

NEWSLETTER



8th May 2017 Term 2 Week 3

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School
Katoomba 2017

Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Last Sunday 30th April, the Gospel reading was the Emmaus journey, Luke 24: 13-35.

Extraordinary things can happen if we open our eyes. That seems to be a key message in this gospel passage from the well-known Emmaus story. Imagine two dejected disciples on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, a few kilometres away. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women's account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes.

If we reflect on events in our lives, I wonder if we can think of times when Jesus was with us. Many times this is a hindsight thought, we don't actually know that it is Jesus who is with us at that time, it is only later that we realise, like the disciples, it was Jesus with us all the time. The more I think about this, the more I understand that Jesus is always with me if I only I open my eyes and look for Him. Even in the most difficult times when all hope seems gone, there is Jesus helping me through the difficult times. Recently I have seen Jesus in the people around me through their kind words, support and care.

From this Gospel reading we need to remember to stop and listen, look and see the good around us –because that's where Jesus is.

Mark Geerligs
Principal



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

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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 2018

Scenic World Sculptures

What a wonderful exhibition St Canice's was involved in at Scenic World. Our excursion last Wednesday was a beautiful day. We saw artistic work from all around the world – including St Canice's. The feedback from Scenic World and the many visitors was very positive. Well done everyone. Canice the Whale will form part of our exhibit for the S@S this term.



2018 Enrolments

We are holding a Kindergarten 2018 Information Night on Monday the 22nd of May from 7pm to 8pm. If you or other people you know are interested to find out about starting school in 2018, please come along. St Canice's is a fantastic school, please spread the word.

Welcome to New Families

We welcomed six new members to St Canice's since the beginning of Term 2:

Gabe Year 1
Theryn Year 1
Sophia Year 2
William Year 2
Zavier Year 4
James Year 6



Attendance Percentage

Attendance at school for the year to date: Unfortunately we are declining in the percentage of days at school. Our goal is to be above 90% and currently we are moving downwards at 82.4%. Attending school every day is a priority for each and every child. Apart from illness, your child needs to be here every day. Please arrange any holiday outside of the school terms. I know this can be difficult, but it is important for your child.

Absence Explanation

Note: If your child is away from school, a note explaining their absence is required within 7 days of returning to school. If no note is received the absence is recorded as 'unexplained'.



Enrolling Now for 2018

Other Principal News

NAPLAN 2017

National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will be conducted at St Canice's from 9-11 May 2017 for all students in Years 3 & 5.

Emergency Contact Information

It is very important that we have parents' up-to-date contact numbers/address. If you have changed your mobile number, changed jobs, or moved to a new house—please let us have your new details.

MOTHERS' DAY

**Stall Open Tomorrow
Tuesday 9th May**

Sr Colleen and her team of helpers have prepared and made some wonderful gifts for the children to buy for mum or that significant person in their lives. The stall will be open in the morning from 8:30am. All items range from \$1 - \$5.



Parent Liaison Visit to Years 1 and 2

Sr Colleen has sent out notes inviting families from Year 1 & 2 for a visit in Term 2. Please return your return slip by Wednesday 10th May.

Easter Colour-In

2 of our students were winners in the Newspaper Colouring –in competition held recently. Congratulations to Lucy Hargraves and Renee Cheretis on winning their age category and winning a large white Rabbit and Certificate.



RE News

Sacrament of Confirmation

Notes have been sent home today for all children in Years 5&6 to enrol in the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This program begins on Thursday 18th May and lasts for six Thursday evenings held at St Canice's School. Each session will begin at 6.15pm and concludes at 7.30pm. Confirmation will be held on Sunday 25th June at the 10am Mass at Katoomba.

Uniform Shop Abel Schoolwear

The Abel School Wear shop has informed us that their winter trading hours have changed to the following times

8.30am to 4.30pm Mon—Thurs

8.30am to 1.30pm Friday

Only 1st Saturday of the month 8.30am till 12noon

Second Hand Uniform

The school still supplies second hand uniforms for a discount price.

Parking in Studleigh Place

Could parents please refrain from parking on the hill from the bottom parking lot as it is causing a traffic jam.

Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Campaign

The school is supporting the "Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Campaign" by selling the following items at the Office. A highlight of this campaign will be the Sydney Harbour Bridge being lit up all week in yellow

Ribbons \$2 each

Amount

Stickers \$3 each

Amount

Wristbands \$3 each

Amount

Lapel Ribbons \$2 each

Amount

Total \$.....

