



St. Matt's Matters Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As the end of Term 3 approaches I would like to acknowledge the achievements and extraordinary amount of hard work undertaken by the students, staff and parents during this term. The Masses, Liturgies, celebrations, excursions, carnivals, gala days, concerts, boot camps and Voice of Youth are just some of the amazing opportunities and experiences that have only been possible because of the work and commitment of the students, teachers and parents. I hope and pray that the community of St Matthews continues to work together to ensure that the children have these wonderful opportunities each and every term. St Matthews strives to be a faith filled community where each and every child and family feels welcomed, supported, successful and loved.

As we approach the holidays I would like to share with you a message from Pope Francis.

POPE FRANCIS

"When I hear the confessions of a father or mother who has young children I ask them if they have the time to play with their children. Values and lessons are transmitted through playing. Do you have time to get on the floor and play with your children? This is big. Never lose this. Know how to spend time with your children.

This language of love, that you share through play and through time spent with your children is able to transmit all the values of our faith."

I hope that you are all able to find the time to "play" together as a family over the coming few weeks. I wish all of our families a very relaxing, enjoyable and safe holiday. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday October 15th. Remember that our school day begins at 8:55 am and that all parents are invited and welcomed to attend our assembly and prayer on a Monday morning.

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless,

Janine Whiteman,
Acting Principal.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

During the holidays it is planned that a new air-conditioning unit will be installed in the COSHC space. Over the coming months there are also plans to upgrade the playground. Final specifications and quotes are being considered in relation the installation of more artificial/synthetic grass in the playground so that the play areas for the children are improved and made safer. This may involve the relocation of the Mary Garden, all plants and shrubs will be relocated and replanted in a more suitable area of the playground. The student toilet blocks will also be undergoing a refurbishment during the year. We will keep everyone updated as we have more specific information related to proposed starting dates and the scope of work involved.

MRS MOUSSA MATERNITY LEAVE.

Mrs Moussa will start her maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish her well for the birth of her baby and look forward to more news when the baby arrives. I would also like to welcome Miss Danielle Galea to the community of St Matthews. Danielle will be replacing Mrs Moussa and will be working in Year 2 for the remainder of the year. Miss Galea has experience working in early childhood education and is also familiar with the St Matthew's community and school.

UNIFORM

The wearing of the correct school uniform by all of our students fosters a sense of belonging and pride in our school. Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform every school day. An essential part of our school uniform is the expectation that all children will wear their school hat every day.

As part of our "No Hat No Play" policy all children who are not wearing a hat will be directed by a teacher to sit under a shaded area on the playground. Children must also wear their hat during sport and will have to sit in a shaded area if they do not have a hat.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that full school uniform is worn by your child to school every day.

Sept 21 Fri	St. Matthew's Feast Day Mass 9:00 am Stage 3 Mini Fete 12:00 pm Dress - Mufti day
Sept 24 Mon	Assembly presented by Year 2 2:45 pm
Sept 26 Wed	Year 2 Parish Mass 9:00 am
Sept 27 Thur	World Rosary Day You are welcome to join us in prayer 11:45 am at the Mary Statue Last day of Term 3
Sept 28 Fri	Staff Development Day Pupil free day
Oct 15 Mon	First day of Term 4
Oct 19 Fri	Year 1 excursion Longneck Lagoon
Oct 24 Wed	School photos - order online
Oct 31 Wed	Kinder 2019 orientation morning 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Nov 7 Wed	Kinder 2019 orientation morning 9:00 - 11:00 am Basketball Gala Day
Nov 30 Fri	Dance-A-Thon/Talent Showcase





St. Matthew's school photos will be taken on Wednesday 24th October. Children are expected to wear **full summer school uniform**. School photos must be ordered online. See below.



