

NEWSLETTER



23rd October 2017 Term 4 Week 3

St Canice's Catholic Primary

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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

This week's Sunday Gospel reading is from Matthew 22:15-21. The Pharisees try to trick Jesus into taking sides. Jesus was approached by a group of Pharisees and asked "Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not"? If he said "Yes" he would be going against his own people in the community. If he answered 'No' he would be going against Rome and that would not be a safe thing to do. So Jesus told the Pharisees to look at the Roman coin they had in their pocket (a currency not freely accepted by the people around Jesus at the time) and look the face on the coin (Caesar). Jesus said "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God". This money that came from Rome, can go back to Rome because everything else belongs to God.

What this means to us is that we have certain responsibilities in our lives, but overall our responsibility is to God. At St Canice's we focus on learning to ensure students achieve their best, but we would not be successful if we didn't remember to also focus on God and what it means to be Christ-like. Each week at our whole school prayer assemblies, we focus on some aspect of being in this Catholic environment. Last Friday the Mini-Vinnies group presented over \$3,000 to our local St Vincent de Paul society to help those in need within our community.

It is our responsibility to try help others.

Mr Mark Geerligs
Principal

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish
Father Eugene Szondie

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

Fax: 02 4782 6090

Website: 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 2018

News from the Principal

Farewell Sr Colleen

There are two events planned to celebrate and farewell Sr Colleen from St Canice's.

On Friday the 24th of November at 8:40am, during our School Prayer Assembly the students will say thank you to Sr Colleen for all that she has done for us.

On Sunday 26th November the parish and friends will join together in the Hall from 11am to 12:30pm, to farewell our special Sr Colleen. You are most welcome to attend either



Mission Week

This week starts Mission Week in our Church. We are looking at ways to help others in need. Weather pending this Thursday, we are raising funds for people in need throughout the world. We are going to create the word LIFE in a large colourful way on the playground. Students can bring chalk to make this stand out.



St Columba's Orientation Day

The St Columba's orientation day for Year 7 2018 will be held on Friday 10th of November.



Upper Mountains Soccer Clinic

If your child is participating in the Upper Mountains Soccer Clinic at Pitt Park, Wentworth Falls on Thursday 23rd November. Please ensure permission slips are returned by Friday 10th of November.



Spooky Snack Day

Congratulations to the stage three students for organising spooky snack day. An incredible \$347 was raised.



School Banking

Congratulations to those children who received Awards for Banking.

Gold—Marshall.

Silver—Callum H, Lucy, Angie, Timothy.

Bronze—Jacob N.

Outstanding—Xavier P.



St Canice's New Phone Number

St Canice's Primary School has a new digital phone number. The number **4780 6800**, is now replacing 4782 1260.

A redirection will be in place for 12 months to allow time for our community to update and familiarise.



A thought from Fr Eugene

Years ago I read a Chinese proverb which said something like "It is better to light a candle than to complain about the darkness". There may be many dark things happening in our time but let us do one good thing to make things better no matter how small—even a prayer.



Police Cyber Safety Information Night for Parents

On Monday 27th of November, Senior Constable Michelle Jancso, the Youth Liason Officer for the Blue Mountains LAC, will be presenting a free Cyber Safety Information Evening for Parents from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Blaxland High School. RSVP 17/11/17 on 4751 0268.

The presentation will provide an overview of how young people use technology and the risks they may be exposed to. Participants will be given practical information to support conversations and safety measures for today's youth.

Strategies for the safe use of the internet will be explained and useful links to the Office's eSafety resources provided.

The workshop is a great opportunity for parents in our community to gain more knowledge and understanding on how to manage their child's online behaviour, their access and time spent online. There will be information on popular social media apps such as SnapChat, Instagram, Musicaly, and Facebook as well as privacy and security settings. The event is FREE.



St Canice's Ensemble Group

The performance at Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens will be on Sunday 12th of November from 12:10pm—12:50pm.



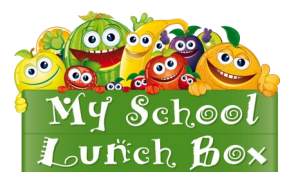
My School Lunch Box

My School Lunchbox exists to ensure kids receive the healthiest, freshest lunches in the most convenient way.

Orders can be made at myschoollunchbox.com.au

My School Lunchbox delivers directly to School on **Monday and Friday** only.

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.



