

NEWSLETTER



22nd May 2017 Term 2 Week 5

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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

Yesterday's Gospel was from John 14: 15-21, focuses on a challenge for us to understand that God is with us always and that we need to see Jesus in all people. What does that mean for us at St Canice's? Our school motto is "Growth through Love and Learning". In other words, we will grow as better people through how we love our fellow community members and how we learn to live like Jesus. Our school is a small, but very inclusive one. All students, parents and staff are accepted and respected. The results from Quality Catholic Schools survey conducted earlier this year, clearly shows how the school's motto is alive and well. The student's results show a strong connection with the school. They feel that the school's culture is one that is compassionate and full of opportunities. Let us continue to remember that we need to look out for the betterment of others. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful school.

Mark Geerligs
Principal



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

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

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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

Kindergarten 2018 Information Night

This is a last minute reminder that tonight, 22nd May at 7pm, there will be a Kindergarten 2018 Information Night for anyone interested. Please pass the word around.

Car Parking Issues

It has come to my attention that there are some people parking their car incorrectly in the Studleigh Carpark next to the school. The sloped driveway down to the lower level (see picture) and the striped area (see picture) are all No Stopping areas. When people park in these areas it can cause significant issues for other motorists. On Friday afternoon there were 3 cars parked on the slope at about 3:30pm. 2 were people not related to the school and the third I am not sure. As there have been parking inspectors lately this illegal parking could be very expensive. As with any school, please be patient when trying to park and think of others.



Sculptures @ School

Our Sculptures @ School is progressing well. The grand opening of the exhibition will be on Sunday 18th June at 1pm in the Parish school Hall. We will be using our new school stage.

The School's Annual Review

Last Tuesday 16th, Miss Magann, Mrs Brynes, Mr White and I went to the school's Annual Review (Peer Review). This is a time when we present to a group of professionals the school's programs and select policies and procedures. I am pleased to announce that the school was 100% compliant with all requirements.



Chromebooks

The school has now the opportunity to provide each student in Year 3 to Year 6 a Chromebook for their own school use. No longer are we booking out the 30 Chromebooks for a whole class to use. These computers are not to go home with the students, but will be available to each student within their learning environment. A special thank you to the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta for making this possible.

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.

Preschool Storytelling

Miss Sally invites all Preschooler's to her fun and exciting Storytelling on Tuesday's from 9 am in the Library. Everyone welcome.

St Columba's Enrolments

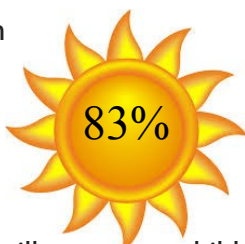
A reminder that enrolment applications for Year 7, 2018 at St Columba's Catholic College are now due. For further information contact the Enrolment Secretary on 4754 8900.

No String Ensemble this Friday 26th May

There will be no Ensemble this Friday afternoon due to the Athletics Carnival being held. Ensemble will resume on Friday 2nd June at 3pm

Attendance Percentage

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 83%. 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'.



Absentee Letters

Due to a directive from the Catholic Education Department of Parramatta Absentee Letters will be sent home on Thursday's for all students who have an "Unexplained Absence". All absences must have an explanation. If you receive one of these letters please complete and return to school as soon as possible. To assist administration time please send in notes, skoolbag notifications or phone the Office when your child is absent.

Notice of Roadworks in Katoomba Street

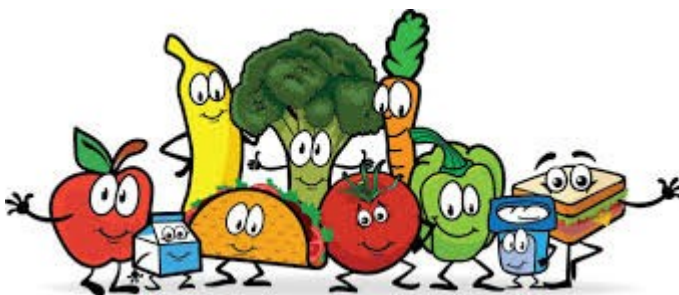
We have received notification that roadworks will be commencing in Katoomba Street at the Pedestrian Crossing located between the old Post Office and the Commonwealth Bank from today, May 22nd, Construction work is expected to be completed by Friday 9th June, weather permitting.

