

NEWSLETTER



7th May 2018 Term 2 Week 2

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Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone to the start of Term 2. It will be a fantastic Term with the focus on Learning and Teaching. We look forward to the many activities we associate with our S@S work around the question, How can we save our trees?

Yesterday's Gospel, "Love one another as I have loved you". John 15:12. challenges us to follow God's new commandment, "Love one another". Jesus told us how we can successfully achieve this commandment - "As I have loved you".

John wrote that it was our responsibility to become more like Jesus. How we deal with difficult situations, how we deal with challenging people, how we deal with things that are unjust. These are all situations when we look towards our understanding of what we have been taught from the Gospels. Jesus Christ should be our internal guide for how we live and what we choose to do.

Last Friday at the whole school assembly we presented Silver Awards and 'Respect' Awards. A number of students were presented with a Respect Bronze Award for how they have helped people in the playground who seemed lonely. These students went out of their way to make new students, sad students, lonely students feel better for that day. This is truly "loving one another as Jesus has loved us". Today, I saw a Year 5 student stop playing his game to help a Year 1 student who was hurt. He helped this student to the office to ensure he was okay. "... As I have loved you".

Mr Mark Geerligs
Principal

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish
Father Carlos Walker & Father Sean Bradley

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 2019

Mothers Day

This Sunday is Mothers' Day. It is a special time when we say "Thanks Mum for all that you do".

On **Friday 11th** at the Prayer Assembly, Kinders will present a special Mothers' Day prayer, Families are welcome to join us.

Mum I Love You

Mum, I know you love me

By the way you show you care.

You hug me and talk to me softly;

When I need you, you're always there.

Mum, I'll love you always. From my heart, I
want to say

I'm so glad you are my mum.

Happy Mother's Day!



ANZAC Day

Thank you to the Students who represented St Canice's in the ANZAC Day March.

You were all outstanding representatives of our School



SAS Excursion

This Wednesday the whole school will be visiting Scenic World to see the Sculptural Exhibition. There are 2 parent volunteers attending, but all parents and carers are also invited to attend, however will you need to pay for yourself. Here is the timetable for our Scenic World visit.

9:30 - 11:00 Kinder Year One and Year Two

11:00 - 12:30 Stage 3

12:30 - 2:00 Stage 2

One part of the excursion will be to look at our school installation on the ceiling in the eating area.

This term we will be doing a lot of work for S@S (Sculptures at School). We will be integrating English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, Religion and Creative Arts. This is unique to St Canice's school.



Mrs Friend's Friendly Preschool Reading Group.



Preschooler's and parents are welcome to join Mrs Friend's Friendly Preschool Reading Group in the lower part of the library every Tuesday morning for a fun story reading session from 8:40-9:00



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



A Message from Miss Elizabeth (AFLO)

Sometimes Children try to avoid coming to school and can take a long time getting ready in the morning, because of this, it's a great idea to speak to your child's Teacher to make sure there aren't any underlying problems that may be causing this reluctance in your child.

At St Canice's we care and value each and every student and are here to help and offer support in getting your child to school every day and on time. Miss Elizabeth.

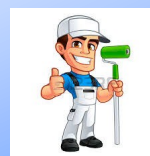
Student Teacher Visit

This week we will be having 10 Student Teachers visit our school. These students are from China and are part of the "Forian Cup Delegation".

The Fonian Cup project is to lead and promote the development of international education and is committed to train outstanding Teachers and future educators.

Thank You

This Friday we will be painting the back of the hall to create a better performance space. Thank you to Mr Krawczyk (Jasper's grandfather), for his time and expertise.



