

# NEWSLETTER



6th November 2017 Term 4 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 reading is from Mt 23: 1-12.

Jesus reminds us that we need to be true and honest in the way we deal with people in our lives.

Jesus offered us a clear model on how to be true and honest. He challenges us to be the same.

When we go to Mass and receive the Eucharist, it is God's gift to us. The question is "what are we going to give back to God?" Here at St Canice's, we are always trying to help students work on improving their relationship with others. Jesus' message for us is "Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted", not "to be successful, earn lots of money no matter what".

Mr Mark Geerligs  
Principal

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**Father Eugene Szondie**

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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

## News from the Principal

### St Canice's Ensemble

The school's ensemble group has been invited to perform at a number of events before the end of the school year. This Sunday we are playing at the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Mt Tomah Gardens.

Later in the month, the group will be part of the entertainment at Sr Colleen's farewell on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November in the hall.

Finally, we are hoping to play for the Chamber of commerce in early December.

The ensemble is a great way for students to develop the skills necessary to be able to perform as a group. The orchestral discipline is developed and highlighted when the group do public performances. A special thanks to Mr Phil Rooke who conducts this group of wonderful musicians. In 2018 we are on the look out for more members to our group. If you are interested, please contact the school (this includes parents).



### Stars in the Street

The Chamber of Commerce has invited us to paint Christmas stars for the Main street of Katoomba.

These will be completed by each student over the next 2 weeks, and will be on display throughout December.



### Mountains to the Sea

The second part of the Mountains to the Sea excursion is on this Thursday. St Rose's school from Narrabeen and St Monica's from Parramatta will be joining all of Stage 2 on Thursday at lunchtime at the Katoomba Falls Reserve. It should be a fantastic way to conclude this initiative from the Blue Mountains City Council.



### Mission Week

For Mission week last month, the school raised \$117 by creating a chalk impression of the word "LIFE" have a look at this video which captures the event <https://goo.gl/GrHweZ>



### Student Leader Applications

Student Leader applications are now available to collect from the Office.

Applications close on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

Speeches will be held Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

### 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.



### St Columba's Orientation Day

The St Columba's Orientation day for Year 7 2018 will be held this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of November.

### Upper Mountains Soccer Clinic

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



### Commonwealth Bank Financial Literacies Workshop

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
St Canice's Primary School has the opportunity to participate in an interactive and engaging financial literacy incursion as part of the Commonwealth Bank's Start Smart Primary Program.



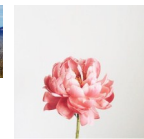
Start Smart Primary is a series of free, curriculum-based workshops, that equip students with the confidence and competence to make smart financial decisions. Start Smart changes the way young people learn about money by teaching financial skills in a way they can understand and enjoy.

### Farewell Sr Colleen

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

On Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 the 26<sup>th</sup> of 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 or both



### Annual Parish Dinner / Party

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm – 9.30pm. St. Canice's Hall.  
Cost: Family \$35 - Adult: \$20 - Student/Pensioner/Concession: \$15. Party/Dinner includes: lucky door prize, raffle, dinner, bread roll, cordial/water, desserts, tea and coffee. Santa/sleigh visit for the kids and carols for all to sing along. A 12-Seater Mini-Bus will be provided to pick up and drop off elderly and those without transport. Registration form at the back of each Church after Mass. Any questions or table bookings, please call Tricia Fox Christmas Party/Dinner Co-ordinator on: Mob: 0402 604 787

Donations for the hamper (e.g. wine, Christmas cake, craft items, etc) and for food (e.g. salads, potato bakes, meats and desserts) would be gratefully appreciated. Donations can be brought to St. Canice's hall, from 12pm onwards on the day of the party.

### Preschool Storytelling

Miss Sally invites all Preschooler's to hear fun and exciting storytelling on Tuesday's from 9am in the Library.

Everyone is welcome.





## Crazy Mufti Day

On Friday we had a Fun Crazy Mufti day. The Year 6 raised \$211.25 to go towards the end of year graduation gift. Thank you for everyone's great support.