Second Hand Uniform

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

Purchasing On line Canteen Orders

In purchasing your child's canteen order online, you are contracting directly with the supplier. You are responsible for checking that the ingredients of what you order are not incompatible with your child's sensitivities or health issues. Please ensure you check the disclaimers in the suppliers website. If in doubt you should contact the supplier.



Mothers Day Stall

What a tremendous response to the Mothers Day Stall. Congratulations to Sr Colleen and her many helpers throughout the year and on the stall day. The Mothers Day stall raised \$743.30 which help towards school resources.

Student Banking

Congratulations to the following student who received a certificate recently.

Bronze
Angie Ho
Year 2



**Athletics Carnival
this Friday
26th May**

**Pitt Park
Wentworth Falls**



School Calendar

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

May

Week 5

Monday	22nd	Kinder 2018 Information Night	
Tuesday	23rd	Student Banking Preschool Storytelling	9am
Wednesday	24th	Ukulele Sports Day Stage 3 Responsible Pet Ownership for K,1,2	10am
Thursday	26th	Music and Italian Sacrament of Confirmation	6.15 pm
Friday	27th	Athletics Carnival No String Ensemble	3pm

Week 6

Monday	29th	My school Lunch Box Tai Chi	8.50am
Tuesday	30th	Student Banking Preschool Storytelling	9am
Wednesday	31st	Choir Sports Day Stage 3	

June

Thursday	18th	Sacrament of Confirmation	6.15pm
Friday	19th	My school Lunch Box Sport Stage 2 Gold Assembly Mini Vinnies Mass S3W String Ensemble	8.45am 12noon 3pm

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



Birthday Wishes for June

Marley Harrison,

Juan Nunez,

Leah Taylor,

Sam Everingham,

Thomas MacNamara,

Talish Sharma

and

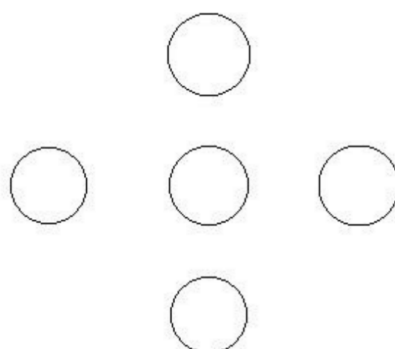
Callum Hargraves



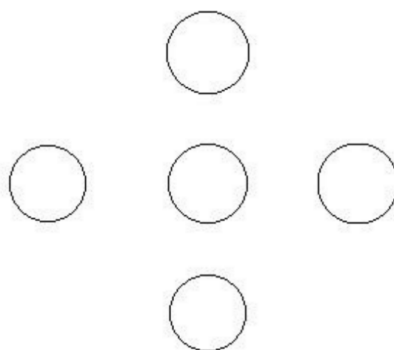
In the Open Area we currently have two **NEW** problems to solve. These problems are open to all students at St Canice's and there are many different possibilities. All you have to do is place the numbers in the circles to match the description. Record this on a piece of paper (with your name) and then hang it on our problem solving wall. Miss Bennett will look at all responses on Friday Week 5.

PLACE THE NUMBER

A. Place the digits **1, 2, 3, 4, and 5** in these circles so that the sums across (horizontally) and down (vertically) are the same. *Is there more than one solution?*



B. Put the numbers **2, 3, 4, 5, and 6** in the circles to make the sum across and the sum down equal to 12. *Are other solutions possible? List at least two, if possible.*





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Athletics Carnival 2017

16th May 2017

Dear Parents & Carers,

On **Friday, 26th May** (Week 5) all children will participate in the **School Athletics Carnival which will be held at Pitt Park, Wentworth Falls**. In case of poor weather the backup day is **Friday 2nd June** (Week 6).

This will also be the selection trial for the Athletics Team, which will represent the school at the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival in Term 3.

Transport - Bus	Start Time:	8:35am children need to be at school on time.
	Finish Time:	2:50pm bus will return to school in time for normal dismissal
Transport - Car	Start:	9:10am Pitt Park
	Finish:	2:00pm Pitt Park

Requirements:

- wear suitable sport clothes in house colours or school sport uniform
- bring warm clothes and wet weather gear etc
- bring healthy snacks, lunch and plenty of water to drink
- label all clothing and possessions
- wear a sun protective hat throughout the day
- supply own sunscreen and reapply during the day
- bring asthma puffer if asthmatic (or any other medications)
- go to class teacher on arrival and before leaving to be signed in and out.