Birthday Wishes for May

Congratulations to staff and students who will celebrate birthdays during May

Leonard Basedow,
Lola McCloghry-Laing,
Sophia Osborne,
Lila manning,
Holly Garrett,
Alana Oates,
Callum Clarke,
Joseph Zammit,
Riley Hermann



Child Protection

Parents are reminded that all staff at St Canice's are mandatory reporters of child protection matters. This means that they are legally obliged to report any issue of a child protection to the Principal who then take the necessary action to address the situation. Child protection is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern that needs to be raised or a question that needs clarifying, please contact the Mr Geerligs. The school has a wide range of responsibilities in relation to child protection. These are legal and moral responsibilities. These areas include but are not limited to:

The employment, screening and on-going education of staff.

The education of the children in area of protective behaviour.

The education of parent helpers in child protection Protocols and practices for all adults using the school site (parents, trades people etc)

Investigation of allegations involving child protection matters

Engaging Community Services to support the welfare of children and young persons

Access to Newsletter and Calendar

To find up to date information and gain access to the St Canice's Calendar and Newsletter, please subscribe via our school website at

<http://www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au>

Select "Current Community" and then click Newsletter this will enable you to enter your email address for your subscription to the Newsletter, latest news, Calendar etc.

Information can also be found through the skoolbag app and our facebook page.



Online Uniform Ordering Information

Abel Schoolwear are the Uniform providers for St Canice's Primary. Uniforms may be purchased 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 your home.

Abel Schoolwear is now located at Unit 3 / 2 Peachtree Road, Penrith.

Phone 4731 2388

Fax 02 4731 2263

PO Box 1920 Penrith

Abel Schoolwear has moved

You can find us now at Unit 3/2 Peachtree Road, Penrith, NSW 2150
We are behind McDonalds in the same building as Tropicana



Unit 3/2 Peachtree Road, Penrith 2150 4731 2388

Diocesan Cross Country

Congratulations to our amazing athletes who competed with hundreds of other students in the Paramatta Diocese at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek. We are proud of you all.



National Road Safety Week.

The Yellow Ribbon Road Safety campaign commit to protecting vulnerable road users and honour those affected by road tragedy.

"Drive so Others Survive!"

Yellow ribbons, stickers, and wrist bands are available for purchase at the Office.

The SARAH Group thanks you for your support.



Kinder Enrolment 2019 Information Evening

St Canice's will hold an Information Evening for Families who may be interested in enrolling a child into Kindergarten 2019.

When: Monday 4th of June 2018
Where: St Canice's School Library
Time: 7pm—8pm
Children Welcome,
Tea & Coffee Provided

RSVP:

Phone: 4780 6800

Email: stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au

Facebook: St Canice's School Katoomba



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 3 months to allow time for our community to update and familiarise.



St Columba's Year 7

A reminder that enrolment applications for Year 7, 2019 at St Columba's Catholic College are now due. For further information contact the Enrolment Secretary, Sandra O'Brien, on 4754 8900 or 4754 8907



SAS Donations

We are in need of "interesting" cardboard for SAS. We especially need thick cardboard. If you have any at home please send in to school with your child. Cereal type boxes are not required.

Also, if you have your old phone book that you are wanting to recycle, we would be more than happy to take it.

Thank you very much.



Can you help?

We are seeking Families who may be interested to host a Japanese Student 28th July—5th August 2018.

Students are aged 14—15 years and speak some English.

What you need to provide:

- A comfy bed
- Three meals a day
- Daily transport to and from St Canice's Primary.

Students attend School during week days and enjoy family life with you on the weekend.

For further information or any questions

please call 9889 4366 or

Contact the Office on 4780 6800.



Skoolbag App

The skoolbag app is available to download so you are kept updated with

- School Newsletters
- Alerts and Notices
- Events and the St Canice's Calendar
- Reminders

If your child is absent, you can login and submit an Absentee Form via the e-forms section.

To install the St Canice's skoolbag app on your device, simply search for our school name in the app store on your device and download the app!

SkoolBag



Opal Cards

We ask that Student's are reminded that they are required to 'tap on' and 'tap off' when travelling to and from school on any school bus boarded in the course of their journey.

Opal data gathered by 'tap on' and 'tap off' is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't 'tap on' and 'tap off', lack of perceived patronage could lead to a review of the level of services provided to your school.