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Package Information Sheet
& Online Ordering Instructions

ST MATTHEWS PS PW

SCHOOL CODE 795M18

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PACKAGE ONE

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Class + Portraits



BONUS PORTRAIT DOWNLOAD

☐ **Portrait Pack 1**

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** option
PLUS One sheet of portraits consisting of:
 1x: 7x5" (178x127mm) portrait
 2x: 3.5x5.5" (89x141mm) portraits
 2x: 2x1.5" (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
 1x: 2x1.5" (50x38mm) black and white key ring portraits
 1x: 2x1.5" (50x38mm) bookmark
Portrait Download Code included in pack

PACKAGE TWO

\$37



Class + Portraits



BONUS PORTRAIT DOWNLOAD

☐ **Portrait Pack 2**

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** option
PLUS Two sheets of portraits consisting of:
 1x: 7x5" (178x127mm) portrait
 2x: 5x6.5" (127x165mm) portraits
 2x: 3.5x5.5" (89x141mm) colour portraits
 2x: 3.5x5.5" (89x141mm) black and white portraits
 5x: 2x1.5" (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
 3x: 2x1.5" (50x38mm) black and white key ring portraits
 8x: 1/2x3/4" (25x38mm) badge sized portraits
Portrait Download Code included in pack

PACKAGE THREE

\$39



Class + Portraits



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☐ **Portrait Pack 3**

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** option
PLUS Two sheets of portraits consisting of:
 2x: 7x5" (178x127mm) portraits
 2x: 6x7" (154x178mm) portraits
 2x: 3.5x5.5" (89x141mm) colour portraits
 1x: 3.5x5.5" (89x141mm) black and white portrait
 4x: 2x1.5" (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
 3x: 2x1.5" (50x38mm) black and white key ring portraits
Portrait Download Code included in pack

PACKAGE FOUR

\$42



Class + Portraits



BONUS PORTRAIT DOWNLOAD

☐ **Portrait Pack 4**

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** option
PLUS Three sheets of portraits consisting of:
 1x: 10x8" (254x203mm) portrait
 2x: 7x5" (178x127mm) portraits
 2x: 6x7" (154x178mm) portraits
 2x: 3.5x5.5" (89x141mm) colour portraits
 1x: 3.5x5.5" (89x141mm) black and white portraits
 4x: 2x1.5" (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
 3x: 2x1.5" (50x38mm) black and white key ring portraits
Portrait Download Code included in pack

Please turn over for more package options, extras and how to order.



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ONLY**

\$28



☐ Portrait Only Pack

Includes two sheets of portraits consisting of:

- 1x 7x5" (178x127mm) portrait
- 2x 5x3.5" (127x89mm) portraits
- 3x 3.5x2.5" (89x62mm) colour portraits
- 2x 3.5x2.5" (89x62mm) black and white portraits
- 5x 2x1.5" (51x38mm) colour key ring portraits
- 3x 2x1.5" (51x38mm) black and white key ring portrait
- 8x 1/2x3/4" (20x13mm) Locket sized portraits

Portrait Download Code included in pack

DOES NOT INCLUDE GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

**GROUP
ONLY**

\$30



☐ Group Only Pack

Includes the Class Photo set that consists of 3 photographic sheets:

- A front cover with your school name and logo
- One class compass page
- The class group photo

Packaged in a clear plastic presentation sleeve.

DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PORTRAITS

Extras

Please note: These extra options can only be ordered in conjunction with a package, not by themselves.

**EXTRAS
COMBO**

\$12



Extras Combo

Includes:

- 4x Gift Cards with portrait
- 2x 7x1.5" (178x38mm) Bookmarks
- 8x 3.5x1.5" (89x38mm) colour key ring portraits

**GREAT
FOR
GIFTS!**

CALENDAR

\$18



Calendar

One 11x14" (279x355mm) sized
Black and White Calendar with
coloured individual portrait
photo and student's name.

