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NEWSLETTER WEEK 1

12 October 2017

CALENDAR DATES TERM 4 2017

Oct 13 Fri	Our Lady of Fatima Procession & Whole School Mass 9:00 am
Oct 16 Mon	Assembly presented by Year 4
Oct 18 Wed	Year 2 Parish Mass
Oct 24 Tue	Colour fun day
Oct 25 Wed	Year 3 Parish Mass Kinder Orientation 9 - 11 am First Penance Liturgy 7:30 pm
Oct 26 Thurs.	First Penance Liturgy 7:30 pm
Oct 27 Fri	World Teacher's Day
Oct 30 Mon	Assembly presented by Year 2
Nov 1 Wed	Kindy Orientation 9 - 11 am All Saints Day Whole School Mass
Nov 4 Sat	Whole School Parish/School Mass & Family Bbq 6:00 pm

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

A warm welcome back to the new school term and I trust that all our families enjoyed a rest-filled break.

It is another busy term and again the invitation is extended to all members of our school community to join with us at the planned events to continue nurturing the children in their faith and learning.

Talking to Children About Tragic Events in the News

Over the holidays there have been several significant tragic events that have been widely broadcast that many of our children would have seen. As a parent it was always challenging to find the right words when my children came with questions about significant tragedies that they see and hear about on all forms of media. I was reading an article on this topic from Dr Justin Coulston during the holiday break and have passed on a shortened version for your reference for when this happens for you as a parent or carer.

When children come with questions about these events, for many our natural reaction is to tell our children everything. We get very logical, we give them answers because that's what parents do. Some parents sugar-coat the answers while others prefer a direct response. Others outright lie in order to protect their children. Our reaction is often influenced by how we are affected by what we read, hear, or see, and our children see how we are affected, they can also be affected. Our emotions are contagious. Our fears become our children's fears. Our anxieties become theirs.

What typically underlies our children's questions is a mixture of two things: curiosity, and concern.

We can satisfy our children's curiosity with brief, honest answers. It is important that our children understand that these are rare events. Most people are safe all day every day.

We satisfy concern with something altogether more important: understanding, compassion, and empathy. Our children want to know that even if the world is unsafe and unpredictable, their world is safe and predictable.

Often older children may follow up with more complex questions, the advice about responding to questions remains the same:

- Be honest
- Answer questions briefly and directly
- Avoid sugar-coating
- Don't give more detail than is appropriate
- Be guided by your children's curiosity and then stop. Avoid oversharing.

It would be wonderful if we never had to have these conversations because we lived in a world where these things didn't happen. Ultimately, it's our job to guide our children in age appropriate ways through these hard questions. But remember, our children don't need to be told they're safe. They need to feel safe.

Finally, it is important to remember that there is LOTS of good news out there. People who help, who love, who are kind and compassionate. Children need hope, and there are hopeful stories out there. Be positive. Life can be – and is – good.

We have several of Dr Coulston's books at school available for parents to borrow. If you are interested in accessing these books please contact Mrs Digwood.

In partnership let us continue to work to develop in the children strong minds and gentle hearts.

Peace & best wishes

Tim Vane-Tempest
Principal

Target - 90%
average across the
school

Every Learner,
Every Day

**Attendance in the past
week 95%**

Regular Attendance at School

A reminder as we start this new Term about the importance of regular and continuous attendance at school. It is essential to support all children in maintaining continuity with their learning and assist with sustained progress.

The school day begins with certain routines and activities e.g. prayer, roll call etc. so it is essential that children arrive at school by 8.55am. The school grounds are open to pupils from 8.30 am each morning and the playground gate is locked at 9:00 am. In the afternoon the gate is opened at 3:10 pm and remains open to pupils until 3.35 pm. Children are not supervised prior to 8.30 am each morning and after 3.35 pm. Parents are requested not to bring children prior to 8.30 am or pick them up after 3.35 pm.

