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NEWSLETTER WEEK 3

11 May 2017

CALENDAR DATES TERM 2 2017

May 12 Fri	Mother's Day Liturgy 7:30 am for 7:45 am start St. Matthew's Church followed by breakfast Stage 3 Concert at Emmaus College Kemps Creek departing school 11:15 am
May 15 Mon	Responsible Pet Education Assembly 2:45 Presented by Year 3
May 17 Wed	Year 2 Parish Mass 9:00 am Mathematics Parent workshop 2:15 pm or 7:00 pm
May 22 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by ESI
May 24 Wed	First Eucharist Workshop Day St. Matthew's Kinder Parish Mass 9:00 am
May 25 Thur	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day Jamison Park, South Penrith Meet at fields at 8:00 am
May 28 Sun	First Eucharist Mass 11:00 am & 1:00 pm St. Matthew's Church
May 29 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Stage 3
May 30 Tue	Confirmation Information night at Chisholm Primary School 7.30 p.m.
May 31 Wed	Year 3 Parish Mass 9:00 am Year 5 Reconciliation 9:30 am Confirmation Information Meeting at St Matthew's Church 7.30 p.m
Jun 2 Fri	School Disco
Jun 4 Sun	First Eucharist Mass 11:00 am & 1:00 pm St. Matthew's Church
Jun 5 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 2
Jun 8 Thur	School Photos
Jun 9 Fri	Pupil Free Day No student supervision
Jun 15 Thur	Athletics Carnival Tamplin Field

Dear Parents,

This weekend we celebrate Mothers' Day with our prayer and breakfast tomorrow morning.

We are looking forward to celebrating with the mothers, aunts and grandmothers tomorrow morning, to acknowledge the importance of your role in the lives of your children and family. As we know mothers sacrifice many things in choosing to give life to another.

The role of mother never ends- always caring, worrying, sometimes nagging and yet always loving! As my mother use to say often to me - "I may not like what you do but I will always love you."

So this week let us give thanks for those who give sacrifice everyday. It is not only in the big moments—it is also in the everyday activities of life. In giving of ourselves in this way we are indeed living the message of Jesus and making our mothers proud!

A Mothers' Day Prayer

*We thank you for our mothers.
We thank you that they gave us life and nurtured us all those years.
They gave us our faith, helping us to know you and to know Jesus and his ways.
They taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others.
They taught us that we should always tell the truth.
Bless our mothers with the graces they need.
Help them to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that we love them.
Bless her this day with your love.*

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful two weeks ahead,

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

Tim Vane-Tempest,
Principal

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

Every Learner,
Every Day

**Attendance in the past
fortnight
88.3%**

Pupil Free Day

On the 9th June the staff of St. Matthew's will be involved in a full day of learning connected to our work in Project Based Learning (PBL). As this is a Pupil Free day no supervision for children will be provided.

Teachers as Learners

Congratulations to Mrs Stockman and Mrs Rogers who both formally received their teaching degrees today at a graduation ceremony. For both these teachers it marks a significant personal and professional achievement.

Enrolling for 2018

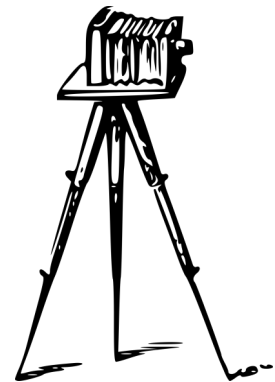
The enrolments are open for Kindergarten 2018. If your child turns 5 before the 31st July, 2018 and you would like them to start at St. Matthew's please contact the school office to pick up or have an enrolment pack sent to you. If you know of any family who are seeking enrolment for this year or 2018 and are not yet connected with the St. Matthew's School please pass on this information. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Matthew's School in the near future.

Winter Uniform

All children should be in Winter uniform from this week on until late Term 3. Thank you to all families who have assisted with this. If you are having any difficulty with uniforms please contact Mr Vane-Tempest through the school office to discuss.