Fundraising Raffle

If you would like to help raise funds for World Youth Day 2019?

Raffle booklets of 10 tickets are available from the Office at a cost of \$20

Individual tickets are also available for \$2 each and can be purchased at the Office.

The raffle will be drawn on 27th October 2018

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019

TICKETS \$2ea

DRAWN at LIFTED LIVE on 27th October 2018

1st Prize: Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered
Supplied by Penrin@mazda (02) 4752 2777

2nd Prize: COSMOS. \$2000 Gift Card
Donated by Cosmos - can be used on any Cosmos coach tour for travel in 2019. This value prize cannot be used towards any WYD 2019 pilgrimage. The value cannot be transferred to cash.

3rd Prize: New iPhone X
4th Prize: New iPhone X
5th Prize: New iPhone X
Donated by Secure Agility

6th Prize: Apple iPad Mini
Donated by Campion College Australia

7th Prize: Cash Prize of \$500
Donated by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

8th Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card
Donated by Automated Control Solutions

9th Prize: Apple Watch
Donated by Catholic Church Insurance

10th Prize: \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card
Donated by The Catholic Foundation

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

For tickets and further information please contact
Michael Mendieta: MMendieta@parra.catholic.org.au

Privacy: All information collected will be securely stored and protected by the Diocesan Fundraising Office, The Catholic Foundation. Visit parra.catholicfoundation.org.au for the full disclaimer.



St Canice's Fundraising

We are excited to be offering children's science kits for sale

The science kits are from Curious Kids' Science and they are suitable for use by children from 4-years-old and over.

The Chemistry-in-Action kit is \$34.95 and for each kit sold, the school receives \$8.

The kits

Each kit contains everything (except milk) that your child needs to conduct 5 chemistry experiments. They also contain detailed explanations of the experiments, a journal for recording results and a "Grown-up's Guide" so that parents and carer's can help their children get the most out of the activities.

There are also suggestions for 10 variations to the experiments contained in the kits that can be done with a few additional ingredients from around the home.

Getting your kit

If you would like to purchase a Chemistry-in-Action kit and raise money for the school, go to www.curiouskidsscience.com.au and do the following:

Select "shop".

Enter the number of Chemistry-in-Action kits that you require and click "add to cart".

Select the shopping bag icon in the top right corner of the screen.

Complete the checkout details and enter the code **SCP18** in the "discount field" on the right side of the screen.

In the address field please indicate:

158 Katoomba Street

Katoomba 2780

Complete the purchase by making your payment.

All kits must be ordered by 20th May 2018.

The kits will be delivered to the school and will be distributed to the children by 28th May 2018.



School Calendar

May

Week 2

Tuesday	8th	Student Banking Preschool Reading Group	9am
Wednesday	9th	Scenic World Excursion Student Teachers Visit	8:40am
Thursday	10th		
Friday	11th	Mothers Day Assembly Kindergarten Stage 3 Futsal Gala Day Mass My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8.50am 9am 12noon

Week 3

Monday	14th	My School Lunch Box	
Tuesday	15th	Student Banking Preschool Reading Group Naplan	9am
Wednesday	16th	Naplan	8:40am
Thursday	17th	Naplan	
Friday	18th	Assembly Mass Stage 2 Futsal Gala Day My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8:50am 12 noon 9am

Our School Bell Times

8.40am School Begins

10.40 Recess

1.10 Lunch

2.50 End of Day

My School Lunch Box

The My School Lunch Box supplies healthy and fresh lunches delivered to our school on Mondays and Fridays. Simply browse the menu on the website and select the food and drinks required. Enter the school, child, class and day. Payment can be made via credit card or PayPal. myschoollunchbox.com.au

KOOSH

Katoomba Out of School Hours operates at
10 Station Street Katoomba .
Phone 4782 2533 or
0478 166 352