**KEY-
RING**

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Keyring

NO FRAMING INCLUDED - Keyrings must be ordered
in conjunction with a photo pack, in order to have
the right sized prints to fit inside the keyring.
Please see packs on previous page for packages
that contain 2x1.5" (51x38mm) sized key
ring photos for use with this product.

HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Payment Method: We offer **ONE** method of payment - **CREDIT CARD ONLINE**

CREDIT CARD - If you wish to pay by **CREDIT CARD ONLINE** please go to **donwoodphotography.com.au** and follow the links.

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SCHOOL CODE: 795M18



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incorrect package choice.

If you have any questions about our packages or how to place your order, please contact us on our email: info@donwoodphotography.com.au



Stage 3 Mini Fete

Friday 21st September

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Roll on up to this great event! Come along and support the Stage 3 students in raising money for the Year 6 Fun Day, Gift to the School and School Fund-raiser.

All welcome including Parents/Guardians and Grandparents.

The mini fete will be after the St Matthew's Feast Day Mass which starts at 9:00 am. The stalls that will be in the mini fete include the drink stall, the beauty/face painting stall, sponge the teacher, the games stall, the food stall, the water obstacle course, the craft stall, the lucky dip, the donut toss, the slime and squishy stall, the lolly stall, the photo booth and the disco.

Dress: Mufti Day

Children should wear covered shoes which are flat, wear a hat, shirts & tops must have sleeves that covers the shoulders and arms. No singlet tops.

Price: Free entry, stalls will incur an extra fee ranging from 50c to \$5.00.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

PUPIL FREE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

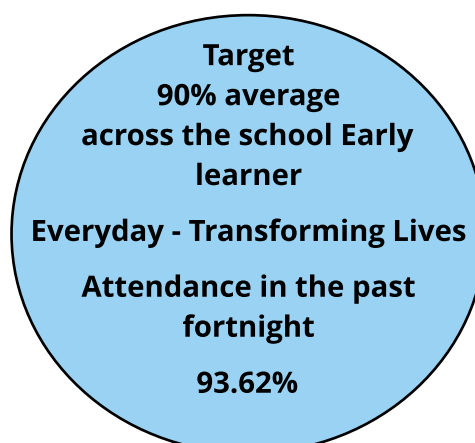
On the last day of Term 3, Friday September 28th, all teachers at St Matthews will be involved in a day of learning related to Positive Behaviour Support For Learning. This day will be a pupil free day and no supervision will be provided for children.

NAPLAN REPORTS

Reports for students in Year 3 and Year 5 who sat NAPLAN in May this year have been sent home this week. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss any concerns or questions that you may have in relation to your child and their learning.

SCHOOL FEES


Term 3 school fees for 2018 are now due. If you have paid thank you.



UNIFORMS

Oz Fashions finds itself in a position where they have had to adjust the prices of some items due to the increase in raw materials and labour costs. They have absorbed past increases and take price adjustments very seriously and only apply them at the very lowest rate necessary. Adjustment prices are below on the order form and the price list is effective 1st September 2018.

Oz Fashions appreciates your support and understanding of this matter. Kindly please note that students are to be in Summer Uniform Term 4. Please start organising any of your uniform requirements. Uniforms can be ordered using the app QKR by Masterpass.

	ST Matthews Primary – Uniform Order Form	
	Email - elfe@ozfashions.com.au	
	Parent's Name:	
	Child's Name:	Class:
	Contact No:	Email:

UNIFORM ORDER DETAILS										
Boys Summer	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Short Sleeve Shirt									\$25.00	
Grey Shorts									\$25.00	
Grey Socks - 3 pack	9-12/		13-3/		2-8/		6-11/		\$12.00	
Boys Winter	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Long Sleeve Shirt									\$30.00	
Grey Trousers									\$40.00	
Grey Socks - 3 pack	9-12/		13-3/		2-8/		6-11/		\$12.00	
Girls Summer	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Summer Dress *including accessories									\$55.00	
Sky Blue Socks - 3 pack	9-12/		13-3/		2-8/		6-11/		\$12.00	
Girls Winter	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Winter Tunic *including accessories									\$80.00	
Winter Trousers *including accessories									\$45.00	
Lemon Blouse									\$25.00	
Tab Tie									\$5.00	
Sports	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Polo Top - Short Sleeve									\$30.00	
Polo Top - Long Sleeve									\$35.00	
Short									\$30.00	
Jacket									\$55.00	
Trackpant									\$45.00	
Accessories	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Library Batchel									\$15.00	
Plain Navy Scarf - Cashmere									\$10.00	
Bucket Hat	XS(52cm)/	S(54cm)/	M(56cm)/				L(58cm)/		\$20.00	
Lice Off Kit									\$5.00	
Grand Total										\$

PAYMENT DETAILS	
Option A - Credit Card	
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Card No:	
Expiry Date:	
Total Amount:	
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Signature:	

DELIVERY

Delivery is every Friday during the school term.

Orders must be placed by 4:00pm Monday for delivery that week.

Greetings St Matthew's School Community! We are already near the end of another term. This term has been filled with so many learning experiences and opportunities to glorify God. Thank you to everyone who came to our School Parish Mass last Saturday night. We pray for all the students who have enrolled in the Sacrament of Penance. May the Holy Spirit strengthen these children and their families to experience the mercy and love of God.

St Matthew's Feast Day Mass

This Friday is the feast of St Matthew. Everyone is invited to join us at 9:00 am in the Church. St Matthew was one of Jesus' apostles and an example of someone who was called by God to follow Him: and he did. St Matthew was a tax collector and was hated by his community because he collected money from them for the Romans. Jesus even went to Matthew's house for dinner - which caused the Pharisees to be completely shocked. They questioned Jesus on why He was eating with sinners?

Jesus' answer was, " Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ' I desire mercy, not sacrifice. ' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners". (Matthew 9:12b-13)

St Matthew followed Jesus and proclaimed the Good News by his life and by his word. He was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. St Matthew recognised truth when he saw Jesus. " And he got up and followed Him". (Matthew 9: 9b)

Meeting Jesus changed Matthew's life. Let us pray that the words of the Gospels bring us closer to Christ.

Plenary 2020

What is Plenary 2020?

- Plenary 2020 is the name given to a process initiated by the Australian bishops.
- Our bishops are inviting people to engage in listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Church in Australia around the Plenary Council meetings in 2020 and 2021.
- A Plenary Council is the highest form of gathering that a church in a particular country can have. It is a process by which lay people and clergy can be heard and has legislative power. (Pastoral Planning Office. Diocese of Parramatta.)

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

Voices from the Classroom.

What are you learning about God in Year Three?

In Year Three we are learning about Mary. We know that she said "Yes" to God and trusted Him completely. She was a woman of faith, filled with the Holy Spirit. We know that there are many Gospel stories that tell us about Mary and Her faithfulness to God. We honour and celebrate Mary through prayers like the Hail Mary, the Angelus and the Hail Holy Queen, and through feasts and seasons during the Church's liturgical year. We love Mary our Mother and we are thankful that she said "Yes" to God.

Year Three Students.

I wish everyone a great last week of school and a safe two weeks holiday. We ask for the protection of our Mother Mary during our time of rest and relaxation.

God Bless.

Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

Mary Our Mother– Pray for us.

St Matthew- Pray for us.

Reminders-

St Matthew's Feast Day Mass: Friday, 21st of September at 9:00 am
World Rosary: Thursday, 27th of September at 11:45 am.



Please take note of the following important sport related dates:

Term 4

Week 4

Wednesday 7 November - Basketball Gala Day

Week 6

Friday 23 November - Gymnastics Gala Day

Week 10

Wednesday December 19 - St Matthew's Swimming Carnival & Water Fun Day

Touch Gala Day

The Stage 2 students had a great day at the Touch Gala day in week 7. The Year 4 girls won a few games and each of the other teams had a win. Once again, thank you to the parents who were able to help with the teams on the day. We really appreciate your help as this allows us, more students to attend some events.