Mountains to the Sea

Last Wednesday 20 St Canice's students met up with 19 St Monica's North Parramatta student at Lake Parramatta. Then we all boarded the bus and drove to Narrabeen Beach area and joined with 31 students from St Rose's school. The 70 students and staff had a wonderful time exploring the rock platform. This joint venture was organized and funded by the 3 councils. It was an amazing opportunity for our students. On Thursday 9th November, all of Stage 2 will join these 2 schools at Katoomba Falls Reserve for a mountains water study. We look forward to this opportunity.





School Calendar

October

Week 3

Tuesday	24th	Student Banking Preschool Storytelling Craft with Sr Colleen Gymnastics	8.45am 9am
Wednesday	25th	Writers Club S2 & S3	1:20pm
Thursday	26th	Music and Italian Ukulele	1:20pm
Friday	27th	Assembly S2M My School Lunch Box Mass S3K String Ensemble	8.50am 10:40am 12noon 3pm

Week 4

Monday	30th	My School Lunch Box	11:20am
Tuesday	31st	Student Banking Craft with Sr Colleen Gymnastics Preschool Storytelling	8.45am
Wednesday	1st	Writers club S2 & S3	1:20pm
Thursday	2nd	Music and Italian Choir Kinder 2018 transition	1.20pm 9am
Friday	3rd	Assembly S2B My School Lunch Box Mass S2B	8:40am 12pm

Our School Bell Times

8.40am School Begins

10.40 Recess

1.10 Lunch

2.50 End of Day

Change of Home or Emergency Contacts

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school Office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren).

Reminder to Parents

If your child is absent from School, please contact the Office. Teachers are not to be contacted on their personal mobile phones.

Second Hand Uniform

We have a small collection of second hand uniform available for sale from \$5 per item. Please call into the Office for assistance.

Reminder for our School Community

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with the School, you are encouraged to contact the office to schedule a time to discuss.

It is our aim to work with all members of our School community to ensure that we do our best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience of our staff.

Would you like to be a Host Family?

A group of Japanese students between the ages of 16 & 17, BOYS and GIRLS, will be visiting St Columba's Catholic College, Springwood for a period of 6 nights between 14 November 2017 out 20 November 2017. If you think you can help by hosting a student, please contact the Office for more information.



Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter

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Select "Current Community" click on Newsletter



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Fee Schedule 2018

School Fees

As set by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta - 4th & subsequent children are free of charge

Kindergarten

1 st Child	\$1173 per year	(\$391 per Instalment x 3)	(\$29.30 x 40 weeks)
2 nd Child	\$879 per year	(\$293 per Instalment x 3)	(\$22.00 x 40 weeks)
3 rd Child	\$588 per year	(\$196 per Instalment x 3)	(\$14.70 x 40 weeks)

Years 1 - 6

1 st Child	\$1515 per year	(\$505 per Instalment x 3)	(\$37.90 x 40 weeks)
2 nd Child	\$1137 per year	(\$379 per Instalment x 3)	(\$28.40 x 40 weeks)
3 rd Child	\$759 per year	(\$253 per Instalment x 3)	(\$19.00 x 40 weeks)

Diocesan School Building Levy

Billed to the families eldest child attending a Catholic School in the Parramatta Diocese

Family	\$783 per year	(\$261 per Instalment x 3)	(\$19.55 x 40 weeks)
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Diocesan Temporary Residents Education Fee

Billed to the families with students on a Temporary Residency Visa

Student	\$1935 per year	(\$645 per Instalment x 3)	(\$48.35 x 40 weeks)
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Resource & Activity Fees

Each Child	\$480 per year	(\$160 per Instalment x 3)	(\$12.00 x 40 weeks)
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Covers all School Based Fees such as:

Excursions - with the exception of overnight camp below
Extra Curricula Activities
Classroom Consumables
Other Teaching Expenses

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion 7th to 9th March 2018 (Years 5 & 6 Only)

Each Child	\$325 payable in 1 st Instalment
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- A Flexible Payment Plan by Direct Debit is offered by the Catholic Education Office at the beginning of each year. Alternatively an arrangement may be made directly with the school.
- If you are unable to pay your account before the due date please contact the school office.
- As per CEO Policy a full terms notice must be given to the Principal in writing before the removal of a student or one full Instalment fee will be payable.

Mark Geerligs
Principal

Jennie MacPherson
Clerical Administrator



Snow and Bushfire Policy

In the event of snowfall or a bushfire during school hours the following procedures must be followed.

When heavy snowfalls or there is a bushfire throughout the Mountains, the emergency personnel (Police and SES) provide advice to the school in respect of road conditions and closures and evacuation notice.