We start each week with a morning assembly on Monday. It is important that all children are on the assembly with their class. If any parent needs to share information with their child's homeroom teacher, this should be done before school. Alternatively, if the matter requires more than a quick chat, all staff are more than happy to make an appointment to discuss matters in detail.

Once school has started, all teaching staff have taken responsibility for the care and learning of the children and need to be fully focused on this very important task.

Protocols if your child arrives after 9:00am

If your child arrives after the school day has begun please accompany them to the school office to sign them in.

Children should not attend the school office unaccompanied if they arrive after 9:00.

If your child is absent from school for any reason it is appreciated if contact is made with the school to notify of the absence. On return to school, it is necessary that a note or doctor's certificate is sent explaining the absence.

For planned absences please apply well in advance by sending a note to Principal, including the dates, so that request can be considered and if the absence exceeds 5 days a form will need to be picked up from the front office, completed and returned to the Principal.

I thank all parents for your assistance with these matters.

Kinder Orientation Day

The orientation days for Kinder 2018 will be held on Wednesday 25th October and 1st November. All families for Kindergarten children starting in 2018 have already been or will be contacted with details of these days. We look forward to welcoming our new Kinder children and a number of new families to our school community.

Summer Uniform

At the beginning of the term children should be in their summer uniform. The uniform is available by ordering online through Oz Fashions. If you require information on how to order online please contact our Office staff for assistance. The Summer uniform for all students is as follows:

Summer

Girls: Check Dress, Blue Socks, Black Leather Shoes

Boys: Grey Shorts, Short Sleeve Blue Shirt, Grey Socks, Black Leather Shoes

Sports: School Sports Shorts, School Sports Shirt, Sports Shoes, School design Tracksuit

Kiss & Drop Zone

Thank you to all who have made use of the Kiss & Drop zone before and after school during Term 3. There has been a significant drop in the length of the vehicles queuing along Little Church St and significant increase in the speed of pick up and leaving. Whilst I am sure that there is some frustration when having to drive around the block when the zone is full, your cooperation is very much appreciated and ensures this service is available into the future.

As a reminder to us all the guidelines for using this service are below:

- Kiss & Drop will operate between 8:30 am and 9:00 am and 3:15 pm and 3:35 pm
- Cars will follow in single file through the drop zone
- Drivers should move as far as possible into the zone before stopping to allow children to get out or when picking up
- Children need to exit the car on the left hand-side so they are not walking behind or between cars using the zone
- No overtaking of vehicles in the Kiss & Drop zone
- Drivers need to stay in their car at all times – no parking is permitted in the Kiss & Drop
- When leaving the Kiss & Drop zone be aware of other drivers and pedestrians.
- Please remember to drive around when the Kiss & Drop Zone is full.

Staffing Update

We welcome to our community Miss Rosemary Sant (S3), Miss Maggie Sullivan (Yr. 1/Music & Drama) to our staff for Term 4. Both Miss Sant & Miss Sullivan are well known to our children and staff and we look forward to the contribution they will make to our school.

Also I have been informed that Mr Mallia will be leaving his teaching position at the end of next week. We wish him well in his future endeavours and thank him for his contribution to our community.

Children not returning in 2018

As we approach the end of the year families make decisions about schooling for the coming school year.

We are required to maintain our register of students so that it is accurate for the students who are enrolled at St Matthew's School. If there are families who are not returning to St Matthew's School in 2018 it is important to inform to the school, in writing, about your intention.

This assists with the organization of class and homeroom groupings for next year as well as enrolment enquiries, which we are receiving for 2018.

Work has continued during the holiday break on the new learning spaces. The new learning spaces that will be installed during the Christmas break. There is a larger version of this plan on display in the front office for those wishing to view it.



12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor



Monday - Saturday: 9.00am
(Thursday Hospital): 10.45am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 9.30-10.30am

Office Hrs: 9.30am-4.00pm ~ stmcc@tpg.com.au

- ✧ SELF
- ✧ OTHERS
- ✧ SCHOOL





Tuesday 24th October 2017

12:45 pm - 3:15 pm

School Fun Run The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular reading, technology and furniture resources for our new learning spaces.