Name Class

Items can be purchased at the Office or by returning this tear off slip and enclosing correct money.



School Calendar

Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter
www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au
 Select "Current Community" click on Newsletter

May

Week 3

Tuesday	9th	Student Banking NAPLAN Language Convention & Writing Mothers Day Stall	
Wednesday	10th	Ukulele Sports Day Stage 3 NAPLAN Reading	
Thursday	11th	Music and Italian NAPLAN Numeracy	
Friday	12th	My school Lunch Box Stage 2 Futsal Gala Day Sport Stage 2 Prayer Assembly Kinder Mass S3W String Ensemble	8.45am 12noon 3pm

Week 4

Monday	15th	My school Lunch Box Tai Chi Sports Day for Kinder, Year 1 & 2	8.50am
Tuesday	16th	Student Banking	
Wednesday	17th	Choir Sports Day Stage 3	
Thursday	18th	Confirmation First Session	6.15pm
Friday	19th	My school Lunch Box Sport Stage 2 Prayer Assembly S2B Mass S2B String Ensemble	8.45am 12noon

Birthday Wishes for May

Holly Garrett, Archer Riddle,
 Joseph Zammit, Lila Manning,
 Callum Clarke and Riley Hermann

Anzac Day Thank You Letter

Hi St Canice's - I just wanted to say how much we appreciated the involvement of your school in our Anzac Day commemorations yesterday. The involvement of our community's young people is vital to the ongoing significance of Anzac. Your students did us proud in both the march and the wreath laying. Please pass on our appreciation to all who participated.

David White
 Secretary Katoomba RSL Sub-Branch

SAS

Miss Elizabeth would like to pass on a huge thank you to the School community for the overwhelming support in the collection of articles for the SAS project. However she does not need any more grey bags, lids or bubble wrap. So moving on with the school SAS she now requires the following items

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

Netting from the onion,
 garlic, mandarin, oranges

Green plastic bottles 1.5l and
 2.5l ie Sprite

Old Shoes Any old ones from
 home the old and rattier
 looking the better. Please do
 not go out and buy as we are
 trying to recycle.



GBW:vt

8 May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, there has been significant media attention around the Federal Government's proposed new education funding model announced last week. The announcement includes the commissioning of a second education review by Professor David Gonski.

The Government has yet to reveal the full details of this funding package. While it appears that the new model will provide acceptable funding for Catholic schools for 2018, there are serious concerns about the long-term funding of Catholic schools. As you can appreciate, systems need funding certainty so that they can plan for the future needs of students. It is also disappointing that no consultation with the Catholic sector took place before this new funding model was announced. Given that Catholic schools educate more than 20 percent of Australian students, that is unfortunate.

The National Catholic Education Commission has called on the Federal Government to immediately begin a dialogue with Catholic education. I support this call. This dialogue is critical to ensure that Catholic systemic schools receive a fair portion of the funding pie so that it can continue to provide high quality education to more than 1 in 5 Australian students.

I want to take this opportunity to reassure all parents and carers that Bishop Vincent and I are well aware of the sacrifices that parents make when they choose a Catholic education for their child. We have absolutely no desire to increase fees, outside of the normal annual increases that reflect cost of living. It is for this reason that a fair, needs-based, long-term funding model is needed.

We will be communicating with local Federal members in our Diocese to express our concerns. Our aim in doing this is simply to ensure Catholic school children receive the same equitable student funding as every other young Australian.

Our commitment to providing every student in our schools with the very best educational experience possible is as strong as ever. With this in mind, we will continue to advocate for a fair and equitable funding model so that a Catholic education remains affordable for families in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Yours sincerely

Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

Mathematics at Home: Tips for Parents

There are many things that you can and should do to help your child/ren learn mathematics, particularly during the primary school years. Here are some tips that will help you help your child/ren succeed:

- Be positive about maths!
- Many people openly claim they don't like maths or they're not good at it, unintentionally conveying the message that this is okay. Unfortunately, this can have a detrimental effect on the children who hear these messages.
 - Know what maths your child is learning
- Come in and have a chat to your class teacher in regards to what concepts your child/ren is learning at school.
 - Make maths part of everyday activities
- Bring maths into daily conversations and activities with your child. There is maths in everything we do. For example, if you're cooking you might ask your child to help you measure out ingredients. If you're shopping, you could have a little competition to see who can make the best estimation of the total grocery bill or perhaps ask your child to work out the amount of change. There are also many great apps available that help children recall number facts.