Format for the day:

- Students will be with their age group and rotate around events including 100 metre sprint, long jump, relays, and novelty events
- Children who finish 1st, 2nd, 3rd in 100 metre, 200 metre, 800 metre and long jump will receive respective ribbons.
- Medals will be presented to a boy and a girl from each age group (junior, 11yr and senior) who achieves the highest overall points tally at the carnival. These will be presented in the days soon after the carnival.

In order to run the athletics carnival, we require adults to help with various roles such as

- Timekeepers
- Marshals, Event Assistants
- helping to set up and pack up
- transporting tents and other items to Pitt Park (a ute or trailer would be useful)

If you are able to assist, please indicate on the attached form.

Please fill out the attached permission note and **return it to school** by next **Monday 22nd May**.

Kind regards,
Lauren Bennett
Sport Coordinator

St Canice's School Athletics Carnival 2017



Permission Slip

Please complete and return to school by

Monday 22nd May

Child's Name: _____ Roll Class: _____

Age (turning) in 2017: _____ Date of birth: _____

I give permission for my child to attend the St Canice's Athletics Carnival at Pitt park, Wentworth Falls on **Friday 26th May** (Backup date **Friday 2nd June**)

Morning Transport

- ☐ **BUS** I give permission for my child to travel by bus to Pitt Park
- ☐ **PARENT** I will be transporting my child to Pitt park

Afternoon Transport

- ☐ **BUS** I give permission for my child to travel by bus from Pitt Park
- ☐ **PARENT** I will be transporting my child from Pitt park
- ☐ **OTHER PERSON** My child will be travelling home with _____

Medical

- ☐ My child has a medical condition - If 'Yes' please give details: _____

I Can Help

- ☐ I am able to help at the Athletics Carnival and have completed 'Building Child Safe Communities' form online. (<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> Volunteer tab)
- ☐ I am able get to Pitt park, Wentworth Falls at 8.00am to help set up
- ☐ I have trailer / ute.

Parent/Carer Name: _____ Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____ Contact phone numbers _____

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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.

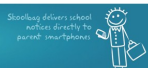


Android Users

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! Like
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

Online Uniform Ordering Information

Abel Schoolwear are the new Uniform provider for St Canice's Primary.

Uniforms maybe purchase at any time throughout the year by visiting their secure webstore as set out below

1. Go to www.abelschoolwearshop.com
2. Select "Shop" from the menu page
3. Select St Canice's Primary School
4. Start shopping.

Goods will be delivered directly to home for a small delivery fee.

Abel Schoolwear will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from
4.30pm Wednesday 21st December and will re-open
8.30am Wednesday 11th January 2017.

Orders may be placed during this period but will not be processed until 11th January.

You may visit the shop to try-on items at Unit, 5 Coombes Dr, Penrith or at school by appointment.

Phone 4731 2388
Fax 02 4731 2263
PO Box 1920 Penrith
NSW 2750

If you do not have access to a computer order forms are available from the school Office.



Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?

Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. However, a new application is required if:

- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply

Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.

Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

If the student doesn't qualify for free travel

They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students

Find out more

For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.

2017 WINTER MAGIC FESTIVAL INC.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

24 JUNE 2017



Gala
2017

OUR WINTER OUR MAGIC OUR CONNECTION

Did you know that the Winter Magic Festival is run by dedicated volunteers?

To be a Winter Magic Festival Volunteer and become part of the biggest community festival in Australia, register below. Scan the QR Code or go on-line to participate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
SCAN HERE



Hey?

Want to Volunteer?

Tear along the dotted line
and go on-line to register.

www.wintermagic.com.au

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Mental Health Networking Forum

Sexting and Cyber-bullying

Attend this forum to hear from experts about the potential legal and ethical implications of sexting and the psychosocial ramifications of cyber-bullying. Sexting is becoming an important issue for our young people and their families particularly in the local schools in our community.

The Mental Health Networking Forums enable local GPs, clinical practitioners, health workers, the community and youth sector, schools, parents, consumers and carers to network, stay up-to-date and express their views on locally relevant mental health and psychosocial issues.

All welcome

Key Presenters

- Sue Campbell-Ross, Disability Support Specialist, Mountains Youth Services Team (MYST)
- Ryn Vlachou, Youth Services Development Officer, Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC)
- Detective Chief Inspector Dietmar Almer, Blue Mountains LAC
- Jacqueline Manners, Clinical Psychologist and Lisa Clement, Family Specialist, Child Youth Mental Health Services (CYMHS)
- Arlia Fleming, Managing Principal Solicitor, Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre
- Katie Acheson, Chief Executive Officer, Youth Action

For Event enquiries, contact NBMPHN on 4708 8100.