OUR TARGET IS \$10,000



The fundraiser is all about participation!

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts.

STUDENTS CAN WEAR A PLAIN INEXPENSIVE SHIRT WITH SPORT SHORTS (all powders are food based colouring and wash out easily)

**PLEASE HELP US WITH YOUR
SUPPORT**

Greetings St Matthew's School Community!

Welcome back to Term 4 and another term filled with many opportunities to gather as a community in prayer and friendship. This Friday 13th of October, is the 100th Anniversary of the last Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. As a school and parish community, we will be gathering in the school grounds at 9.15 am and our students will lead the community in a procession of praying the Rosary into the Church for Mass.

Our Lady of Fatima

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima on May 13, 1917, to three shepherd children: Lucia, 10, Francisco, 9 and Jacinta, 7. The children described Her as "a lady dressed in white, shining brighter than the sun, giving out rays of clear and intense light..." Our Lady asked them to return to that same spot on the 13th of each month. She encouraged them to pray the Rosary every day.

On the 13th of October, a crowd of about 70,000 gathered at Cova da Iria in Fatima. It had rained heavily the night before and people were curious to witness a miracle for themselves. The Blessed Virgin appeared to the three children and revealed Herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary". Today, Catholics refer to Her as Our Lady of Fatima. The crowd wanted to experience a miracle so with over 70,000 witnesses, the sun made incredible and sudden movements across the sky- falling towards the crowd and "dancing" in the sky. The witnesses experienced an amazing event! Many people were converted that day as well as many miracles of healing. When the sun went back to its position in the sky – people went from soaking wet to perfectly dry.

Our Lady sends us a message of peace and conversion: which is very relevant today. She asks us to pray The Rosary and to use the Brown Scapular. You are all welcome to join us on Friday.

First Penance

Please pray for all the students in our school and parish community who are preparing for the Sacrament of Penance. We pray for them and their families as they learn more about the love and mercy of God.

Social Justice

Next term our students will be working on a PBL in their Mission Unit focussing on Social Justice and our call to help others through our words, thoughts and actions. Each grade will nominate a group to support through their learning and contribute to them in different ways. The support for and awareness of social justice will be different for each grade. Social Justice is very strong and alive at St. Matthew's. This awareness of social justice does not just apply to outside our school community- but within it as well. I will keep you updated on the different projects and the many communities that will benefit from their hard work in the Newsletter.

"Heart" – Women's Conference 2017 – 19th – 21st of October.
www.thecatholicguy.com.au

Next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

God Bless.
Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

Our Lady of Fatima – Pray for us.
St Matthew- Pray for us.

Dates to remember

Friday, 13 th of October:	Our Lady of Fatima Procession and Whole School Mass at 9.15 am.
Wednesday, 25 th of October:	First Penance Liturgy at 7.30 pm.
Thursday, 26 th of October:	First Penance Liturgy at 7.30 pm.
Saturday, 4 th of November:	Whole School Parish / School Mass and Family BBQ at 6pm.

Sport News

Welcome back to our final term for 2017! Please take note of the following dates:



Week 1

- ❖ Stage 2 & 3 Basketball Gala Day Wednesday
October 11 in Cambridge Park.
- ❖ League Tag trials all week.



Week 5

- ❖ Stage 2 & 3 League Tag Gala Day Wednesday November 8 in
Parramatta.



Week 10

- ❖ St Matthew's Swimming Carnival
Wednesday December 13



2018 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials

This information only affects students currently in Year 4 or Year 5 who are enrolled to attend St Matthew's again next year.