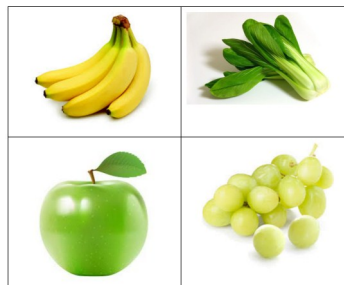
Check out this link for more tips: <https://engagingmaths.co/2017/01/13/setting-your-child-up-for-success-with-maths-tips-for-parents/>

Which one doesn't belong?

In the Open Area we currently have two problems to solve. These problems are open to all students in St Canice's and there are many different possibilities. All you have to do is write down which one you think doesn't belong and why on a piece of paper (with your name) and then hang it on our problem solving wall. Miss Bennett will look at all responses on Friday Week 2.

2	14
17	20

OR



BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

- **Contractors** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.

Located at suite 3
Pioneer Place Katoomba
(access via Penny Lane)

- ♦ Ballet
- ♦ Tap (BAL examinations available)
- ♦ Contemporary
- ♦ Hip-Hop
- ♦ Jazz
- ♦ Musical Theatre
- ♦ Tiny Tots Classes
- ♦ Boys Only Hip-Hop & Tap
- ♦ Eisteddfod Groups
- ♦ Technique and Stretch classes
- ♦ Adult Jazz & Contemporary



DanceNation

Contact Georgia Kondek on
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Like us on Facebook DanceNation
&
Instagram DanceNation2k17

St Canice's Catholic Primary School Katoomba

How to access the School Newsletter and information

The school has multiple ways to access the Newsletter and information.

Website: stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au
and or [Skoolbag](#)

Also information and event updates are available on our Facebook page.

St Canice's School Katoomba

If you wish to receive the Newsletter as a hardcopy, please advise the Office Staff.

My School Lunch Box

My School Lunch Box exists to ensure kids receive the healthiest, freshest lunches in a convenient way.

myschoollunchbox.com.au



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users

Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

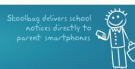


Android Users

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook! Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au



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Get involved in the School Banking program.

St Canices is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **Tuesday**. Each week you need to **hand your yellow wallet to your teacher**.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.



This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items

There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app

Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Learning the value of digital money

Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk



3D Chalk Set

Tablet Case



Things you should know: The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Study is an online survey of 1,049 parents across Australia undertaken by ACA Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information of an educational nature only. It does not have regard to the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.



The simplest way

...to save money and improve your health.

Including two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables in your daily diet can help prevent cancer and save you money too.

Reducing the amount of expensive meat ingredients and increasing the amount of cheaper vegetable ingredients in recipes is a great way to boost your veg intake and reduce the grocery bill.



Try it with:

Pizza – limit or avoid processed meats and add more mushrooms, capsicum, onion or leftover roast vegies.

Stir fries – reduce the meat and add extra capsicum, broccoli, snow peas and bok choy.

Bolognaise – use less mince and more grated or chopped carrot, celery and zucchini or add canned lentils or kidney beans.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at 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.

The simplest way

...to choose the best lunch box drink.

When it comes to packing a lunch box drink, water is the best choice!

Milk is a great drink too – add a plain milk popper to the lunch box as well to give kids a calcium boost.



Drinks such as fruit juice, cordial, flavoured mineral water, soft drink and sports drinks are high in sugar and low in nutritional value. So limit or avoid these drinks.

It is best to only drink juice occasionally and it should not be packed in the lunch box. Avoid “fruit drinks” as these are just sugar water and a little juice.

Remember, water is essential so make sure you pack a bottle of it in the lunch box every day.