School Photos

St. Matthew's school photos will be taken on Thursday 8th June. Children are expected to wear full winter school uniform. A note and photo envelopes will be sent home soon. Don Wood Photography are now offering online ordering.



Kiss & Drop Area

The Kiss & Drop area is located in Little Church St. It has been established to assist with traffic flow in the street and for parents who wish to drop off children without parking.

The important guidelines for using the Kiss & Drop zone are:

Kiss & Drop operates between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

- 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 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 using the street

WHS - Security

Over the past few weeks our emergency procedures have been reviewed including our evacuation and lock down procedures. We have also reviewed all other security procedures including our off site evacuation procedures in the unlikely event we need to leave the site during an emergency. A reminder that all visitors to the school site, including parents, must sign in at the Front Office. We have recently instituted a new visitor sign in procedure at our front office. The procedure takes a little longer than the previous process, however, it does give certainty and easy reference point for school staff to know who is on site.

Schools have a significant responsibility to provide a safe environment to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all who work, learn and visit our school. As part of our regular practices we will be having a lockdown practice next week.

Work Health Safety procedures are in place to ensure a safe physical environment at all times. We have a staff WHS Committee and all staff share in the responsibility for maintaining safe and orderly school facilities.

If parents see anything they consider to be unsafe we would ask you to contact the school office immediately so the matter can be addressed.

School Disco

Our school disco is being organised to be held Friday 2nd June in the Hall. Infants 5:00 – 6:15pm and Primary 6:30-8pm. Unfortunately siblings not at St Matthew's will not be able to attend. The cost is \$6 per child. This includes the DJ, a drink and chips (water will be available throughout the event). There will be a variety of glow sticks available. We will also need parents to assist with supervision at this event. A note was sent home today with further details .

Baby News

As a community we congratulate both Mrs. Stockman & Mrs. Neave on the news that they are expecting their first children. This is a very exciting time for both Mrs Ryan and Mrs Brennan and we wish them every happiness. Both Mrs. Stockman and Mrs. Neave will be taking leave later in the year. Plans are currently being made to fill the positions left during the period of absence for both teachers. As these plans are finalized we will inform the school community.

Please support our canteen service.



Canteen - Open 5 days per week for Term 2

Greetings St Matthew's School Community!

Last Sunday we had our School/ Parish Hospitality Mass. Thank you to Stage Three teachers and students for organising this Mass. It was a very prayerful experience and families from all grades were represented. Thank you to all the families and teachers who provided the morning tea. The community spirit and friendship made everyone feel welcomed and part of our Parish.

Mothers Day Liturgy and Breakfast.

This Friday we are honouring all our mothers, grandmothers and those who are like mothers to us. Year Two will be leading a special Mothers Day Liturgy in the church at 7.30 am. This will be followed by breakfast in the hall. All mothers and grandmothers are invited. We wish all mothers and grandmothers a very special day on Sunday.

Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary.

On Saturday, the 13th of May, it is the 100th Anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in a village called Fatima. On the 13th of May, 1917, three children- Lucia dos Santos (10) and her two cousins, Jacinta (7) and Francisco Marto (9) took their sheep to graze in the fields near Fatima. Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta from May to October - always on the 13th. On the 13th of October, 1917, tens of thousands of people witnessed the "Miracle of the Sun" where after much rain, the sun came out and seemed to dance and spin in the sky. The Blessed Virgin Mary gave the children messages, secrets and instructions to follow, which related to everyone in the world. But most importantly, Our Lady asked us to pray the Rosary. Many pilgrims from all over the world will be gathering to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima in Portugal this weekend. The two younger children, Blessed Jacinta and Francisco will be canonized by Pope Francis during the celebrations. We ask Our Lady of Fatima to bless each of us during this special time of Grace.

First Eucharist Workshop.

On Wednesday, the 24th of May, children from our school and parish will be attending a Workshop day in preparation for their First Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Confirmation Information Meetings.

For any students in Year 5 and 6 who have made their First Penance and First Eucharist, there is an information meeting for parents to attend.

Tuesday, 30th of May- Confirmation Information night at Chisholm Primary School – 7.30 p.m. **OR**

Wednesday, 31st of May- Confirmation Information Meeting at St Matthew's Church- 7.30 p.m.