Tuesday, 23rd May

12 pm – lunch and networking
12:30 – 4 pm session

Blue Mountains Theatre and
Community Hub
104-108 Macquarie Road
SPRINGWOOD

RSVP: Fri 19 May 2017

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To register

Please complete the fields below to register by email events@nbmphen.com.au or online at www.nbmphen.com.au/events

First Name	Last Name	
Organisation	Job Title	Mobile
Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes I would like to receive information from NBMPHN by email	
Special Dietary Requirements (please give details)		
How did you hear about this event ? <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> NBMPHN Website <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Other		

The simplest way

...to join Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

Host a morning tea to help Cancer Council fund vital cancer research, prevention programs, advocacy and support services for those affected by cancer.

The official date for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is May 25, but you can host a tea any time in May or June.



Hold it at school or home.

Every dollar makes a difference to funding Cancer Council's vital research, prevention and support service programs.

For information, registration and recipes go to:
biggestmorningtea.com.au.

**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.

Bishop Office

Positions vacant

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

Volunteer English Teacher - Catholic Care Social Services

For many years now we have been conducting English language classes for Refugee women at Mamre House Orchard Hills - a work of Catholic Care Social Services. The classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm during school terms. These classes are possible because of the generous help of volunteer English teachers. At present we urgently need a volunteer teacher to come on Tuesdays or alternatively to be on our relief list to fill in when required. A teaching qualification is an advantage but not essential. A Working With Children Check is required.

For further information please phone Sr Janet Woods on 0418 690 487.

Centenary History Book of Our Lady Help of Christians Epping: 24 May

As a final Centenary celebration of the establishment of Our Lady Help of Christians' Church in Epping (the former Catholic Parish Of Epping), the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford have produced a book reflection on the 100 years of Catholic Worship in Epping.

The book will be launched on Wednesday, 24 May 2017, on the Solemnity of our Patron Saint, Our Lady, Help of Christians, and will be available following the launch through the Parish.

The book, "A Paddock out of the Back (100 Years of Catholic Worship in Epping)," details the Parish's life over the last 100 years and even further back to the time of the Barren Hills Timbergetting Establishment in 1820. The book is a journey back in time and includes many pictures and images across this period. Since this memorable book is produced as part of the Parish's Centenary Celebration, it will be selling at the nominal price of \$12 per copy.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Shinto Francis: 27 May

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Shinto Francis on Saturday 27 May 2017 at 6.00pm. The ordination will take place at St Paul the Apostle Parish, 40 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills. Light refreshments to follow. RSVP by 22 May 2017: For catering purposes please RSVP to parish secretary tel (02) 9639 6516, winstonhills@parracatholic.org

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

Concert at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook: 28 May

"THE NIGHTINGALE AND THE ORGAN" - You are invited to an afternoon of music and song at St Finbar's Church in Glenbrook. Rachael Johnson, Soprano, and Michael Taylor, Organist will present a program of arias by Mozart, Handel, Bach as well as a selection of organ solos. Afternoon tea will be served after the concert. St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy Street Glenbrook. Sunday 28th May at 3pm. Adults \$15, Concession \$10. Enq. 4754 1780

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

Friday 2nd June, 2017 at 7.30pm. St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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. For further information contact Ingrid Vergano on 8838 3456 or ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au

Vigil of Pentecost: 3 June

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Celebration of the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday, 3rd June 2017 at 6:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 1st June, e-mail: vocationscsfn@gmail.com mob: 0449 656 406

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 Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/376209752754089/>

LIFTED Leadership Seminar 2017: 3-4 June

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 Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <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 Bracar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebracar@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 or stellanwosu@msn.com

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 Bracar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebracar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1835800090073744/>

St. Anthony of Padua relic to visit Diocese of Parramatta: 20-21 June

To Mark the Centenary of the Apparitions in Fatima a Relic of St. Anthony of Padua, Venerated by both Sister Lucy of Fatima and Pope Francis will be visiting Australia in June 2017.

Tuesday, 20th June 2017, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Avenue KELLYVILLE. Mass: 9:15am & 7:00pm

Wednesday, 21st June 2017, St Anthony of Padua Church 27 Aurelia Street TOONGABBIE. Mass: 9:30am & 7:30pm

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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