Parramatta Diocese Representative Teams

Good luck to Liam who will be participating in the next Athletics Carnival on September 24, he will be representing the Parramatta Diocese in the 100 metres event!

BOOTCAMP

Bootcamp is every Thursday morning from 8:00 am - 8:30 am. Students will meet at the front gate of the school each morning. If your child attends COSHC in the morning, please speak to them regarding permission to attend. The focus this term is to build on strength training and cardiovascular/endurance skills.

Martial Arts

Every Tuesday morning from 8:00 am - 8:30 am and afternoon from 3:30-4:00, Clarence Rodrigues and his team from Destiny Martial Arts Australia come to St Matthew's to train students. The cost is \$3 per session. Please see Clarence on a Tuesday morning or afternoon in the Hall for further enquiries.

Kind regards,

Mrs Brand

Sport Teacher/Sport Coordinator

FRUIT & VEG JOKES

Q: Why was the green pea laughing?

A: Because she was hap-pea.

Q: What did the olive say to his wife on valentine's day?

A: Olive you very much.

Q: Why didn't the piece of corn get the joke?

A: He was corn-fused.

Q: Why did the lemon cross the road?

A: To make lemon squash.

Q: What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

A: A carrot.

Q: What did my Mum say when she drank MY strawberry milkshake?

A: That was berry nice!

Q: Why shouldn't you tell secrets on a farm?

A: Because potatoes have eyes, beans-talk and corn has ears!

Q: What did the vegetable say when the piece of fruit said he looked orange in the face?

A: I don't carrot-all





Student eBook Of The Week

~ Primary Schools

Sep 10 2018



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<https://goo.gl/sJsnCm>



Suitable for years 2 - 4

Hello everybody, it's me, Henrietta the Great Go-Getter, and I'm having a big think. Right now I'm thinking I'd like a baby sister, so I can dress her up in different sorts of hats. But Mum says we'll have to wait and see. I'm terrible at waiting.

Meanwhile, I'm an explorer of life, and that includes trees, bugs, animals and all mysteries. I'm going to school for the very first time, which means I might have to go as a spy so that I can have a secret peep inside...

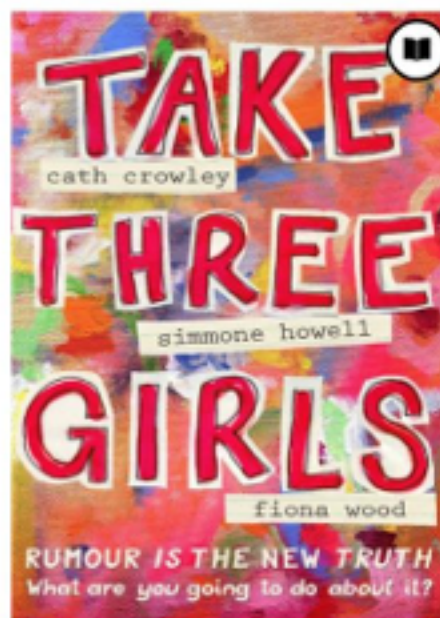
When Henrietta sees Olive Higgie crying in the classroom, she goes on a rescue mission and finds that you only need one friend in a room full of strangers to feel perfectly happy.



Student eBook Of The Week

~ Secondary Schools

Sep 10 2018



ACEN OverDrive
Audio & eBooks

learning exchange



<https://goo.gl/Lmes5E>



Suitable for years 7 - 11

ADY - not the confident A-Lister she appears to be.

KATE - brainy boarder taking risks to pursue the music she loves.

CLEM - disenchanted swim-star losing her heart to the wrong boy.