Voices From The Classrooms.

Every Wednesday at Recess, students are invited to pray together in the Library. The Servant Leaders lead this opportunity to pray for others in our school and community.

St Matthew's School have purchased a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This statue will be blessed and used in the school during school or class prayer.

Thank you for your kind donations to Project Compassion. We raised \$755.60.

God Bless.

Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

Our Lady of Fatima – Pray For Us.

Dates to remember-

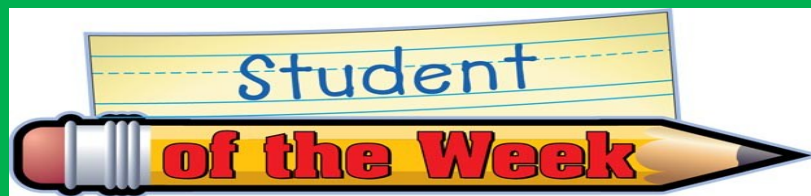
Term Two

** Mothers Day Liturgy and Breakfast- Friday, 12th of May.

** First Eucharist Workshop Day- Wednesday, 24th of May, at St Matthew's.

** First Eucharist Masses- 28th of May and 4th of June. (11am and 1pm)





Kinder	Mia Lodding- for always bringing a positive attitude to her learning. Bethany Smith- for always bringing a positive attitude to her learning. Tycho Grant- for working hard during reading groups. Olivia Macpherson- for a great start to Term 2.
Year 1	Zach Baldacchino - For demonstrating great reasoning skills when placing numbers on a number line. Abigail Xerri - For demonstrating excellent comprehension skills during shared reading. Anthony El Hindy - For demonstrating great reasoning skills when placing numbers on a number line.
Year 2	Talon Barton - for his effort using different strategies when reading and focus during reading groups. Taylah Caukill - for her focused start to Term 2 and continued effort towards class tasks. Penelope Gage - for being a responsible and respectful class member and continued effort towards her learning. Noah McCabe - for always showing the 5 L's and being a responsible class member who tries his best in his learning.
Year 3	Ruby Lamb - For showing initiative in PBL by independently creating a Google doc. Allison Rose - For showing initiative in PBL by independently creating a Google slide. Joel Birdsey - For displaying safe, responsible and respectful behaviour at all times. Daniel Su - For displaying safe, responsible and respectful behaviour at all times.
Year 4	Elkha Sevilla - Outstanding work in producing a very informative PBL book. Olivia Thomson - For her hard work and effort in fractions. Sean Miskelly - For outstanding work in producing an informative PBL book.
Stage 3 Blue	Richard Muscat - for developing persuasive arguments when writing an exposition. Harmony Martin - for being a reliable and helpful member of Stage 3. Stephanie Dimech - for her enthusiastic approach to learning in all Key Learning Areas.
Stage 3 Gold	Tahnaya Anderson - for her growth mindset in maths. Leila Parry-Smith - taking pride in her work across all Key Learning Areas. Kate Mitchell - her work ethic across all key learning areas.
Stage 3 White	Keiara King - for being a positive role model and striving for excellence in all tasks. Noah Holland - for continually improving his writing and taking on feedback. Madison Rowley - for being an independent learner in Stage 3 and always trying her best.

BEDE POLDING COLLEGE

Year 7 2018 Enrolment Applications (together with the requested supporting documents) for Bede Polding College need to be submitted to the College office by Friday 26th May.

TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO CELEBRATE THEIR
BIRTHDAY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kindy	Mia Lodding	Oliver Pullen	Hamish McDonald
	Hayden McKay		
Year 1	Alex Dessmann	Angie Cai	Flynn Buckingham
Year 2	Jaxen Ide	Monique Portelli	Noah McCabe
Year 3	Noah Leighton	Joseph Xerri	Andrew Xie
	Jacob Dessmann	Szina Cai	
Year 4	Jessica Rix-Watt	Szan Miskelly	Noah Burton
	Sophie Howard		
Year 5	Jackson Murphy	Taglah Lyons	Leila Parry-Smith
	Audrey Zhou	Alexi Hart	Crystal Murray
Year 6	Kurt Seget	Harry Abdo	Charlie Burton
	James O'Neill		

**TERM 2 SCHOOL FEE
STATEMENTS WILL BE
POSTED NEXT WEEK**

Any unpaid Term 1 fees will be included on this statement. 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.