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2018 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2017 and Term One in 2018. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an **above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport**. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in years 5 & 6 in 2018 be invited to attend. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Registration Closing Date
AFL	Open Boys & Girls	Term 1 2018	Friday 2nd Feb 2018
BASKETBALL	Open Boys & Girls	Nov 14 2017	Friday 27th Oct 2017
CRICKET	Open Boys & Girls	Term 1 2018	Friday 2nd Feb 2018
DIVING	10/11 Boys & Girls & 12/13 Boys & Girls	Term 1 2018	Registration via CSSS 2018
FOOTBALL (SOCCER)	Open Boys & Girls	Term 1 2018	Friday 2nd Feb 2018
GOLF	Open Boys & Girls	Term 3 2018	Registration via CSSS 2018
HOCKEY	Open Boys & Girls	Term 1 2018	Friday 2nd Feb 2018
NETBALL	Open Girls	Term 1 2018	Friday 2nd Feb 2018

RUGBY LEAGUE	Open Boys & Boys 11 yrs	Term 1 2018	Friday 2nd Feb 2018
RUGBY UNION	Open Boys	Term 1 2018	Friday 2nd Feb 2018
SOFTBALL	Open Boys & Girls	Term 1 2018	Friday 2nd Feb 2018
TENNIS	Open Boys & Girls	Nov 20 2017	Friday 27th Oct 2017
TOUCH	Open Boys & Girls	Term 1 2018	Friday 2nd Feb 2018

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials please complete the Team Online Registration Form that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

NOMINATIONS close Friday 27th October 2017 for the sports of Basketball & Tennis and entries close Friday 2nd February 2018 for all other sports.



BOOTCAMP

At Bootcamp we will continue working on our fitness skills every Thursday morning at 8 am. This is optional and families do not have to commit to each and every week, however, it is a great opportunity to get active!

Mrs Brand

Ideas to get your family moving:

- Go outside and play chasing, ride bikes or throw a ball or a Frisbee.
- Encourage children to make their own obstacle course at home. You could use garden hoses as tight-ropes, chairs to crawl under, and the clothes line to run around. Include a skipping rope and some jumping. For variety ask them to walk backwards, hop or skip through the obstacle course. Time them to see how they are improving.
- Encourage your child to play outside whenever possible. Play along whenever you can.
- Be a good role model – be active when you're with children. What gets children moving is what parents do, not what they say. Children learn by example! Include games and walks in family outings.
- Negotiate a time limit on sedentary activities such as watching TV and playing computer games.
- Walking together is a good time to talk to children about their lives and yours.
- Be prepared, think about activities your family can do in and around your home.
- Have some plans for wet days.

TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Uniform Shop Hours

Friday 9:00 am - 12 noon

Uniform orders for socks, bags and hats can be placed at the front office or the form can be downloaded from the website.

Amanda will be able to assist you on Fridays only between the hours of 9:00 am & 12 noon.

Oz fashions has a new app QQR see instructions below



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CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018: COSHC OPERATION DATES

To assist COSHC families in planning their education and care needs over the Christmas closure period and to plan bookings for Vacation Care in January 2018, a calendar of Closure Dates and Operational Dates has been issued to all families enrolled with COSHC.

COSHC WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- Monday, 18 December 2017 and Tuesday, 19 December, 2017. COSHC staff will be participating in professional development in line with teachers and school staff.
- The Early Learning and Care team will be on annual leave from 22 December, 2017 to 5 January 2018. COSHC will not be operating during these days.
- COSHC will be closed on Australia Day, 26 January, 2018
- COSHC will be closed on Monday, 29 January 2018 for professional development of staff.

FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Christmas Closure

The last day of operation of COSHC services will be Friday, 15 December 2017.

2. January Vacation Care

The COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 8 January, 2018 to Thursday 25 January 2018.

3. 2018 Commencement of COSHC operations for Before- and After-School programs

COSHC will re-open on Tuesday, 30 January, 2018.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OZ FASHIONS



We are now using the Qkr app for all online uniform orders.

Please follow all instructions on the flyer below to download the app and set up your account.

Delivery will be every Friday and orders must be placed by Monday 4pm for that week's delivery.

