



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER WEEK 5

17th August 2017

CALENDAR DATES TERM 3 2017

Aug 19 Sat	Parish Mass 6pm All welcome Presented by Infants
Aug 21 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Stage 3
Aug 22 Tue	Netball Gala Day
Aug 23 Wed	Year 2 Excursion Rouse Hill House & Farm Depart 9:00 am Stage 3 Parish Mass & Reconciliation 9:00 am Confirmation Mass - 7pm St. Matthew's Church
Aug 24 Thurs	Book Week "Escape to Anywhere" Book Parade 9:00 am Confirmation Mass - 7pm St. Matthew's Church
Aug 28 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 1
Aug 30 Wed	Parish Mass 9:00 am Kindergarten
Aug 31 Thur	Father's Day Stall VOY Cluster Final Chisholm
Sept 1 Fri	Father's Day Breakfast & Liturgy
Sept 22 Fri	Staff Development Day Last day of Term 3

**Target - 90%
average across the
school**

Every Learner,
Every Day

**Attendance in the past
fortnight
92.07%**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This time last year Miss Keane, Miss Trefoni and Miss Cullen, along with myself were ending our time at World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. Last Sunday a 12 month reunion of the pilgrimage group was held to recall, relive, reconnect and recommit to the learning that came from the experience of pilgrimage.

Just as our family gatherings allow us to we had the opportunity to recall the stories, places, events and people. To relive moments of joy, struggle, challenge and sadness. To reconnect with friends and colleagues to share what has happened in the past 12 months as a result of the pilgrimage experience. To recommit to continue the commitment to evangelising the Good News of the Gospel through words, thoughts and actions.

Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe

Monday of this week was the Feast Day of St Maximilian Kolbe. As part of the pilgrimage to Poland we visited the site of the Auschwitz death camp and read and heard the story of selfless love for others of this Church martyr. St. Maximilian Kolbe was born as Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, Poland. He was a Polish Franciscan friar and a martyr in the German death camp of Auschwitz during World War II. Kolbe volunteered to take the place of a man who had family after he had been chosen to face death by starvation to warn against prisoners attempting to escape. St. Maximilian Kolbe died on August 14 and his remains were cremated on August 15, which is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. This is very fitting as St Maximilian had a very strong devotion to Mary and her Immaculate Conception. He was a wonderful example to us all of the selfless love that reflects the words of Jesus 'love one another as I have loved you'.

In thinking about how respect towards each other is so important, I enjoyed the following reflection that gives 10 simple points to always remember. Why not take the time to share this with your child.

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of their own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. Be a friend to all.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like everybody if you try.
7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others, it will be appreciated.
9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others, there are always three sides to controversy - yours, the other person's and the right one.
10. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

Dear God, you gave us in the person of St. Maximilian an example of true of unselfish love for our neighbor. Amidst the hate and lonely misery of Auschwitz, you brought love into the lives of fellow captives and sowed the seeds of hope amidst despair. Help us to become more like you, reaching out with love to the marginalised and outcast of our world. Amen.

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

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Tim Vane-Tempest,
Principal.

Enrolling Now for 2018

The enrolments continue to be open for Kindergarten 2018. If your child turns 5 before the 31st July, 2018 and you would like them to start at St Matthew's please contact the school office to pick up or have an enrolment pack sent to you. If you know of any family who are seeking enrolment for 2018 or our 2017 classes please pass on this information.

Staff Development Day

Our staff Professional Learning Day for Term 3 will be on Friday 22nd September. All staff will be involved in this day there will be no supervision provided for students.

Teachers As Learners

Many of the staff continue to be engaged in a range of professional development in the first half of this term. Miss Viviani, Mrs Williams as well as Mrs Whiteman attended training to support our Numeracy goal on Multiplicative Thinking in Stage 3. Mrs Burke and Mrs Whiteman attended an information and training day on the NAPLAN online. Mrs Climpson, Mrs Burke, Mr Malia and Mrs Thompson presented the learning at St Matthew's that is happening in Stage 2 for Religious Education and Creative Arts at the annual Peer review process. Mrs Williams, Miss Viviani and Mrs Stockman completed the second round of training in our improved approach to PBL. Finally, Mrs Whiteman continued her training as an EMU specialist teacher. Over the coming weeks there will be further training sessions that many of our teachers will be involved as we continue to strive as a staff to provide the highest quality of education for all children at St Matthew's.