Term 2

Tuesday 1st of May

Friday 6th July

Term 3

Tuesday 24th July

Friday 28th September

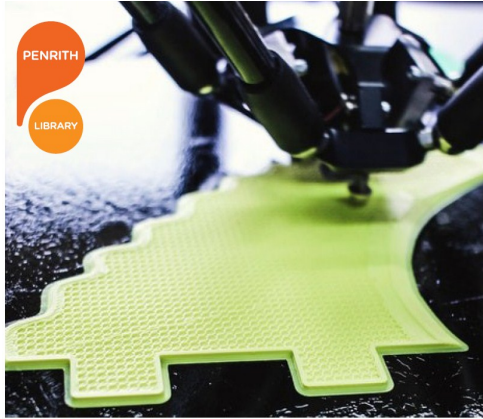
Term 4

Monday 15th October

Wednesday 19th December

Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter

What's On in Our Community



3D DESIGN WORKSHOPS

WITH BUILD-A-MIND

WHO Students aged 10 - 15 years

WHEN Tuesdays from 15 May to 3 July
4 - 5.30pm

COST \$144 for 8 weeks

For more information please contact 4732 7891 or email childrensteamlibrary@penrith.city

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CITY COUNCIL**

library.penrith.city

Kids Friday Art Club TERM 2 - 2018 - 9 WEEKS Friday 11th May - Friday 6th July



Fridays 3:40pm - 5:00pm - Ages 5-12

Let your imagination run wild, and develop your art making skills and techniques. Friday art club is for kids who love being creative and want to develop their art making skills. We will explore a variety of different drawing and painting techniques, including still life, portraits, landscapes and more. Each term also features one new art medium - mosaics, ceramics, sculpture and/or mixed media craft, so this means students constantly build on their 2D and 3D art making skills! BOOKINGS.wildvalley.com.au 0429 482 933



Wentworth Falls



BLUE MOUNTAINS ORCHESTRA PRESENTS
SUNDAY 6 MAY 2 PM
MOZART & ENIGMA

Mozart - Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Viola, with soloists Lisa Stewart and Stefan Dawe (half the Acacia Quartet)
Elgar - Enigma Variations
Holst - Suite in E-flat, transcribed for orchestra
Parrell - Elegy in G minor, Op. 43. Local Blue Mountains' Composer
Training Orchestra will play several musical items

Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub
104-108 Macquarie Rd, Springwood
Tickets: Adult \$35, Child \$20, Family \$90
Box Office: 4723 5050
www.bluemountainstheatre.com
ENQUIRIES: 4751 1042

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• Driving Range

Enjoy the peace and serenity while you practice your swing at the Blue Mountains only driving range.

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Explore our parklands or the many nearby trails.

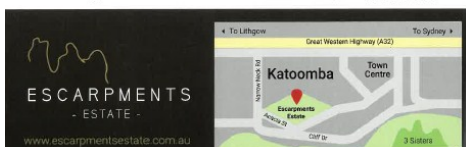
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• 57 Acres of Parkland to Explore!
• BBQ Facilities Available

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33 Acacia Street
Katoomba



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ANIMATION ACADEMY
Stop Motion Animation class
Age 7-14

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED
SCRIPTWRITING, SET CONSTRUCTION, FILMING
ANIMATION ACADEMY AWARDS!

Wednesday 4pm-5pm
Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre. 6/10 Station St. Katoomba
2nd May- 20th June. Two tutors.
Cost: \$30 per class, or through the **NDIS**
Call Nigel to reserve a place. 0468 424 000

**CREATIVITY
TEAMWORK
NEW SKILLS
FUN!**

YOUTH FRONTIERS PROGRAM

**BE A MENTOR
CHANGE A LIFE**

Are you passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people?

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?
Mentors must be available to mentor a young person 2 hours per week throughout 2018.
Training and ongoing support will be provided.
If you are a natural mentor and are ready for a challenge, please send your resume and a brief expression of interest (1-2 paragraphs) outlining why you would like to become a mentor to: applications@octec.org.au
All successful mentors will be required to undergo a criminal history check and working with children certification.