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

Congratulations to all of our Cross Country Competitors at the Diocesan last Tuesday. There were some challenges, accomplishments and commitment from all the students. A special congratulations to Holly McKay who finished 3rd overall and is heading to Mackillop on June 16th! Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and to others for ensuring their children arrived at the venue on time. I appreciate the behind the

scenes arrangements to ensure your child is able to attend this event.



It is soccer fever this term!!

Stage 3 girls team has been selected and have begun their training.

Stage 3 boys will commence training next week with teams being announced on Friday.

Stage 2 teams will have trials next week.

The Athletics Carnival is fast approaching. Notes will be going home next week. If you are able to help out on the day, we would love the assistance. There is a form in the note regarding helpers, please fill it out and return to the office. The carnival is being held on Thursday June 15 at Tamplin Fields, Hobartville.

Lastly, Bootcamp is still on!! It was a great success last term so we will continue working on our fitness and this term athletic 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!

Mrs Brand

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.

Winter has arrived and remember we sell jumpers and vests.

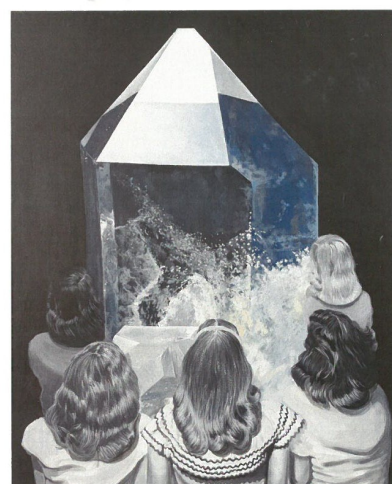


Image: ANNA DI MEZZA The Birth of Currency, 2016 acrylic on board 65 x 40 cm

ANNA DI MEZZA

OBSCURA

4 - 28 May 2017

Braemar Gallery and the artist warmly invite you to the launch on

Saturday 6 May, 2pm - 4pm

Bishop Office

Positions Vacant

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking applications for several positions. For further details, go to <https://parracatholic.org/employment/>

Volunteer English Teacher - Catholic Care Social Services

For many years now we have been conducting English language classes for Refugee women at Mamre House Orchard Hills - a work of Catholic Care Social Services. The classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm during school terms. These classes are possible because of the generous help of volunteer English teachers. At present we urgently need a volunteer teacher to come on Tuesdays or alternatively to be on our relief list to fill in when required. A teaching qualification is an advantage but not essential. A Working With Children Check is required. For further information please phone Sr Janet Woods on 0418 690 487.

Caritas Australia: Changing Lives in Cambodia: 16 May

Come and hear Sr Len from Seedling of Hope, Cambodia, share stories of her ministry which empowers people affected by HIV & AIDS through psychosocial support, education, health & livelihood programs. This is a free event. All are welcome! Tuesday 16 May 2017, 6pm at The Two Wolves Community Cantina, 202 Broadway Chippendale.

RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1857463291173426/> or act@caritas.org.au

Break Free Seminar 'Exploring the natural alternatives to the pill': 20 May

Have you experienced any side effects of The Pill and is there a natural alternative that's just as effective? Hear from educators in natural fertility awareness methods and people's personal experiences who have made the change. Empower yourselves with knowledge about your fertility.