Primary Voices Choral Celebration

On Monday 4th September a group of 50 students from St Matthew's will be performing at the Primary Voices Choral Celebration at St. Dominic's Penrith. Thanks to Mrs Neave and Mrs Brand who have been working with this group of students along with outside tutors each week to prepare for this performance. We wish them well as they continue to prepare for their big night. Ticket sales are open online at <https://www.trybooking.com/QXBW>. For parents and family of those involved a note regarding arrangements for transport etc on the day, a note has been sent home with this information.

School Phone Number

Just a reminder the school office phone number has changed to 4560 2300.

School fees

Term 3 School fees will be issued next week. Any family that is experiencing financial difficulty is asked to contact Stacey Roberts or make an appointment to discuss with Tim Vane-Tempest.

School fees can be paid by BPAY/EFTPOS or cash at the school office.

Kiss & Drop/Parking in Little Church St

A meeting was held at the Council Chambers on Monday of this week to determine the future of the our Kiss and Drop zone. The outcome of the meeting was that this facility will continue, however, police have significant concerns with some driver behaviour. To avoid further difficulties with residents and the safety of all users it is important that those using the Kiss & Drop Zone and parking in Little Church St in the morning or afternoon:

- * Keep all driveways clear
- * Comply with all traffic rules and regulations
- * Drive into the Kiss & Drop as far as possible
- * Avoid cueing - don't angle in if you are next in line, instead
- * Drive around the block if the Zone is full
- * Wait until passengers are secured into their seats and the driver in front leaves before driving out

If Police patrols see parents in breach of rules and regulations they will issue infringement notices. Your assistance in following these rules will keep this facility open.

NAPLAN Reports

Reports for Year 3 & 5 children who sat the NAPLAN assessments in May of this year have been sent home today. Please make an appointment with your child's teachers to discuss any matters you may.

Greetings St Matthew's School Community!

Thank you to the two parents who attended the Religious Education Parent Information Meeting last Wednesday night. It was a wonderful night with information shared about how Religious Education is taught in the classroom. We discussed and explored the different ways our students are learning about their faith and making it real and meaningful to their lives and the community beyond. The students are using Scripture as the core reference to their learning through the Three Senses- Literal, Spiritual and Application. From this, they learn about God, Catholic Tradition, Catholic Values, Sacraments and how to apply these to their lives. Sharing your faith with your child is very important.

From Pope Francis-

Next, the family keeps the faith. Here too, we can ask: How do we keep our faith as a family? Do we keep it for ourselves, in our families, as a personal treasure like a bank account, or are we able to share it by our witness, by our acceptance of others, by our openness? We all know that families, especially young families, are often "racing" from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this "racing" could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families. ... They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith! Keeping the faith in families and bringing to everyday things the salt and the leaven of faith.

[The excerpt above is taken from the homily given by Pope Francis during the Holy Mass for the Family Day on the Occasion of the Year of Faith in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, October 27, 2013. For the full text of his homily go to: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2013/documents/papa-francesco_20131027_omelia-pellegrinaggio-famiglia.html.

Confirmation

Over one hundred children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish over the next two weeks. Please pray for them and their families. This sacrament is the final step in their initiation into the Catholic Church. They will receive the Gifts and Fruits of The Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens us as Christians and helps us on our journey in faith. Jesus Christ said to His Apostles,

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be My witnesses." (Acts 1:8)

The Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation

If your child is in Year's 4, 5 or 6 and they have not made their Sacraments and you would like them to be included in the programs- please contact me through the school office.