WE NEED MENTORS WHO:
• connect easily with young people
• have a passion to help youth develop their confidence, teamwork, leadership skills and community connections
• will assist a young person with participating in a community engagement activity.

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applications@octec.org.au www.octec.org.au (02) 9623 6886




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16A Grose Street Leura





OPEN : Monday - Friday 7.30am - 6pm

Nurturing Environment		Natural Playgrounds
	Whole Food Menu	
Online Parent Portal		Friendly Staff

Cherry Blossom is located on Grose Street behind Leura Mall.
We are open 52 weeks of the year from 7:30am to 6:00pm.

Early bird deals are available if you Enrol now for 2018. Call or e-mail us to book your tour now.

Please contact Shery on: 02 4784 2472 or
Email us on Cherryblossomcleura@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook Cherry Blossom Early Learning Centre
Instagram [CherryBlossomcleura](https://www.instagram.com/CherryBlossomcleura)



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Early Education Centres

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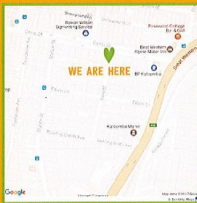
OUR CENTRE FOCUSES ON IMPLEMENTING A "PADDOCK TO PLATE" PRACTICE, ALL PRODUCE GROWN AT THE CENTRE IS EITHER USED IN OUR ON-SITE KITCHEN OR DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES TO TAKE HOME & ENJOY!

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- Nappies, wipes & toilet training assistance provided
- Greenwood custom online portal called Leaf, with real time feeds & updates on your child's daily progress
- Access to all current childcare fee subsidies

CENTRE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK TOUR PLEASE CONTACT

P. 02 4782 4997
E. katoomba@greenwood.com.au
A. Dora St, Katoomba NSW 2780



**EXTENDED HOURS 7AM-6:30
CARE PROVIDED FOR 0-6 YRS**

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KIDZPLAY

Fridays 9.30-11.30am
St Hilda's Church Hall, Katoomba

For children 0-5 years & their parents/carers babies, toddlers & preschoolers are all welcome

Come and have fun! We have a jumping castle, slippery dip, exciting Bible story time and craft. Morning tea is provided for kids & adults.

Regular cooking mornings where the young children themselves do the cooking!
Parents can chat with others while kids play.

\$5 per child per week
Any enquiries? Call Robyn ph. 0438401088

Catholic Outlook Survey

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about CatholicOutlook. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook

CatholicCare has a new website

Remaining committed to their core mission to be the compassionate face of Christ and be a strong and visible provider of care for all in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains with a special concern for the poor, CatholicCare now also has a new website to help them on their journey. Visit the new website at www.ccss.org.au

Volunteers Required

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, are looking for volunteers to support our clients in the Blacktown area who are over 65 and living in their own home. You may be able to spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight to take a client out shopping or to a medical appointment or just stop by for a cuppa and a chat. We also require drivers who are able to drive a 12 seater Hiace bus. If this interests you, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 8843 2541, 0418 114 055 or via email on deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

We want to hear YOUR voice!

The Council for Australian Catholic Women, an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and will be holding a consultation session with women in the Diocese of Parramatta on the evening of 21 June 2019. Share your thoughts with us and/or let us know if you would like to be part of that consultation event on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen>

Formation 2018

Formation 2018 presented by 'Live Christ Share Christ' at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta have been holding monthly formation talks for the past eighteen months. Topics have included: Sacraments, An Introduction & Overview of the Gospel of Mark, The Temptation of Jesus (Mark) and weekly Lenten reflections. Our speakers are clergy from the Diocese of Parramatta and other special guests. Sessions alternate from Friday nights to Saturday afternoons in the Cathedral Hall. If you would like to be included on our mailing list for upcoming talks, please email Pat, Parish Secretary on secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au.

