10.50am
<b>Tuesday</b>	26th	Term 2 Commences Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking	
<b>Wednesday</b>	27th	Uniform Shop Open Strings Yr 3 & 4	
<b>Thursday</b>	28th	Music and Italian Ukulele	
<b>Friday</b>	29th	My School Lunch Box	





## **Lazy Drive**

[www.lazydrive.com](http://www.lazydrive.com)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

The Main Quad  
St Columba's Catholic College

From 7pm

\$10 per person (Adults only)  
Tickets at the door

BYO – Everything: picnic rugs,  
chairs, food, drinks, dancing  
shoes!

**World Youth Day Fundraiser**

# **MUSIC ON THE LAWN**

MUZYKA na trawniku

## **Music on the Lawn**

### **World Youth Day Fundraiser at St Columba's Catholic College**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm

Music provided by "Lazy Drive" – band made up of teachers from our Diocese.  
BYO chairs/picnic rugs/food and drink

Great prizes involving dinner and accommodation to be won on the night.

Cost: \$10 per person (Adults only event) – tickets purchased on the night.

Enquiries: St Columba's office – 02 4754 1022

If weather not suitable on the night, the event will be transferred to St. Thomas Aquinas Primary school hall.



# Vinnies

## *ANNUAL FASHION PARADE*

*Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April*

*from 1.00pm*

*65 Waratah St, Katoomba*

*4782 1068*

## *Lucky Door Prizes*

*All clothing worn in parade will be for sale after the parade*

*Entry by Gold Coin donation*

[vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)

Thank you for your support!

# The simplest way

...to serve a fun-filled dinner.

Presentation is key to encouraging kids to eat more fruit and vegetables, and to entice fussy eaters to try new things.



The dinner table is a great place to try out fun-filled foods the whole family can enjoy.

Serve dishes that allow kids to take a hands-on approach.

Why not try **Sang choy bow** (pictured)?

Kids will love wrapping the mince and veg mixture in a lettuce cup and picking it up with their hands to eat.

Go to [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au) for a recipe.

**For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)**

The *Eat It To Beat It* program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



# ENTRY FORM

## AGREEMENT

I certify that the above information is correct. I have read the terms and conditions for the WASTE TO ART Competition and agree to participate according to the terms and conditions. I agree that my artwork may be photographed, used in promotional materials and displayed in any public exhibition held by the organisers as a result of the competition, and if eligible, in the Regional Exhibition and Competition planned for June 2016.

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....



Disclaimer: The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. This personal information is being collected from you in order to process your application.

## WASTE TO ART Community Art Exhibition

Braemar Gallery, Springwood  
Saturday 14 May to Sunday 29 May 2016  
Opening hours  
Friday – Sunday 10am – 4pm

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All artwork must demonstrate the re-use and recycling of waste;
  - All entries will be photographed and displayed on the online exhibition through the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre and Braemar Gallery websites;
  - Limited to one entry per category per person, but please be considerate of other entrants and limit your entries; the Exhibition Coordinator has final say in placement and hanging of works;
  - Due to space limitations all Primary and High School entries may not be physically displayed. If this is the case they will be photographed and displayed on a rolling projection in the exhibition space;
  - The results of the competition will be announced to local media;
  - All entrants grant permission to the organisers to publish/broadcast the names and photographs of the finalists and the winners through print and electronic media;
  - Entrants will be notified of competition results by email/phone;
  - Judges and their immediate families are not eligible to enter;
  - Judges decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into;
  - Artworks and copyright remain the property of entrant; and
  - Artworks not collected by the collection date of 30 May 2016 will be disposed of unless alternative arrangements have been made.
- There is NO storage at Braemar gallery after 30 May 2016.**

### ALL ARTWORK MUST

- Include a brief description about your work, the materials used and your inspiration, please email to [roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au) no more than half an A4 page;
- Be safe for public exhibition;
- Not exceed a size limit: 2D - 2x2 metres & 3D - 10x10 metres;
- Not exceed a weight limit of 10kg for 2D and 20kg for 3D;
- Be exhibition ready, if the artwork is to be hung, an adequate hanging system must be included.