They can be enrolled into the First Penance Program – meetings are being held on the 29th of August and the 30th of August. If for some reason you are unable to be part of a parish group to complete the programs, we can work something out to include your child in the programs.

If you would like to have your child Baptised, this can also be arranged.

God Bless.
Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

Our Lady of Fatima – Pray for us.

St Matthew- Pray for us.

Dates to remember-

Wednesday 16th August: Confirmation Mass- 7pm
Thursday 17th August: Confirmation Mass – 7pm

Saturday 19th August: School/ Parish Mass- 6pm

Wednesday 23rd August: Confirmation Mass- 7pm.

Thursday 24th August: Confirmation Mass – 7pm

Tuesday 29th August: First Penance Information Night- 7.30 pm
(Chisholm Primary School)

Wednesday 30th August: First Penance Information Night- 7.30 pm
(St Matthew's Church)



Sport News

Week 6

Tuesday August 22 - Stage 2 & 3 Netball Gala Day

Week 8

Friday September 8 Stage 3 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day

Week 9

Friday September 15 Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day

Stage 2 & 3 League Tag Gala Day Trials

Term 4 Week 1

Basketball Gala Day



Basketball and Stage 2 Touch gala day trials will be held over the next two weeks.

Stage 2 Soccer Gala day

Congratulations to our 36 stage 2 students who attended the Soccer Gala day. The students represented St Matthew's beautifully. They gave their best effort, showed great teamwork and had a fabulous day. Thank you to the parents who drove extra students on the day as well as helped with coaching and assisting on the day. Your time and dedication is greatly appreciated.

St Matthew's Athletics Zone Team 2017

Good luck to all of the Athletics Team who will be representing St Matthew's at the Hills Zone Carnival today!

BOOTCAMP

At Bootcamp we will be working on our fitness skills each 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! The mornings have been brisk so please send your child along with a jacket.

Learn2SwimWeek

23 September to 2 October

It is an inaugural awareness week aimed at educating parents on the importance of teaching kids aged under five to swim. It's also about reminding everyone about the importance of water safety.

(<http://www.learn2swimweek.com/about/>)

Check out the website learn2swim if you are interested in getting a kick start in your child's swimming skills. There are a few local swim schools taking part in this brilliant program.

HERB AND GARLIC SWEET POTATO CHIPS WITH YOGHURT DIP

Ingredients

2 x 400g (medium) sweet potatoes
1 tsp dried rosemary leaves
1 clove garlic, crushed
2 tsp olive oil
Olive oil or canola cooking spray for greasing

Yoghurt dip

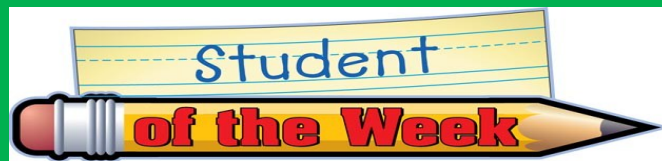
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup low fat plain Greek styled yoghurt
2 green shallots, thinly sliced
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cumin
2 tsp lemon juice
2 tsp chopped fresh dill
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp ground white pepper

Method

1. Preheat oven to 220C (fan-forced).
2. Wash unpeeled sweet potatoes under cold water. Dry with paper towel. Cut in half, then cut each half into approximately 3cm thick wedges.
3. Place wedges in a large bowl with rosemary, garlic and olive oil. Toss well with clean hands.
4. Spread wedges in a single layer over a greased oven tray. Cook in preheated oven for 20 minutes. Remove from oven. Turn wedges, then return to oven for a further 15-20 minutes, or until wedges are tender and well browned.
5. Meanwhile, to make yoghurt dip, combine yoghurt, shallots, cumin, lemon juice, dill and pepper.
6. Serve wedges with yoghurt dip.

Tasks for kids:

Toss wedges in a large bowl with rosemary, garlic and olive oil (Step 3).
Spread wedges over oven tray (Step 4).
Combine ingredients for yoghurt dip (Step 5).