Should a decision be made for the school to evacuate, the school will take the following measures according to Police and SES advice:-

If it is *safe* to evacuate the students to their residence:

- Students who normally catch buses will be assembled ready for the buses.
- Students who live close to the school and normally walk will be given permission to do so unless otherwise advised by parents.
- The school will attempt to contact parents where children are unsure if anyone is home and if they live a long distance from a bus stop.
- Students who do not catch buses or walk will remain at school until parents collect them.
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OR

If it is *unsafe* to evacuate the students to their residence:

- the school staff will care for the students in a safe location according to the advice from the Police or SES.
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It is impossible to telephone every family as the time frame for this operation is short. However, every avenue to contact parents will be sought. Communication will also be placed on Facebook, Website and an alert sent via Skoolbag.

The school will remain open and therefore parents of bus travellers and walkers who require their child to stay at school can make that choice.

At all times the children's best interests will be paramount.

Parents are asked to discuss arrangements they require with their children so that students know what is expected of them.

Mark Geerligs

Principal

11th Annual Variety Concert

Supporting Blue Mountains District
Anzac Memorial Hospital

Katoomba Public School

Merriwa Street, Katoomba

Sunday 5th November - 3:00 PM



Entry \$15.00

(Primary school age & under free)

Includes

- * Variety Concert
- * Afternoon tea
- * Programme
- * Lucky door prizes
- * Raffle to be drawn on the day - tickets available

Enquiries:

Colin Semmler 4782 5765



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KATOOMBA FAMILY SUPPORT

MID MOUNTAINS NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

WEST CONNECT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE

YOUR SUPPORT WILL ENSURE A HAPPIER CHRISTMAS FOR MANY IN OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY

GIFTS SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN-TEENAGERS AND ADULTS

OR YOU CAN GIVE AT ROTARY CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE AT LEURA WOOLWORTHS DECEMBER 4-23

AT THE SAME TIME LOOK FOR THE ROTARY DVD SALE-OVER 2000 TO CHOOSE
FROM-SALE ASSISTING OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS





WORKSHOP



About

An eSafety expert from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner will be delivering a FREE workshop on how you can help keep young people safe online.

For more information visit esafety.gov.au.



Learn how

- * young people are using social media and technology
- * to make a complaint about child cyberbullying
- * we can help remove serious cyberbullying material.



When

Monday 27th November
2017
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Blaxland High School
Auditorium
MUST RSVP BY:
17/11/2017
S/Cst Michelle Jancso
4751 0268



Office of the Children's
eSafety Commissioner

esafety.gov.au

The simplest way

...to make tasty tabouli.

Serves: 6 | Preparation: 10mins | Cooking: 30-60mins

Ingredients

- ½ cup uncooked bulgar*
- 2 cups reduced-salt chicken or vegetable stock, hot
- 2 bunches Italian flat leaf parsley, chopped
- 1 bunch mint, chopped
- 3 shallots, chopped
- 3 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice

Method

1. In a large bowl, pour the boiling stock over the bulgur. Let sit for 30-60 minutes until softened and then strain through a fine mesh sieve. Cool.
2. Combine the bulgur, parsley, mint, shallots and tomatoes in a large bowl. In a small bowl, combine the olive oil, lemon juice and pinch of salt. Pour over the bulgur mix and toss to mix well.

**Bulgar is a cereal made from whole wheat partially boiled then dried. It can be substituted with couscous or quinoa.*

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 reduce cancer risk with wholegrains.

New evidence shows that eating wholegrains every day significantly reduces your bowel cancer risk.*

Delicious wholegrains you can incorporate into your family's diet include:

- wholemeal or multi-grain bread, muffins and crumpets;
- wholegrain or whole-wheat breakfast cereals or muesli;
- wholemeal or mixed grain crispbread;
- brown rice, rice cakes, wholemeal pasta, corn, oats, quinoa, rye, spelt, millet or amaranth;
- barley (not the pearl variety) or cracked wheat (bulgur).



We recommend at least four serves of wholegrain or wholemeal foods every day. One serve equals 1 slice of wholegrain bread or ½ cup of cooked porridge.

*Report available online: wcrf.org/colorectal-cancer-2017.

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The simplest way

...to add Spring produce to your menu.

Adding seasonal produce to your weekly menu not only tastes better, but buying fruit and veg in season can be up to 35% cheaper than other times of year.

- **Add some legumes** – add chickpeas to your salad, stir kidney beans through your bolognese sauce, add canned lentils to your sausage roll mix.
- **Put veggie sticks in every lunch box** – carrots are super cheap in Spring, cut them into sticks and pack them with a small container of hummus.
- **Roast veggies and use in sandwiches** – roasted pumpkin and zucchini are delicious on wholegrain bread.
- **Make fruit salad cups** – cut up some strawberry, apple and rockmelon and put in a cup for a sweet, tasty treat.