Sunday 20th May 2017, 2:00pm-3:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Hosted by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. For more info, go to <https://parralmf.org.au/nfs/> and register at 88383460 or nfs@parra.catholic.org.au

The Shrine of Mt Schoenstatt – 'Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love': 21 May

Come and experience a special day at The Shrine of Mt Schoenstatt – 'Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love' - 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa for the Annual Marian Pilgrimage to be held on Sunday 21st May, 2017. The celebrations begin at 10am with Holy Mass at 10:30 am and Eucharistic Procession and Benediction from the valley to the Shrine at 2pm. There will be an alternative programme for the sick and elderly at the Shrine. This is an Outdoor event. Please bring your own chairs and picnic rugs. Food stalls available or bring your own lunch. For more details ring 02 4773 8338 or visit www.schoenstatt.org.au

Real News or Fake News? The Future of Journalism: 21 May

CCJP Sunday Seminar Our seminar speaker will be Dr Margaret Van Heekeren, a journalism academic with the Department of Media and Communications at the University of Sydney. She is a founding member of the Centre for Media History, based at Macquarie University.

10 am – 12 noon, Sunday 21 May 2017 including morning tea. (\$10 donation appreciated). Convent of Mercy, 6 Victoria Road, Parramatta (opp St Patrick's Cathedral). Disabled access available. Enquiries to CCJP: 02 9745 0820 Email: ccjp@bigpond.com

St Anthony's Parish, Clovelly, Centenary Mass: 21 May

St Anthony's Parish was formed in 1917, and St Anthony's Primary School opened in 1918. Past parishioners, students and friends are cordially invited to the Centenary Mass at 10.00am on Sunday 21 May, at which Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be Principal Celebrant. Refreshments will follow in the parish grounds. For more information or to indicate attendance, email: centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au Facebook: St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day: 21 May

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, atlomas@bigpond.com

St Benedict's Monastery: 21 May

The next Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia is on Sunday, 21st May. Arrival is 10am for 10:30am. Presentations, Meditation and Mass. BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Books and DVDs available for purchase. Registration on arrival. Donation only. Day closes around 3pm. Enquires: Ann Lomas 9456 4775 or atlomas@bigpond.com

Centenary History Book of Our Lady Help of Christians Epping: 24 May

As a final Centenary celebration of the establishment of Our Lady Help of Christians' Church in Epping (the former Catholic Parish Of Epping), the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford have produced a book reflection on the 100 years of Catholic Worship in Epping. The book will be launched on Wednesday, 24 May 2017, on the Solemnity of our Patron Saint, Our Lady, Help of Christians, and will be available following the launch through the Parish.

The book, "A Paddock out of the Back (100 Years of Catholic Worship in Epping)," details the Parish's life over the last 100 years and even further back to the time of the Barren Hills Timbergetting Establishment in 1820. The book is a journey back in time and includes many pictures and images across this period. Since this memorable book is produced as part of the Parish's Centenary Celebration, it will be selling at the nominal price of \$12 per copy.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Shinto Francis: 27 May

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Shinto Francis on Saturday 27 May 2017 at 6.00pm. The ordination will take place at St Paul the Apostle Parish, 40 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills. Light refreshments to follow. RSVP by 22 May 2017: For catering purposes please RSVP to parish secretary tel (02) 9639 6516, winstonhills@parracatholic.org

Catalyst for Renewal: 27 May

Catalyst for Renewal invites you to a Forum with Fr Timothy Radcliffe op on Saturday, May 27th, 2017, at Santa Sabina College Strathfield – flyer attached. Session 1: "What Hope can we offer the Young? Lessons from the Frontline with ISIS". Session 2: "Making Place for the Conscience of the Laity today – the Challenge of Amoris Laetitia". Entry \$15 per head. Tickets available through TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/266284> or through Catalyst for Renewal, PO Box 265, Swansea NSW 2281 or Telephone Message Bank: 02 9990 7003 or by email to catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 28 May

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.

Caritas Australia: Change the World! It's Up to Us!: 31 May

Are you 18-25 yrs? Committed to social justice, changing the world, & having fun? Come & co-create with Caritas, the world's second-largest aid & development organisation. Join us for an initial Call to Action in the Sydney CBD (Venue TBC), Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 6pm. RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1848653452074863/> or act@caritas.org.au

Mass For Neophytes: 2 June

Friday 2 June, 2017 at 7.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The annual Mass for Neophytes (newly Baptised Catholics and those who have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church) marks the celebration as an occasion of the Church universal. Celebrated by the Most Rev. Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta. For further information contact Ingrid Vergano on 8838 3456 or ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au

Time for Us to go on a Date: 3 June

An evening for couples to dance, dine and prayer together at Mount Schoenstatt. Includes an input on male leadership, a lesson in ballroom dancing, formal dinner and prayer. Saturday 3rd June from 5pm - 10pm.