Kinder	Nadime El Dirani: For showing excellent PBL collaborative skills. Olivia Macpherson: For showing excellent PBL collaborative skills. Hayden McKay: For excellent teamwork skills and creativity in 'Dance Pattern' making in Mathematics. Addison Summerfield: For excellent teamwork skills and creativity in 'Dance Pattern' making in Mathematics.
Year 1	Gabriella Boulos: For her creative and imaginative writing, well done! Angie Cai: For editing her written work more effectively, well done! Ben Nicholas: For using the word wall when writing his sight words correctly, well done! Lily Roberts: For making great inferences during guided reading groups, well done!
Year 2	Alisha Zhou: For trying her best and doing great expositions. Alex Refalo: For doing great scripture. Emily Rijke: For doing great work in all learning areas Allegra Portelli: Always doing her best work.
Year 3	Lachlan Cwojdzinski : For always having a go and putting effort into all subject areas. Jamie Biviano: For great work in Reading Groups. Cooper Howlett- Boyd : For his excellent general knowledge. Emily Su: For always being a kind and caring friend.
Year 4	Georgia Crozier: For extending her thinking in Maths when solving problems Sharna Kennedy: For using adjectives when writing imaginative texts. Teigan Kurz: For being a quiet and conscientious member of Year Four. Rylan Sheridan: For great improvements in his attitude towards learning activities.
Stage 3 Blue	Jackson Murphy: For demonstrating his ability to think multiplicatively and set out his work logically. Jude Deguara: For demonstrating a growth mindset in mathematics and logically recording his working out. Danijela Prasnicki: For using her time effectively to write an engaging speech for the Voice of Youth competition.
Stage 3 Gold	Nicholas Touma: For showing persistence in multiplicative maths tasks Kate Mitchell : For showing persistence in multiplicative maths tasks Isabella Spiteri: For showing persistence in multiplicative maths tasks
Stage 3 White	Christina Xerri: For showing many different ways of solving multiplicative tasks. Alexis Hart: For adding depth to her writing and an improved confidence. Eric Su: For demonstrating a more focused approach in all key learning areas.



As you know it is very important that children attend school every day. Quite often leave is requested by parents for various reasons. While we understand that this may be necessary sometimes, it is not encouraged as every school day is important for every child.

If you intend taking your child out of school for five days or more you must make a formal application in writing to the Principal and fill out an application for extended leave which is available from the school office.

It is important for you to know that, depending on circumstances, this leave may not be granted. Each application will be considered on an individual basis and could depend on circumstances such as the intention for the leave, your child's attendance, and the impact the leave may have on your child's academic progress.

These regulations are in place to make sure that your child achieves to his/her full potential and I know you will understand the reasoning behind them.

Our school is a place of "Holy Ground."

As **LEARNERS**

We are

SAFE RESPONSIBLE RESPECTFUL

Of

✧ **SELF**
 ✧ **OTHERS**
 ✧ **SCHOOL**




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.

**Items from Oz Fashions
can be ordered via the app
St Matthew's Primary Uniform Shop**

ST MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor



MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday: 9.00am

(Thursday Hospital): 10.45am

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

SUNDAY CHISHOLM PRIMARY MASS: 9.30am

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9.30-10.30am

Telephone: 4577 3073

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



This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

STAGE 3 DRINK DRIVE

In Weeks 8 and 9 this term the Stage 3 Students will be holding a Drink Drive every morning from 8.30am - 9.00am.

The purpose of the Drink Drive is to fundraise for drinks that will be on sale at the Drink Stall at the Stage 3 Mini Fete on Thursday 21st September 2017.

We would greatly appreciate donations of the following drinks:

- ★ Water Bottles
- ★ Poppers
- ★ Cans of Soft Drink
- ★ Soft Drink
- ★ Juice



To thank you for your donation we will be giving the students/parents who donate drinks 3 x tickets into our raffle, which will be drawn on the day of the Mini Fete!