# School Calendar

## November

### Week 5

<b>Tuesday</b>	7th	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Preschool Storytelling Gymnastics	8.45am 9am
<b>Wednesday</b>	8th	Writers Club S2 & S3	1:20pm
<b>Thursday</b>	9th	Music and Italian Ukulele Mountains to the Sea excursion Stage 2	1:20pm 11:30am —2:15pm
<b>Friday</b>	10th	Gold Award Assembly S3K Mass Yr 2 My School Lunch Box String Ensemble St Columba's Orientation	8.50am 12noon 3pm
<b>Sunday</b>	12th	Ensemble Performance Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens	11:20am

### Week 6

<b>Monday</b>	13th	My School Lunch Box	
<b>Tuesday</b>	14th	Student Banking Craft with Sr Colleen Gymnastics Preschool Storytelling	8.45am 9am
<b>Wednesday</b>	15th	Writers club S2 & S3	1:20pm
<b>Thursday</b>	16th	Kinder Transition Music and Italian Choir	9am 1.20pm
<b>Friday</b>	17th	Assembly S3W Mass S3W My School Lunch Box String Ensemble	8:40am 12pm 3pm

## Our School Bell Times

8.40am School Begins

10.40 Recess

1.10 Lunch

2.50 End of Day

The last day of Term 4 2017 will be

Friday 15th December

### End of Year close of Finance

The end of the year is fast approaching please note that the Office will be unable to process any financial procedures as of Wednesday 6th of December.

### Opal Cards

Children using an Opal card to travel to and from School are required to tap on and off each trip. Please remember not to throw away Opal cards at the end of the year as eligible cards will be automatically updated for the new school year.

## A thought from Fr Eugene

Last time I wrote "let's do something good—even a prayer".

But a prayer can be very powerful.

William Wordsworth, a great English Poet said "more things are wrought by Prayer than this world dreams of". That quote is worth thinking about.

Have a beautiful day!



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Select "Current Community" click on Newsletter

# Bishop Office

## Special edition of Catholic Outlook

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back in print for a special, one-off December 2017 Christmas edition. This special edition will be a beautifully bound, 40-page, A4 magazine and will showcase the work of the parishes, ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your parishes and schools from Monday 4 December.

## Health Carers and the Assisted Dying Bill 2017

The proposed legislation to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia will be debated in the Parliament of New South Wales on the 16 November. A similar bill has passed the Lower House in the Victorian Parliament. Such changes will place at risk the most vulnerable patients as well as undermining the relationship between patients and Healthcare Professionals which is based on trust and mutual respect. Rather than the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia all Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health Professionals are asked to let your Members of Parliament know that you support increased access to better aged care and mental health services, disabilities assistance and excellent palliative care.

There is an open letter against the legalisation of assisted suicide and a petition which has been organised by concerned healthcare professionals. You are asked to add your name to their petition by going to the link: [www.healthprofessionalssayno.info](http://www.healthprofessionalssayno.info)

## Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv statement on Manus Island

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop Delegate for Migrants and Refugees has issued a statement on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, following the closure of the Manus Island Centre. He states: "The policy of offshore detention has failed and it is time for us to deal with the issue of asylum seekers and refugees according to this nation's proud tradition and the best nature of its citizens. We can do a whole lot better, just as we did welcome "those who've come across the seas" after the wars in Europe and in Southeast Asia. The concern for maritime border security does not have to make us into a mean-spirited people. The policy of offshore detention has cost Australia dearly. But it has cost the detainees and their families even more. I appeal to the government and political leaders to act in accordance with our honourable tradition. It is time to find an alternative and conscionable solution, including accepting New Zealand's offer of resettlement and bringing the remaining detainees on Manus Island to Australia for further processing."

## Concert at St. Finbar's, Glenbrook: 12 November

From 3pm, The Mystery of the Earth concert is a choir and organ, exploring our connection to the earth and beyond. This will be a wonderfully relaxing concert performed by Academy Singers, an experienced and well-known choir, directed by the esteemed Paul Terracini and accompanied by organist Amy Johansen. Amy will play music by Haydn and Mendelssohn. Choral music by Bainton, Mendelssohn, Lauridsen, Whitacre and young Australian composer Ban van Tienen. Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Child \$10. Enquiries on 4754 1780.

## 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, [peoples9@gmail.com](mailto:peoples9@gmail.com) Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

## Christian Meditation Day: 19 November

The last Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day for 2017 at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia is on Sunday, 19th November. Arrival is 10am for 10:30am. Presentations, Meditation and Mass. BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Books and DVDs available for purchase. Registration on arrival. Voluntary Donation to the monks. Day closes around 3pm. Accommodation may be available at the monastery, ring: Br Terry 0438 282 318. Enquires: Ann Lomas 9456 4775 /[atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or Ann Bergman 9498

## 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](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

## Ordination to the Diaconate of Galbert Albino: 25 November

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe with the Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate of Galbert Albino on Saturday 25 November 2017 at 6.00pm. The ordination will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes 2145. Light refreshments to follow. RSVP by 17 November 2017: For catering purposes please RSVP to parish secretary tel (02) 9631 8135, [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au).