Positions Vacant

- Risk Officer - Chancery Office, Parramatta

- Interviewer - Tribunal Office, Parramatta

More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

- Garden Crew Supervisor - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills

More details at: www.ccss.org.au

- Youth Co-ordinator - Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes

More details at: www.olqp.org.au

- Assistant Bookkeeper - St John 23rd Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens

More details at: www.john23rd.com

Bishop Office

Ordination to the Diaconate of Jessie Balorio: 12 May

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jessie Balorio on Saturday 12 May 2018 at 5.30pm. The ordination will take place at Holy Family Church, Luddenham. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 13 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.

Mass For Neophytes: 18 May

The annual Mass for Neophytes (newly Baptised Catholics and those who have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church) will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and held on Friday 18 May, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For further information contact the Office For Worship on 02 8838 3456 or ingridvergano@parracatholic.org.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Christopher del Rosario: 26 May

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Christopher del Rosario on Saturday 26 May 2018 at 6.30pm. The ordination will take place at St Monica's Church, Richmond. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green: 2 June

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green on Saturday 2 June 2018 at 6.00pm. The ordination will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Westmead. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Candidacy for Holy Orders: 24 June

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be accepting into Candidacy for Holy Orders of Mr Roderick Pirotta, Mr John Cinya, Mr Roque Dias and Mr Thong Nguyen at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 24 June at 11am.

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

PROCLAIM 2018: National Conference on Parish Renewal and Evangelisation 12 – 14 July 2018

The Archdiocese of Brisbane, in collaboration with the ACBC's National Centre for Evangelisation, will host PROCLAIM 2018. This national conference will engage parishes and faith communities in a conversation focusing on five key areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation. During the conference participants can attend keynote presentations, expert panel sessions and discussions facilitated by leaders with 'on the ground' experience. Ideally, this will help those participants to contribute to the formulation of some practical strategies to assist your parish or faith community's own goals in the areas of renewal and evangelisation. Keynote speakers include Cardinal John Dew (Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand), Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation – Canada), Ms Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator), Mons Enrique Fiquaredo SJ (Cambodia) and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Bishop Office

Mount St Benedict Centre: 18 – 20 May

Conversations with the Wisdom of Benedictine Women. A Retreat Facilitated by Carmel Posa sgs. Throughout the ages there have been many Benedictine women who have shared the wisdom they have acquired in their search for God. This weekend retreat will reflect on this wisdom using the writing and lives of St Scholastica, sister of St Benedict, St Leoba German Benedictine missionary of the 8th Century, Heloise of the Paraclete, acclaimed abbess of the 12th Century, Dorothy Day, Benedictine Oblate and Peace activist of the 20th Century and Joan Chittester, Benedictine of our time. For more information: mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or 02 8752 5390.

St Philomena Association Holy Masses: 19 May 2018

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her “the great wonder worker”. Mass at midday 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)

Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture: 20 May

Professor Carole Cusack, Dr Bernadette Tobin AO, The Honourable Deirdre Grusovin AM - Humanae vitae after 50 years. Visit the ACHS website www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au for more information.

Christian Meditation: 20 May

You are invited to our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Days for 2018 at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday 20 May. Arrival time at the monastery is from 10am for a 10:30am start. Conclusion is around 3pm. Mass is celebrated at 2pm. There will be presentations and periods of meditation with the opportunity of an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers. Bring your own picnic lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Registration is on the day. There is no set charge, a donation may be made for the monks. There may be accommodation available at the Monastery Guest House enquiries to Br Terry Cavanagh on 0438 282 318. Other enquiries to Ann Bergman 02 9498 2625 anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas 02 9456 4775 atlomas@bigpond.com

The Parramatta Catenians: 24 May

The Parramatta Catenians invite you to celebrate their 200th dinner meeting at a special dinner event with guest speaker, Mr Andrew Scipione, NSW Police Commissioner Emeritus. To be held at Lachlan's Restaurant, Old Government House, Parramatta Park on 24 May from 6:45pm. Contact Peter 0427 276 443 for more information, RSVP by Friday 11 May.

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