All artwork must be delivered to **Braemar Gallery, 104 Macquarie Road, Springwood on Monday 9 May between 10am and 4pm and collection on Monday 30 May between 10am and 4pm.** For details please contact Rika Oakley on 4780 5415 or via [roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au). The cost and means of transport to the local exhibition are the responsibility of the entrant. If you are a winner at the local exhibition your work will be exhibited at the NetWaste Regional Exhibition in Condobolin, June 2016. The cost of transport to Condobolin will be covered by NetWaste.

**The organisers will take all reasonable care in handling and dealing with works submitted, however the organisers will not be responsible for any loss or damage incurred to any of the artworks or materials during exhibition, storage and transport.**



WASTE TO ART is an initiative of NetWaste. NetWaste is sponsored by Regional and Local Government Support and NSW Environment and Protection Authority.



# WASTE TO ART

## Community Art Exhibition & Competition

**CHALLENGE THE WAY WE LOOK AT WASTE!**  
This exhibition and competition gives aspiring and professional artists from the Blue Mountains the chance to explore and share their waste reduction messages whilst showcasing their artistic ability.

The Blue Mountains WASTE TO ART Community Art Exhibition is open to all community members, artists and schools from the Blue Mountains Local Government Area.

The Blue Mountains competition will offer cash prizes for category winners as well as a people's choice award.

## NETWASTE REGIONAL WASTE TO ART COMPETITION

The winning artworks from all four categories within the local competition will be transported to the regional competition to be held in Condobolin, June 2016.

The Regional Competition will offer cash prizes for the most inspiring artwork in each section, for an overall winner and for a people's choice award.



ROMY ROEDER Once Upon an Artistic 2015, found objects, 40 x 120 cm

For further information contact Rilka Oakley on 4780 5415 or email [roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

Please read the terms and conditions provided before completing your entry form.

Entries accepted from groups or individuals must fit into one of the following categories:

### PRIMARY SCHOOL\*

- 2 Dimensional
- Poster/Painting/Collage/Drawing
- 3 Dimensional
- Sculpture/Installation/Video/Soundscape\*\*
- Functional
- Furniture/Craftworks & Wearable Objects

### HIGH SCHOOL\*

- 2 Dimensional
- Poster/Painting/Collage/Drawing
- 3 Dimensional
- Sculpture/Installation/Video/Soundscape\*\*
- Functional
- Furniture/Craftworks & Wearable Objects

### COMMUNITY

- 2 Dimensional
- Poster/Painting/Collage/Drawing
- 3 Dimensional
- Sculpture/Installation/Video/Soundscape\*\*
- Functional
- Furniture/Craftworks & Wearable Objects

### OPEN (Professional artists included in this category)

- 2 Dimensional
- Poster/Painting/Collage/Drawing
- 3 Dimensional
- Sculpture/Installation/Video/Soundscape\*\*
- Functional
- Furniture/Craftworks & Wearable Objects

\* High School & Primary School entries may be displayed on a rolling loop projection

\*\*Entrants need to provide their own equipment if entering a soundscape work

# ENTRY FORM 2016

Please include all information and deliver this form with your artwork on **Monday 9 May (10am - 4pm)** to:

Braemar Gallery  
104 Macquarie St  
SPRINGWOOD NSW  
p. 4780 5415  
e. [roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

## DETAILS

Name: .....

School (if applicable): .....

School Contact (name): .....

Age of school entrant and please circle

Primary or High School: .....

School Phone: .....

Home Address: .....

Best contact number: .....

Email: .....

Artwork title: .....

Category: .....

Media: .....

Size: .....

Approximate Weight: .....  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)





## **Ubuntu: the African Children's Choir high school graduate tour**

The African Children's Choir is coming back to the Blue Mountains and Penrith in May — this time with Ubuntu, a troupe of talented high school graduates, presented by the charity Kwaya Australia.

Concerts by 10- to 12-year-olds from Uganda in 2013 and 2015 raised tens of thousands of dollars for the African Children's Choir, which funds their education until they finish university.

Since 1984, this organisation has been taking children on global concert tours, singing, drumming and dancing in huge stadiums and in school and church halls. They have performed for Queen Elizabeth II, Hillary Clinton and the late Nelson Mandela, appeared on Ellen DeGeneres' TV program, and shared the stage with Sir Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox and Will Smith.