Investment: \$150. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/376209752754089/>

LIFTED Leadership Seminar 2017: 3-4 June

Catholic Youth Parramatta is hosting a weekend of formation, training and sharing for aspiring and active leaders from parishes and schools between the ages of Year 11 and 30 years of age – “Develop, Grow, Inspire for Mission” at the funky Atura Hotel, 32 Cricketers Arms Rd, Prospect. The program begins at 10am on Saturday and includes a conference dinner with Bishop Vincent. It continues on Sunday and concludes with a Parish Mass in the evening. There is a heavily discounted registration cost of \$50 for all meals but we are limited to 70 participants. Register through James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Grace & Silence Retreat Day for Young Women: 10 June

A Silent retreat day for vocation discernment to marriage & family life, single life or consecrated life. Commences with an input. The day can be used as a general recollection day. Cost \$30 includes morning, lunch, afternoon tea and materials. Saturday 10th June 9:30am - 4pm. Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Registrations: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1918258908407700/>

A weekend for Engaged Couples: 9-11 June

Time for Us to Prepare our Hearts for Marriage - A weekend for Engaged Couples from 9-11 June. These weekends aim to complement pre-marriage courses to allow engaged couples to prepare their hearts so that they may give a total, free and faithful “YES” to their future spouses and contribute towards a fruitful marriage. The inputs and times of prayer and silent reflection will foster the preparation of your heart so that you may be a gift to your spouse and receive your spouse as a gift. Investment: \$200pp. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/236581350078661/>

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 11 June

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.

Time for Us Weekend for Families: 16-18 June

Time for Us Weekends at Mount Schoenstatt include inputs for adults, programmes for children of all ages including baby-sitting, couple and family time, games fellowship with other families, prayer, reflection and Holy Mass. For more detail or to register contact: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1835800090073744/>

St. Anthony of Padua relic to visit Diocese of Parramatta: 20-21 June

To Mark the Centenary of the Apparitions in Fatima a Relic of St. Anthony of Padua, Venerated by both Sister Lucy of Fatima and Pope Francis will be visiting Australia in June 2017.

Tuesday, 20th June 2017, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Avenue KELLYVILLE. Mass: 9:15am & 7:00pm. Wednesday, 21st June 2017, St Anthony of Padua Church 27 Aurelia Street TOONGABBIE. Mass: 9:30am & 7:30pm

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 25 June

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Annulment Information Seminar - Solo Parent Services will be holding our annual seminar on Annulments in the Catholic Church for anyone interested in learning more about this process.

Date: Tuesday 23rd May **Time:** 6.45pm for 7pm start to 9pm. **Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave)

Cost: \$7.00. **Registration Essential:** Contact Rita Chater Ph: 8822 2222 or

email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Younger Widowed Support Group - This monthly support group is for men and women aged approx. 55 years or younger, who are facing life after the death of a spouse or partner to come together for support and sharing. **Date:** Third Tuesday of each month - next gathering 16th May. **Time:** 7pm -9pm **Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave) **Cost:** \$5.00



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There is an opportunity to accelerate your qualifications and be paid as a School Based Apprentice or Trainee as you complete your HSC.

DON'T MISS OUR INFORMATION NIGHT

When: Wednesday 24 May from 6.00pm - 7.30pm.
Where: McCarthy Catholic College, 75 MacKellar Street Emu Plains

ATTEND OUR INFORMATION NIGHT TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT TRADE FOR YOU.

Talk to our experienced trade teachers and see our state-of-the-art facilities.
Call 4728 8129 email mccarthycttc@parra.catholic.edu.au
or visit www.mccarthycttc.catholic.edu.au