Try on samples are at the school for your convenience. Please try on the sizes before ordering to avoid disappointment.

If you have any enquires please email Elle elle@ozfashions.com.au

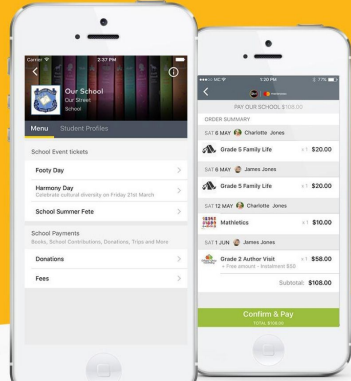
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Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

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- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

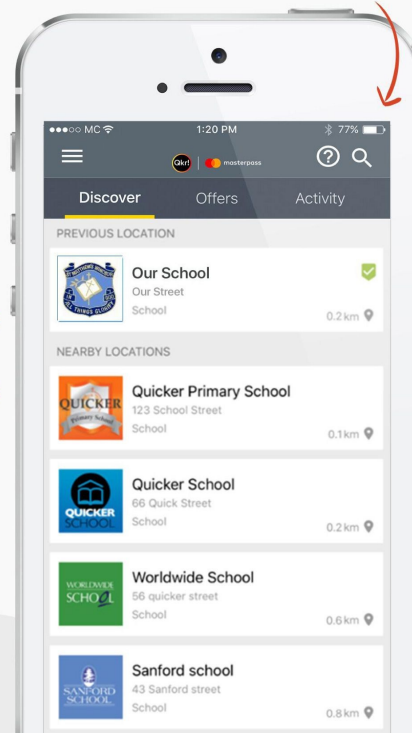
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name

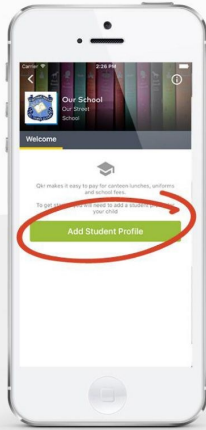




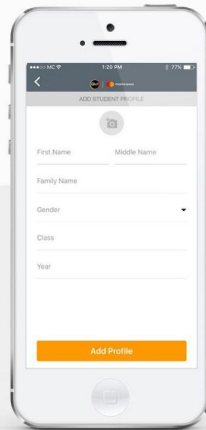
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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

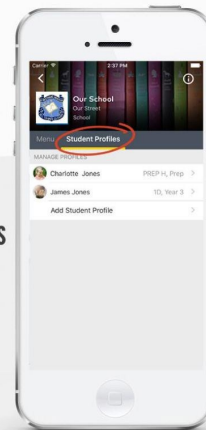
Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details

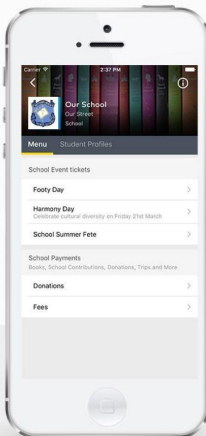


Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles

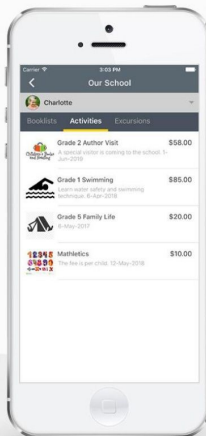


Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school

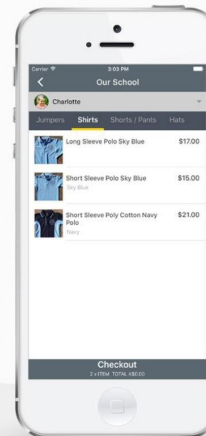


Select child
you are
ordering for



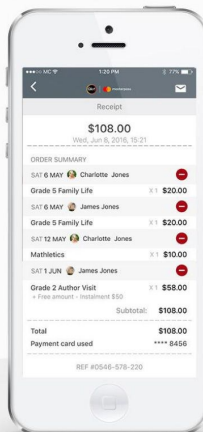
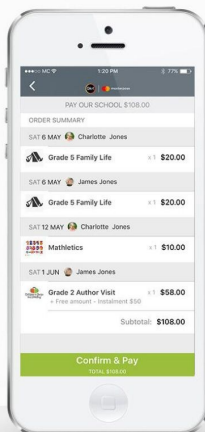
Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay



Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.