Canteen competition currently running this term



1st Prize

HOME ENTERTAINMENT UNIT (TV & DVD PLAYER)

How to Enter

1. BUY SNACKS/MEALS FROM YOUR SCHOOL CANTEEN CONTAINING FRESH FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLES TO RECEIVE A FRESH FOR KIDS STICKER AND ENTRY FORM.
2. COLLECT 2 STICKERS AND STICK THEM ON YOUR ENTRY FORM.
3. SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED ENTRY TO YOUR SCHOOL CANTEEN OR SUPERVISING TEACHER BEFORE 3PM ON FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2017 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

Visit www.freshforkids.com.au for full terms and conditions.

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EAT FRESH & WIN



2nd Prize

APPLE IPAD MINI 16GB

x3



3rd Prize

**GIFT PACK
(BACK PACK, LUNCH
BAG, DRINK BOTTLE)**

x10

MOVIE CARD

MOVIE CARD

x20

EVENT

4th Prize

EVENT CINEMA MOVIE VOUCHER

**FREE
CHARACTER
KEYRING**

COLLECT ALL 7



*PICTURES DISPLAYED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY. PRIZE MODEL SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA)* for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

Information for Newsletter

MindQuest 2017

Glenwood HS

Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave
Glenwood 2768

Saturday 9 & 10 September 9.30am-3.30pm

The 85th *MindQuest* program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$195 (including GST). Send your applications in early to avoid disappointment.

Glenwood HS is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. It is 20 mins Beecroft, 35 mins North Sydney, 25mins Strathfield, 30 mins from Richmond, Penrith and Hornsby.

Contact your school for a brochure or call Shelagh 02 4232 2494
Closing Date: Monday 14 August 2017



catholic out of school hours care

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.

Catholic Education Office

Journeying with Refugees and People Seeking Protection

Members and supporters are invited to attend the launch of a year-long Journey being initiated by the Parramatta Catholic Diocese ...

“Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection”

The aim of our Journey will be to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

The Journey will be launched by Bishop Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta

Date: Sunday 27 August 2017

Time: from 2pm to 4pm

Venue: at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 7 Grantham Street Seven Hills

Special Guest Speaker at the Launch will be Father Tom Smolich SJ, International Director of Jesuit Refugee Services.

To assist with catering, those wishing to attend are asked to please register at [register here](#) or by telephoning the Diocesan Social Justice Office on 02-8838 3461.

HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS CLASSES - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

KIRINARI, Xavier College, Llandilo

WIYANGA, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas

ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is committed to providing an inclusive education for students and recognises that some students with a moderate intellectual disability may need additional support. The high support needs classes within our colleges provide students with an alternate platform for learning that specifically addresses their needs. They are: Kirinari, Xavier College, Llandilo and Wyanga, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas.

Should you wish to have a conversation with a Diverse Learning Specialist to determine whether your son or daughter would benefit from the services provided at either of these two facilities, please contact Alma George, Manager Diverse Learning Needs, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on 0407 233 622 or email Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au. Of course these conversations will be kept confidential.

PLEASE MAKE ENQUIRIES BY WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST 2017

Bishop Office

Volunteers Needed

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service: The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for the Balgo, Bidyadanga and Warmun for the wet season. Accommodation and food is provided. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Volunteers Needed

Chisholm Cottage is a four bedroom accommodation house in Westmead operated specifically to offer comfortable, affordable accommodation to people from regional NSW who are attending or accompanying loved ones to hospital stays or medical appointments in Sydney. Chisholm Cottage is operated by the Sisters of Charity Outreach. We are currently seeking Volunteers to assist with housekeeping, laundry and front office duties including washing, ironing, taking guest reservations and welcoming guests. Are you interested in volunteering for either morning shifts from 9.30am to 1.00pm or afternoon from 1.30pm to 4pm? Please contact: The Volunteer Co-ordinators, (02) 832 6432. Learn more about Chisholm Cottage by visiting <http://www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au/>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Early Bird Registration

Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008!

Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

Here's how to register:

- Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC
- Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta
- Over 18 years of age – register as an individual

Visit www.acyf.org.au now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August.