All are targeted by PSST, a toxic website that deals in gossip and lies.

St Hilda's antidote to the cyber-bullying? The Year 10 Wellness program. Nice try - but sometimes all it takes is three girls.

Exploring friendship, feminism, identity and belonging. Take Three Girls is honest, raw and funny.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDERGARTEN	<p>Vincent - for using mathematical language to describe a collection of counters when thinking about "times as many".</p> <p>Alesea - for thinking about what would sound right and make sense when reading new stories.</p> <p>Hayley - for deep understanding of how to measure the length of an object.</p> <p>Indiana - for her improvement and excellent effort in writing time.</p>
YEAR1	<p>Savanah - for making a huge effort to come to school with a positive attitude.</p> <p>Tycho - for reading with fluency and expression.</p> <p>Jenson - for demonstrating a growth mindset when solving challenging Maths tasks.</p> <p>Oliver - for his enthusiastic approach to solving challenging Maths tasks.</p>
YEAR2	<p>Abigail - For consistently engaging in reciprocal reading discussions - well done.</p> <p>Flynn - For consistently engaging in reciprocal reading discussions - well done.</p> <p>Mala - For an improvement in completing maths tasks and explaining your thinking.</p> <p>Ben - For insightful contributions during reciprocal reading sessions. Keep up the great work!</p>
YEAR3	<p>Shelby - for working consistently on all tasks and for excellent listening skills.</p> <p>Sarah - for showing initiative in her learning and for persisting on challenging tasks.</p> <p>Louis - for consistent effort in all subject areas and working collaboratively with his peers.</p> <p>Mackai - for being a safe, respectful and responsible learner and especially for showing kindness to others.</p> <p>Monique - for working independently on all tasks and for showing initiative in her learning.</p>
YEAR4	<p>Joseph - for improving in his strategies and working out in mathematical tasks.</p> <p>Jacob - trying to concentrate on all tasks to produce quality work.</p> <p>Gemma - for her enthusiasm in all areas of her school life.</p> <p>Ruby - for her fantastic delivery of her 'Explorers' News Readers Script.</p>
STAGE3	<p>Molly - for a focused effort towards her mini fete poster.</p> <p>Jordan - for her effort towards her poster and flyer for the mini fete.</p> <p>Noah B - for an interesting and appealing layout for his mini fete poster.</p> <p>Noah K - for effectively using persuasive devices in his writing.</p> <p>Owen - for being a cooperative group member in preparation for the mini fete.</p> <p>Elkha - for showing enthusiasm and creativity in her PBL on the mini fete.</p> <p>Charlotte - for her contributions and work ethic for our mini fete unit.</p> <p>Sharna - for her poster and flyer for our mini fete unit.</p> <p>Taylah - for her poster and flyer and reflection sheets for our mini fete unit.</p>



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October

Kinder	Hazel, Anna, Vincent, Curtis
Year 1	Joel, Sienna
Year 2	Gabriella, Anthony
Year 3	Sophie
Year 4	Cooper, Daniel, Jamie
Year 5	Brendan, Owen, Lincoln
Year 6	Stephanie, Linkin, Joel

HSC MASSES

CALLING ALL 2018 YEAR 12 STUDENTS
TO HEAD TO YOUR NEAREST PARISH

330,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta want to support you!

SUNDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2018

NORTH PARRAMATA – St Monica's, 11:30am

SATURDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2018

TOONGABBIE – St Anthony of Padua, 5:30pm

FRIDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2018

BLACKTOWN – Mary Queen of the Family (Allawah St), 6:30pm

SUNDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2018

GLENBROOK – St Finbar's, 6:00pm

KELLYVILLE – Our Lady of the Rosary, 6:00pm

WINSTON HILLS – St Paul the Apostle, 6:00pm

SATURDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2018

EMU PLAINS – Our Lady of the Way, 6:00pm

LALOR PARK – St Bernadette's, 6:00pm

RYDALMERE – Holy Name of Mary, 5:30pm

SUNDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2018

BAULKHAM HILLS – St Michael's, 6:00pm

CASTLE HILL – St Bernadette's, 6:00pm

GRANVILLE – Holy Trinity Parish, 10:00 am

GREYSTANES – Our Lady Queen of Peace, 6:00pm

HARRIS PARK – St Oliver Plunkett, 10:00am

MARAYONG – St Andrew the Apostle, 10:30am

MOUNT DRUITT/EMERTON – Holy Family, 10:30am

PARRAMATTA – St Patrick's Cathedral, 6:00pm

PENRITH – St Nicholas of Myra, 6:00pm

PLUMPTON – The Good Shepherd, 6:00pm

QUAKERS HILL – Mary Immaculate, 6:00pm

ROUSE HILL – Our Lady of the Angels, 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:30pm

WINDSOR – St Matthew's, 5:00pm



CATHOLIC YOUTH
PARRAMATTA

year of youth

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NSW Youth Advisory Council 2019

The NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC) plays an important role in advising the NSW Government on issues that are relevant to young people across the state.

Membership of the YAC is open to children and young people between 12 and 24 years of age residing in NSW.

Applications are sought from diverse locations, backgrounds and life experiences.

The 12 member YAC provides a direct avenue of communication between young people and the NSW Government.

The YAC meets regularly throughout the year to provide advice to the Minister responsible for Youth, the Hon. Ray Williams MP and to the Advocate for Children and Young People, Mr Andrew Johnson on issues, policies and laws that affect children and young people in NSW.

Apply now! Applications close **30th September 2018**

Apply online now at www.acyp.nsw.gov.au

Learn more about the YAC and its role at bit.ly/nswyac2019

NSW Advocate for Children and Young People
Ground Floor, 219-241 Cleveland Street,
Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

Feel free to contact the office on
(02) 9248 0970
acyp@acyp.nsw.gov.au



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and Young People

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Bishop Office

Plenary 2020 Information and Training

Learn about the Australian Catholic Bishops Plenary Council's impact on you. Receive support to share the Plenary invitation with parish, friends and family.

- 20 September, 7pm-9.30pm, Parramatta Cathedral Hall
- 29 September, 10am-12.30pm, St Thomas Aquinas Springwood School Hall (168 Hawkesbury Rd)
- 29 September, 2pm-4.30pm, Emu Plains School Hall (17 Troy Street)

RSVP: marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org / 8838 3460 with date, time and parish/agency.

Natural Fertility Services

"My husband and I opted for Natural Family Planning (NFP) after our first baby, we'd struggled with other means of fertility management prior to this. Since then, we've been shocked by just one thing, hardly anyone knows about it! Our educator has patiently guided us in learning, implementing and having confidence in ourselves. Best of all, NFP goes hand-in-hand with faith, as God's handiwork is on vibrant display in the human body. Beyond its practical benefits, NFP has revealed to us the astounding mechanisms that God has set in motion in our bodies to create life. NFP is family planning God's way". A couple in their 40's with two children.

To learn more about Natural Family Planning in the Diocese of Parramatta contact 02 8838 3460 or nfs@parracatholic.org or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org and www.parralmf.org.au/nfs

Adult Confirmation for 2018

Adult Confirmation for 2018 will be held on Friday 12 October, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Any adult over 16 years of age wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information. Alternatively you can contact The Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

Save the Date – Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive

Date: 11 November 2018. Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org 0400 427 605

RCIA: How it can grow your Parish's Faith Life

Wednesday 19 September – Part 2. To be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown from 7.00–9.00. To register contact the Office For Worship: ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or 02 8838 3456.