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2018 ENROLMENT APPLICATION FORM

COSHC TO
AFFIX
PHOTO OF
CHILD IN
SCHOOL
UNIFORM 1ST
DAY

COSHC Centre: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____

DAYS REQUESTED: BSC: ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

ASC: ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

Additional notes: _____

COMMENCEMENT DATE: ____ / ____ / ____ **Class:** _____

Does your child have any siblings? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please give details

How many children in total do you have attending registered childcare? _____

Enrolment procedure

You will need to complete a COSHC Application for Enrolment Form. The information required on this enrolment form conforms to the requirements of the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011, Public Health Act 2010 and the Privacy Act 1988.

The Administration Fee is a non-refundable fee of \$50 per child payable on initial enrolment. (This is a one off fee and will not be charged annually). The Attendance Fee is a sessional fee invoiced fortnightly in advance.

School Opal Card – Help Us to Help You!

An important requirement of School Opal card is the need for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your children that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip are one of the conditions of using a School Opal card. This in turn helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

To further promote the use of School Opal, Busways will also be conducting checks on School Opal cards over the coming months. All students travelling on buses to and from school will be required to show their card and ensure they Tap On and Tap Off every time they catch the bus. Students without an Opal Card will be provided with a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card.

Please support Busways staff with afternoon boarding and checks to ensure minimal delays to bus departure times and demonstrate a united front to students on bus travel and Opal Card use.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



Bishop Office

Call for Nominations: Deanery & Diocesan Pastoral Councils

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for nominations for Deanery Pastoral Councils and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. For more information, including the nomination kit, please visit parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils or contact Richard or Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

Tell us how you get your Catholic News

If you regularly or semi-regularly consume Catholic media, whether that be traditional newspapers, magazines or web-based publications and social media platforms, then the Australian Catholic Media Council wants to hear from you! The Council has developed a short survey to find out what you value in Catholic media. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CathMediaUsers2017>.

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 or 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@griegtogracesaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtogracesaus.org

National Catholic Mission and Identity Symposium: 18 October

BBi is hosting an exciting and ground-breaking event that will bring together respected and dynamic leaders in Catholic education, along with esteemed Bishops and mission identity thought leaders. The purpose of the symposium is to engage Australian educational leaders in the most essential issue in Catholic education: honouring the call to prophetic leadership for the 21st century. For more details please visit: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au

Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 October

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 Mt Schoenstatt Shrine. 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

Ordination to the Diaconate: 21 October

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jerome Emmanuel and Rodrigo Rupac on Saturday 21 October 2017 at 10.30am. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Light refreshments to follow.

Q & A Programme "Let's Talk About What Matters": 22 October

Held at The Crypt, St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, 1.30pm – 3.00pm. October 22 "Finding the Courage to make a Difference" Fr Frank Brennan sj AO and Alpha Cheng. No need to book. No charge. Further information: website: catalyst-for-renewal.com.au Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au or 02 9990 7003

Jesuit Mission Golf Day: 26 October

The annual Sydney Golf Day is on 26 October 2017 at Manly Golf Course. Please join us for another fun day of golf and dinner in support of Jesuit Mission. The funds raised from the Golf Day enables Jesuit Mission to support our local Jesuit partners in 10 countries across Africa and Asia to deliver community and human development programs. These programs are designed to empower communities to live full and free lives. For bookings and queries, contact golfday@jesuitmission.org.au or (02) 8918 4109.

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.

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, eepeoples9@gmail.com Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

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