Benefits of these tours flow both ways: the children are inspired to aim for possibilities beyond the the daily struggle to survive, and the audiences are inspired by the talent, energy, happiness and hope of performers who have grown up in extreme poverty.

The Ubuntu tour takes this concept to a new level. Having graduated from high school, 14 hard-working, highly capable 18- to 20-year-olds from Uganda and Kenya are poised to fulfil their potential and make a difference in Africa. As they prepare to enter university, they are thrilled to share with Australia how their dreams are becoming reality through this tour.



The message they bring — and the meaning of the indigenous South African word Ubuntu — is that all human beings are connected and contribute to each other's lives. This has inspired the theme of the tour, "I AM because we ARE".

**Drum and dance workshop:** Lawson Public School hall, Adelaide Street, Lawson.

**Wednesday, May 18,** 7.30pm. Adult \$18, child under 16/concession \$12, family (two adults and two children) \$48.

**Katoomba concert:** Katoomba High School hall, Martin Street, Katoomba. **Thursday, May 19,** 7.30pm.

**Springwood district concert:** Springwood High School hall, Grose Road, Faulconbridge. **Friday, May 20,** 7.30pm.

**Penrith district concert:** Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School hall, 115 Great Western Highway, Emu Plains. **Saturday, May 21,** 7.30pm.

**Concert tickets:** Adult \$20, concession \$15, child under 16, \$12, family \$50.

**Book at [www.kwaya.org](http://www.kwaya.org).**  
**Inquiries: Brendan O'Reilly, ph 0437 347 657.**



## From the Bishops Office

### Fr Rob Galea Live in Concert: 8 April

Catholic Youth Parramatta presents Fr Rob Galea and his Band live in concert at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta. Fr Rob is a Catholic priest, singer, songwriter and youth worker who appeared on *X-Factor Australia* last year. The concert is open to all ages. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at [www.riversideparramatta.com.au](http://www.riversideparramatta.com.au)

### Registrations now open for World Youth Day Pilgrimage

Full travel details, including pricing, of World Youth Day 2016 Diocese of Parramatta pilgrimages to Poland are now available online. Young people aged 16-35 are invited to register via the web page: <http://parrawyd.orgw/the-pilgrimage/> For more information contact: Mark Tuffymtuffy@parra.catholic.edu.au or James Camden JCamden@parra.catholic.org.au

### Positions vacant

\* **Coordinator of Liturgical and Pastoral Life:** The parish of St Anthony of Padua, Toongabbie, invites applications for the position of Coordinator of Liturgical and Pastoral Life. This is a part-time position (15 hours per week). The successful applicant would need to demonstrate: ability to minister on a parish team, a strong commitment to the Catholic faith, an understanding of current issues in the Church in Australia in relation to parish life and ministry, strong communication and organisational skills. For more information contact the parish office Tues-Fri tel (02) 9631 3316. Applications must include names and contact details for at least two referees, one of whom must be your parish priest. **Applications close 7 April.**

\* **Executive Assistant – Congregation of the Presentation Sisters:** Applications are being considered for the position of Executive Assistant to the Congregational Leader and Leadership Team. Part time, 4 days per week (or 5 days with reduced hours). Further information please visit [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) or by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. **Applications close 7 April.**

### Calling for nominations for diocesan awards

**Diocesan Medal of Honour:** Awarded for outstanding services to parish, Diocese and community.

**Diocesan Citation of Merit for Youth:** Seeks to encourage and recognise youth 18-25 who have shown outstanding contribution and service to the parish, Diocese and community.

**Diocesan Certificate of Recognition:** Seeks to encourage and recognise outstanding contribution by non-Catholic members of the Diocese of Parramatta community, for work supporting the parish, Diocese and community.