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The simplest way

...to download our free resources.

We have a bunch of great resources on our website for you to print out – free – to help make your whole family healthier.

- Reward your kids using our **My Fruit and Vegetable Chart**.
- Plan ahead, save time and money with your **Family Menu Planner**.
- Make packing lunches easier with our **Healthy Lunch Box Planner**.
- Learn how to manage fussy eaters with our **Strategies for Fussy Eaters Guide**.
- Get new ideas for healthy snacks with our **Fruit and Vegetables Snacks Guide**.
- Find out when to buy your fruit and veggies in our **Seasonality Guide**.



Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycp5a89a> to download.

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Bishop Office

Represent our Diocese: Share your Wisdom

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for greater participation of lay people through new advisory councils. Please consider nominating or encourage someone you know. Details, including the nomination kit, are available from parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils or by contacting Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

Diocesan Liturgy Conference 2017

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference will be held on Saturday 4 November at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. The conference, 'Liturgy: The Living Presence of Christ' is an excellent opportunity to gather together as a Diocese and explore the Presence of Christ in Liturgy. Day includes Keynote Speaker and various workshops including: Music and copyright, Bringing Christ to the Sick, Scripture and the Season of Advent, Sacraments of Initiation – a Field Perspective., organising a Mass- Ordos, Missals and Lectionaries. For more information go to: parracatholic.org/ofw or Office for Worship ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au

Pre-marriage preparation

The Life Marriage & Family Office in the Diocese of Parramatta has now launched an online booking system, allowing couples to enrol for pre-marriage preparation programs and to pay by credit card. Couples will be guided on the website to the most appropriate form of preparation, i.e., the Pre-Marriage Weekend Course (Friday evening & Sunday) or Prepare/Enrich, an individual couple preparation with face to face feedback sessions. Both preparations are designed to strengthen and enrich the couple's relationship and work on building a rewarding life together. Bookings may be made and dates chosen by visiting our website www.parracatholic.org/pmp

Enquiries may be made to our office on 8838 3460 or email lmf@parra.catholic.org.au.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograces.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograces.org

Holy Hour for Vocations: 2 November

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday, 2nd November 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat: 3-5 November

This weekend retreat in Sydney is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Confidential inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 555, info@rachelsvineyard.org.au For more information visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Mass in the African tradition: 5 November

Join us as we celebrate Mass in the African tradition. Very Rev Peter G Williams will celebrate Mass at 2.00pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Contact Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

Seminar for Couples hoping to conceive: 12 November

Waiting for Gabriel is a seminar allowing couples to hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy that are more successful than IVF. This topic is of particular interest to couples that are trying to conceive a child where they may have infertility issues and are seeking medical intervention to help them.

Hear from trained professionals on the different methods of Natural Fertility Awareness which are used in conjunction with NaPro Technology (Natural Procreative Technology). There will be guest couples' testimonies and the opportunity for questions. Afternoon tea will be catered. Sunday, 12th November 2017, 1:30pm-4:00pm at the Institute for Mission (IFM), 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. To reserve your place, please RSVP

to nfs@parra.catholic.org.au or 8838 3460. For more information about the event, visit www.parralmf.org.au/nfs

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 12 November

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.

St Philomena Association Holy Mass: 18 November

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker".

Mass at noon with Confession from 11.30am: St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share. Elizabeth tel or text 0423 15 44 63, epeoples9@gmail.com Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

Holy Hour for Vocations: 24 November

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 6:30pm-7.30pm for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys. For information about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta and Holy Spirit Seminary, please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 26 November

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 24-26 November

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! Weekend date: 24th -26th November, at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Discernment to the Permanent Diaconate: 26 November

Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. This is the fifth session

of the 2017 program. Subsequent sessions will be announced in due course. Venue: St. John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW 2768. Time: 3:30 to 6 pm (including Mass and fellowship). For further information visit <http://parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate/> please contact any of the following deacons:

Deacon James - deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au

Deacon Tan - deacontan@john23rd.org.au or 0407270782

Deacon George - g.bryan1@bigpond.com

International Day of People with Disability: 3 December

The International Day of People with Disability is observed annually on 3 December. In Australia, over many years, the Church has sought to take this day as an opportunity to encourage a truly pastoral view that embraces our total community as the living Body of Christ. We especially pray that we, the Church, can strive to be a people of compassion and relationship, and a sacred place where our gifts are acknowledged, received and celebrated; for then we can truly proclaim that we are 'one Body in Christ'.

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>



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