Lawn and Garden Services: Help CatholicCare to Help Disabled Workers

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the diocesan social services organisation. Our Mamre Garden Services employed disabled people in a lawn and garden service lawns for both residential and commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by our Garden Crew Supervisor. Each job is quoted separately and you will not be disappointed with the quality of the work. If you're interested in having your lawns and/or gardens serviced by CatholicCare or would like more information, please contact 02 8843 2500 or visit our website www.ccss.org.au

Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of workshops go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018. Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

St Padre Pio Feast Day: 23 September

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina: Reception of his holy Relic and Special Anniversary Feast Day. Everyone is invited to the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio at St. Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, on Sunday 23 September, as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Stigmata and 50th Anniversary of St Padre Pio's death. The Procession will start at 9.30am, followed by the Feast Day Mass, veneration & blessing by St. Padre Pio's holy relic and other festivities. A Triduum will precede the Feast Day: Thursday & Friday, 20 & 21 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 7pm. Saturday 22 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 5.30pm. Further details on 4737 9735.

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 23 September

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

Positions Vacant

Aid to the Church in Need is hiring! Are you a confident public speaker? Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney. For all details visit, www.catholicjobsonline.com.au.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

Volunteers wanted – Finance Officer and Property Manager. The Diocese of Broome, Western Australia 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 six months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Broome, Balgo, Kalumburu and Bidadanga. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact Anneliese Rohr via 08 9192 1060 and volunteers@broomedioocese.org or visit Web: www.broomedioocese.org.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Dad's Support Group: 25 September

D.A.D.S MyTime Group is a group aiming to connect fathers and other male carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, ASD or a chronic illness to a support network of other fathers, helping the whole family. This is a free, government funded service. 7pm – 9pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre, 5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands. Call 0438 878 355 for more information or visit playgroupnsw.org.au or mytime.net.au. Tea & Coffee provided.

Social Justice Sunday: 30 September

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

OZ Rosary and The Global Rosary: 7 October

Australia will 'Light the Match' to the Global rosary! The World Rosary take place on Sunday 7 Of October, when a global rosary will be said. To register your location on the world map. Go to <http://holyleagueofnations.com>, or for info phone 0467 535 595. All updates will be posted at <https://www.facebook.com/OZROSARY53/>

Oz Rosary will also take place on May 12 next year!

Holy Family Fair: 13 October

Holy Family Fair on Saturday 13 October, from 10am – 3pm. The event will be held at the Holy Family Carpark via 254 Luxford Rd, Emerton NSW 2770. Calling for stall-holders! Applications close on Monday 8 October. Please contact Malia for more info: (02) 9628 7272; enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

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

Macquarie Towns Arts Society's

School Holiday Art & Craft Workshop Program

October Holidays, 2018

Tuesday 2nd Oct

10 am - 12noon Draw a Dragon

1pm - 3pm Paint a Sparkly Princess

Wednesday 3rd Oct

10 am - 12noon Make Coloured Clay Critters

1pm - 3pm Decorate Treasure Boxes

Thursday 4th Oct

10 am - 12noon Draw & Paint Mermaids

1pm - 3pm Decorate Photo Frames

Friday 5th Oct

10 am - 12noon Make Pottery

Monday 8th Oct

10 am - 12noon Make Dragons

1pm - 3pm Make Your Own Slime!

Tuesday 9th Oct

10 am - 12noon Create Crystal Fairies

1pm - 3pm Draw & Paint Dinosaurs

Wednesday 10th Oct

10 am - 12noon Make Magic Lanterns

1pm - 3pm Make Little Clay Animals

Thursday 11th Oct

10 am - 12noon Paint Jungle Animals

1pm - 3pm Make Stencilled Bookmarks

Friday 12th Oct

10 am - 12noon Make Jewellery



Cost: \$15 per 2hr workshop; everything supplied.

Venue: Richmond Art Supplies,
Shop 1, 328 Windsor St, Richmond

Bookings Essential: phone Deidre 0412 979731

MTAS After School Art Classes for Term 4, 2018, also Now Enrolling.

For more information go to www.mtas.com.au