The overview for how to make a nomination and notations are available from Rev Dr Arthur Bridge AM, Chairman of the Diocesan Honours Committee, tel (02) 9631 3316, [arthurbridge@arsmusica.org.au](mailto:arthurbridge@arsmusica.org.au) or Chris Ohlsen in the Chancery [COhlsen@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:COhlsen@parra.catholic.org.au)

**Nominations close on Tuesday 31 May 2016.**

### Wonderful World Weekends: 9-10 April

This course run by Kevin McDonnell CFC is the first in a series of three on the topics: Earth, Life in Air, Life on Land. Explore the wonder and significance of various aspects of the natural world, to bridge the gap between science and religion, to increase awareness of the harmony of all creation, and to motivate care for it. Each course is complete in itself but participants are encouraged to complete all three. Future course dates: 13-14 August and 12-13 November. Venue: Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa. Inquiries tel 0419 765 353, [klmcdonnell@edmundrice.org](mailto:klmcdonnell@edmundrice.org)

### ‘Críost Liom’ – Treasures of the Irish Christian Tradition: 13 April

Lecture by Prof Salvador Ryan, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland. Refreshments at 6pm for 6.30pm start, concludes 8pm. The Function Room, Ground Floor, Edmund Rice Building, Australian Catholic University, 25A Barker Rd, Strathfield. Inquiries and bookings: [ftpevents@acu.edu.au](mailto:ftpevents@acu.edu.au)

### Is It I, Lord? MGL Vocations Discernment Weekend: 15-17 April

For men seeking to know God's will for their life. Come join the Missionaries of God's Love priests and brothers for a weekend of prayer, reflection and brotherhood to help you discern your vocation. Cost: \$20 donation, accommodation and meals provided. From 7pm on Friday to 2pm on Sunday at 6 Boake Plc, Garran, ACT. Inquiries: [frkenmgl@gmail.com](mailto:frkenmgl@gmail.com) or [davemgl@yahoo.com.au](mailto:davemgl@yahoo.com.au) [www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org](http://www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org)

### **Good Shepherd Sunday: 17 April**

On this day dedicated to prayer for vocations, Pope Francis is urging all the faithful to assume their responsibility for the care and discernment of vocations. In his Message, the Holy Father says: "Among those involved in pastoral activity, priests are especially important. In their ministry, they fulfil the words of Jesus, who said: 'I am the gate of the sheepfold ... I am the good shepherd' (*Jn* 10: 7, 11). The pastoral care of vocations is a fundamental part of their ministry. Priests accompany those who are discerning a vocation, as well as those who have already dedicated their lives to the service of God and of the community." To find out more about priesthood, contact Fr Warren Edwards,

Director of Priestly Vocations, tel 0409 172 700, [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **Holy Hour for Vocations: 21 April**

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7pm-8pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta. To find out more about priesthood contact Fr Warren Edwards, Director of Priestly Vocations, tel 0409 172 700, [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **Our Lady Help of Christians, Epping, centenary celebrations: 29 May**

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church at Epping was established on 15 June 1916. Previously, Epping was part of St Charles Catholic Parish at Ryde. In this centenary year, anyone who was a past parishioner or friend of Our Lady Help of Christians, Epping, is invited to the centenary celebrations on Sunday 29 May. There will be a Mass at 10.15am followed by a social gathering to which everyone is most welcome.

### **Permanent Diaconate Information Afternoon: 1 May**

A deacon is called by Christ to serve the Church and the world through a ministry of the altar, the Word and charity. Single men aged 25 and over and married couples who are interested in finding out more about the ordained ministry of the permanent diaconate are invited to an information afternoon. From 2.30pm-5pm at St Anthony's Parish Hall, 5 Aurelia St, Toongabbie. For further details contact Rev Fr Arthur Bridge PP, Director of Vocations to the Permanent Diaconate, tel (02) 9631 3316, 0411 289 954, [arthurbridge@arsmusica.org.au](mailto:arthurbridge@arsmusica.org.au)

### **Celebrating the Early Years Mass & Lunch: 1 May**

This annual gathering for young married couples and their families is hosted by CatholicCare Social Services. Mass at 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by a light lunch. RSVP through your parish or to CatholicCare tel (02) 8822 2222, [marriage@ccss.org.au](mailto:marriage@ccss.org.au)

### **Call for entries for ACU Prize for Poetry**

The Australian Catholic University is holding its annual national Prize for Poetry with entries closing on 6 June. The theme for this year's prize is 'Loving Kindness'. For more information about the prize, including full guidelines, visit [www.acu.edu.au/poetry-prize](http://www.acu.edu.au/poetry-prize) or contact Carmel Yahl tel (02) 9739 2380, [aculiterature@acu.edu.au](mailto:aculiterature@acu.edu.au)

**For more events please go to:** <http://catholicoutlook.org/event/>