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or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit**

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Bishop Office

Positions Vacant

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking applications for several positions. For further details, go to <https://parracatholic.org/employment>

Feedback on the 'Lead us to Living Water' Family Lenten Program 2017

Now that Lent is over, the Life, Marriage and Family Office has issued a survey about their recently produced 'Lead us to Living Water' Family Lenten Program and they're asking for people's feedback on it. Please take the time to fill in this two minute survey by clicking on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LMFLentenProgram2017>

Mother's Day Concert 3pm Saturday May 13: St Patrick's Cathedral

Thinking of a gift for mum for Mother's day? Why not take her to a music concert at your local Cathedral? Enjoy the pastoral sounds of a string ensemble, sacred music featuring the Cathedral's magnificent Pipe Organ, and an assortment of musical treasures. End the afternoon with a cup of tea and some sweet and savoury delights. Bring mum. Bring the whole family. Tickets: \$20 per Adult, \$15 Concession. \$5 per Child (12 years and under) available from the St Patrick's Cathedral office. From 3pm on Saturday May 13 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Diocesan 100th Anniversary Procession and Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: 13 May

A Procession and Mass to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima is coming up this 13th of May in Parramatta. The procession will start from Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral Harris Park on Saturday 13th May at 9.00am and then conclude with Mass at 11.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. Please come along and help celebrate this special day in Our Lady's honour.

New Testament Workshops: 10, 12 & 13 May

The internationally respected Scripture scholar Prof van Than Nguyen SVD will be conducting three face-to-face workshops at The Broken Bay Institute which will be of practical interest to teachers, parishes and religious communities. Prof Nguyen is the Chair of Catholic Missiology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and the Director of its widely respected Master of Divinity Program. He has published extensively in the areas of New Testament Studies and on Spirituality in a Pluralistic Society. Topics: Interpreting and Preaching the Gospel of Matthew (10 May), The Lukan Spirituality of Jesus (12 May) and Reading the Bible in the Context of World Christianity (13 May). For further information and to register: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/BBites

LIFTED Live! Featuring Steve Angrisano: 13 May

Join Catholic Youth Parramatta for our first LIFTED Live! in 2017 at our new central venue in the Rooty Hill RSL. Last year, more than 400 young people were inspired by Catholic musician, singer, songwriter and storyteller Steve Angrisano. You can expect music, prayer, worship, adoration, drama, laughs and a great night as the LIFTED Band and Steve join forces in faith, formation and fun! \$5 entry fee to be inspired and upLIFTED for your ongoing ministry! From 7.00pm-10.00pm at Rooty Hill RSL, 55 Sherbrooke Rd, Rooty Hill. RSVP thru the Catholic Youth Parramatta Facebook event. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, tel (02) 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 14 May

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel

0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

Caritas Australia: Changing Lives in Cambodia: 16 May

Come and hear Sr Len from Seedling of Hope, Cambodia, share stories of her ministry which empowers people affected by HIV & AIDS through psychosocial support, education, health & livelihood programs. This is a free event. All are welcome! Tuesday 16 May 2017, 6pm at The Two Wolves Community Cantina, 202 Broadway Chippendale. RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1857463291173426> or act@caritas.org.au

Break Free Seminar 'Exploring the natural alternatives to the pill': 20 May

Have you experienced any side effects of The Pill and is there a natural alternative that's just as effective? Hear from educators in natural fertility awareness methods and people's personal experiences who have made the change. Empower yourselves with knowledge about your fertility. Sunday 20th May 2017, 2:00pm-3:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Hosted by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. For more info, go to <https://parralmf.org.au/nfs> and register at 88383460 or nfs@parra.catholic.org.au

The Shrine of Mt Schoenstatt – 'Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love': 21 May

Come and experience a special day at The Shrine of Mt Schoenstatt – 'Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love' - 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa for the Annual Marian Pilgrimage to be held on Sunday 21st May, 2017. The celebrations begin at 10am with Holy Mass at 10:30 am and Eucharistic Procession and Benediction from the valley to the Shrine at 2pm. There will be an alternative programme for the sick and elderly at the Shrine. This is an Outdoor event. Please bring your own chairs and picnic rugs. Food stalls available or bring your own lunch. For more details ring 02 4773 8338 or visit www.schoenstatt.org.au

Real News or Fake News? The Future of Journalism: 21 May

CCJP Sunday Seminar Our seminar speaker will be Dr Margaret Van Heekeren, a journalism academic with the Department of Media and Communications at the University of Sydney. She is a founding member of the Centre for Media History, based at Macquarie University. 10 am – 12 noon, Sunday 21 May 2017 including morning tea. (\$10 donation appreciated). Convent of Mercy, 6 Victoria Road, Parramatta (opp St Patrick's Cathedral). Disabled access available. Enquiries to CCJP: 02 9745 0820 Email: ccjp@bigpond.com