## Reflection Day for Women: 25 November

Preparing our Hearts for Advent Reflection Day for Women at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa 25 November 9.30 am – 3.00 pm. Cost: \$25. BYO lunch. Take some time out to reflect on the Season of Advent Day includes talk, prayer, Mass and much more! For more info contact Sr Mary Louise (02 8838 3457). Register by 22 November – [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or 02 4773 8338.

## Westmead Old Boys' Association: 26 November

Members of the St. Vincent's Westmead Old Boys Association are invited to the Annual Mass and 96th Reunion on Sunday 26 November at 11.00am, Sacred Heart Church, 14 Ralph St Westmead, BBQ Lunch at 12.30pm. Enquiries to Bob McDonald 0417 214 822.

## 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](http://www.wwme.org.au) or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto: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](mailto:deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au)

Deacon Tan - [deacontan@john23rd.org.au](mailto:deacontan@john23rd.org.au)/0407270782

**Deacon George - [g.bryan1@bigpond.com](mailto:g.bryan1@bigpond.com)**

## Volunteer overseas information session: 29 November

Palms Australia is looking for people - such as teachers, health and community development workers - to volunteer in Catholic communities all over the world to mentor workers in their fields of expertise. Australian donors cover your costs and outstanding support is provided through the church's single biggest global volunteer mission agency. Information Session on Wednesday November 29, 5:45 - 7:00 pm. More information: [www.palms.org.au/projects/](http://www.palms.org.au/projects/).

## 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'.

## Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 10 December

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.

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

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everyone crowded around me gazing at the blank page and yelling ideas and advice. Back off guys! I'll never get this done. I haven't got a clue where to go and I can't concentrate for a moment. OK, that's better. I've got some peace, and I can think straight.

It's not to be. I've got to do it myself. I'm up to a mile or so and I'm unnoticed, going west and west, with no one keeping or appreciating the

want to come. I don't think, but we'd never be. I don't think, but it's worth a try. The handover, let's not it be great if we could go to tailor's and into

# IMPRESSIONS CONVERSATIONS and Think BIG!

## PRESENT HUGH MACKAY

Psychologist, social researcher and novelist, Hugh Mackay, returns to the Blue Mountains in November. Hugh is a regular columnist in the Age and appears as a commentator on radio and television.

**Hugh will be visiting the Blue Mountains and presenting at two events:**

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In this conversation, Hugh will discuss the pursuit of 'a good life.' A life not lived in isolation, or the pursuit of individual goals, but a 'good life' found alive at the heart of a thriving community, among people we trust, and in an environment of mutual respect.

**Thursday 23rd November 2017 at 7pm**

**Korowal School Hall  
54 Hall Parade, Hazelbrook**

**Enquiries: 4758 7466**

**Tickets: \$15 Concession: \$10**

Purchase online at <https://www.trybooking.com/SKSO>

### THINK BIG! BEYOND BELIEF

PRESENTED BY:  
LOWER MOUNTAINS NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

As part of LMNC's 'Think BIG!' Ideas Forum, Hugh will present concepts from his most recent book, 'Beyond Belief' where he argues that whilst our attachment to a traditional idea of God may be in decline our desire to live a meaningful life is as strong as ever.

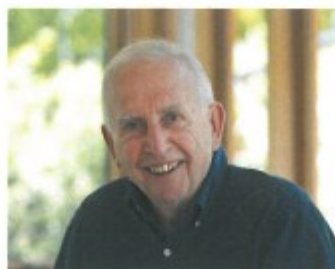
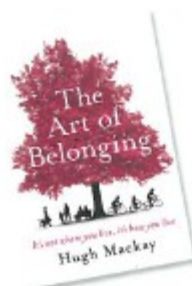
**Saturday 25th November 2017 at 2pm**

**Lower Mountains Neighbourhood Centre  
33 Hope Street, Blaxland**

**Enquiries: 4739 1164**

**Tickets: \$10**

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- \* 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  
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### Free Car Seat / Booster Check

Just letting you know that Blue Mountains City Council is running free child car seat / booster checks for families in December. Bookings are essential. By law children up to 7 years of age or under 145cm are required to be in a child restraint while travelling in a vehicle.

### \*Free Child Restraint Checking morning

**Time:** 9am - 1pm, Saturday 2 December 2017

**Location:** Blue Mountains City Council car park [2-6 Civic Place](#), Katoomba.

**Bookings are essential** as checking mornings fill up quickly

**Contact** Council's Road Safety Officer to book in **Ph 4780 5000**.

Our experienced RMS authorised fitters are there on the day to check and fit child car seats, booster seats, harnesses etc. \* The check is free but any parts needed to make the restraint safer will be at the cost of the parent / carer (cash or eftpos will be available).

Further advice on how to select an appropriate child restraint can also be found by visiting [www.childcarseats.com.au](http://www.childcarseats.com.au)