For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Volunteers for ACYF? ACYF is looking to engage around 600 volunteers will be needed for this festival, providing leadership to the young people through service and hospitality. Way Finders, Program & Stage Management Support, Ushers, Marshals, Welcomers & more. All volunteers must be 26 years of age or older (as at 1st December 2017) and must hold a valid Working With Children Check. For more information and volunteer registration please visit: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers>

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2018: Rise Up

A wonderful opportunity for a faith formation experience for parishioners, leaders, teachers, catechists ... all people in ministry and all people who would like to enrich their faith! Join this pilgrimage group to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 14th - 23rd March 2018. Cost of pilgrimage \$3080 for 7 days with some additional expenses. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 or lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au for an information pack.

Annual Assumption Walk: 15 August

The Annual Assumption Walk will again take place on Tuesday, 15 August beginning with a midday Mass at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville). We will begin the walk at 1pm, on the usual route along Windsor Road to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta (approximately 14 km). There will be refreshment stops along the way. Everyone is welcome to come with Marian banners and join us at any point of the walk. Contact the parish office (02 9629-2595) at least one week prior to register.

Come and See: 20 August

An invitation for all single men aged 16 and over, for a Day of Discernment at Holy Spirit Seminary, 31/33 Allen St, Harris Park NSW 2150 on Sunday, 20 August 2017 from 10:00am to 7:00pm. For more information and catering purposes, kindly RSVP Fr John Paul Escarlan (Director of Priestly Vocations) on 0420 310 771 or vocations@parra.catholic.org.au.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 18 – 20 August

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: 18th to 20th August 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

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day: 20 August

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict's Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775

Putting Rungs on the Ladder: 23 August

You're invited to your 'Place at the Table' at our Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening: Putting Rungs on the Ladder. Join Catholics from Parramatta, Broken Bay, and Sydney Dioceses for a prayerful dinner event to celebrate our social justice work and reflect on the themes of this year's Social Justice Statement, 'A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an Ageing Society'. AUGUST 23, 6:30-8:30PM St Columba's, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt. RSVP August 18. Contact Sr Louise McKeogh lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au or 02 8838 3461.

Migrant and Refugee Sunday Launch: 27 August

"Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection" The aim of the Journey is to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

The launch will take place during Migrant and Refugee Week on Sunday 27 August 2017 from 2pm to 4pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 7 Grantham St Seven Hills. Our special guests will be Bishop Vincent and Father Tom Smolich SJ, Jesuit Refugee Services International Director. RSVP by phoning the Social Justice Office 02 8838 3461 or letting us know online at: <https://register.eventarc.com/38860/invitation-to-migrant-and-refugee-sunday-launch-27th-august>

Gospel of the Family - Joy for the World: 27 August

Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World is a free family event that offers a program of Spiritual Enrichment for families on the launch of the World Meeting of Families 2018. To be held on Sunday 27 August from 1pm -3.15pm. Mass available at 11am and BYO Picnic Lunch. Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. To register: 02 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 27 August

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.

2017 Faith in marriage seminar: 8 September

2017 Faith in marriage seminar: Men, Women & the Mystery of Love. Presented by Dr Edward Sri at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall Parramatta on Friday 8th September, 7.30pm sharp. Register: 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au. Sponsored by the Life Marriage & Family Office Diocese of Parramatta and Parousia Media

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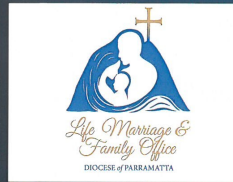
The College will open in January 2018 on the temporary site of St John Paul II Catholic College, Schofields with the initial focus on secondary education (Year 7).

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Presented by Dr Edward Sri
American Theologian

St Patrick's Cathedral Hall
1 Marist Place, Parramatta
Friday, 8th September 2017
@ 7:30pm sharp*



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*A light supper will be served following the main presentation.

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Monday, 21 August 2017
Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)
(Term 3 - PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)
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Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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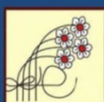


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