St Anthony's Parish, Clovelly, Centenary Mass: 21 May

St Anthony's Parish was formed in 1917, and St Anthony's Primary School opened in 1918. Past parishioners, students and friends are cordially invited to the Centenary Mass at 10.00am on Sunday 21 May, at which Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be Principal Celebrant. Refreshments will follow in the parish grounds. For more information or to indicate attendance, email: centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au Facebook: St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day: 21 May

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict's Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

Catalyst for Renewal: 27 May

Catalyst for Renewal invites you to a Forum with Fr Timothy Radcliffe op on Saturday, May 27th, 2017, at Santa Sabina College Strathfield – flyer attached. Session 1: "What Hope can we offer the Young? Lessons from the Frontline with ISIS". Session 2: "Making Place for the Conscience of the Laity today – the Challenge of Amoris Laetitia". Entry \$15 per head. Tickets available through TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/266284> or through Catalyst for Renewal, PO Box 265, Swansea NSW 2281 or Tele-

phone Message Bank: 02 9990 7003 or by email to catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 28 May

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering.

Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

Caritas Australia: Change the World! It's Up to Us!: 31 May

Are you 18-25 yrs? Committed to social justice, changing the world, & having fun? Come & co-create with Caritas, the world's second-largest aid & development organisation. Join us for an initial Call to Action in the Sydney CBD (Venue TBC), Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 6pm.

RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1848653452074863> or act@caritas.org.au

Mass For Neophytes: 2 June

The annual Mass for Neophytes (newly Baptised Catholics and those who have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church) marks the celebration as an occasion of the Church universal. Celebrated by the Most Rev. Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta. Friday 2nd June, 2017 at 7.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For further information contact Ingrid Vergano on 8838 3456 or ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au

Time for Us to go on a Date: 3 June

An evening for couples to dance, dine and prayer together at Mount Schoenstatt. Includes an input on male leadership, a lesson in ballroom dancing, formal dinner and prayer. Saturday 3rd June from 5pm - 10pm. Investment: \$150. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Bracar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebracar@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/events/376209752754089/>

LIFTED Leadership Seminar 2017: June 3 and 4

Catholic Youth Parramatta is hosting a weekend of formation, training and sharing for aspiring and active leaders from parishes and schools between the ages of Year 11 and 30 years of age – "Develop, Grow, Inspire for Mission" at the funky Atura Hotel, 32 Cricketers Arms Rd, Prospect. The program begins at 10am on Saturday and includes a conference dinner with Bishop Vincent. It continues on Sunday and concludes with a Parish Mass in the evening. There is a heavily discounted registration cost of \$50 for all meals but we are limited to 70 participants. Register through James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Grace & Silence Retreat Day for Young Women: 10 June

A Silent retreat day for vocation discernment to marriage & family life, single life or consecrated life. Commences with an input. The day can be used as a general recollection day. Cost \$30 includes morning, lunch, afternoon tea and materials. Saturday 10th June 9:30am - 4pm. Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Registrations: Sr M Julie Bracar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebracar@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1918258908407700/>

A weekend for Engaged Couples: 9-11 June

Time for Us to Prepare our Hearts for Marriage - A weekend for Engaged Couples from 9-11 June. These weekends aim to complement pre-marriage courses to allow engaged couples to prepare their hearts so that

they may give a total, free and faithful “YES” to their future spouses and contribute towards a fruitful marriage. The inputs and times of prayer and silent reflection will foster the preparation of your heart so that you may be a gift to your spouse and receive your spouse as a gift. Investment: \$200pp. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/236581350078661/>

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 11 June

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

Time for Us Weekend for Families: 16-18 June

Time for Us Weekends at Mount Schoenstatt include inputs for adults, programmes for children of all ages including baby-sitting, couple and family time, games fellowship with other families, prayer, reflection and Holy Mass. For more detail or to register contact: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1835800090073744/>

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 25 June

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering.

Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 30 June

Hear Rebekah Rojcewicz, highly experienced leader in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the US, speak over dinner on 'The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – A Gift to the Church at this Time'. Cost: \$60 per person. From 6.30pm at North Ryde RSL, cnr Magdala & Pittwater Rds, North Ryde. To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256587>. For more information: cgsaust.org.au

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