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TERM FOUR

No 5

*Remembrance Day Monday 11th November
November – a time to remember*

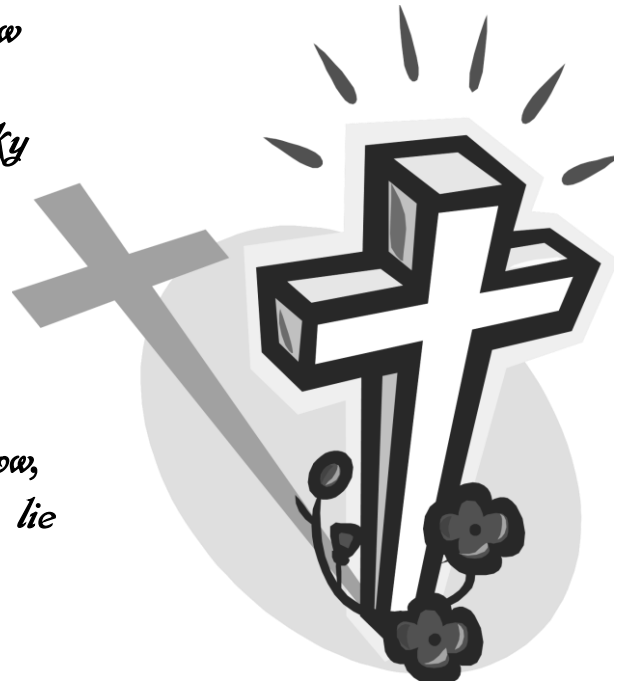
We will remember them

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
that mark our place; and in the sky
the larks, still bravely singing, fly
scarce heard amid the guns below.*

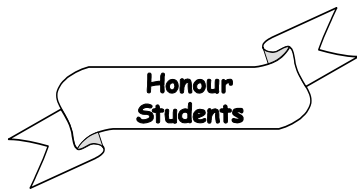
*We are the Dead. Short days
ago
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
loved and were loved, and now we lie
in Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
to you from failing hands we throw
the torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
we shall not sleep,
though poppies grow in Flanders fields.*

Lieut-Col. John McCrae



*“The Souls of the Just are in the hands of God,
No torment shall ever touch them.”*



TERM FOUR - WEEK FIVE
Honour Awards: Determination

KA	Daniel Pinto
KM	Ryan Day
1C	Christian Golossian
1S	Nicholas Rahme
2M	Gabriella Cruz
2Y	Diamond Murphy
3L	Katherine Abood
3T	Norman Elzahoul
4B	Clarke Guatlo
4G	Jordan Moubarak
5C	Narella Wakim
5T	Lanya Chedid
6P	Alana Teklic
6W	Joseph Freifer

Value Week 6: Term 4 Reliability

YEAR 6 GALA DAY

Year 6 will be holding their 2013 GALA DAY next week on Tuesday 12th November.

We are still seeking Year Six parent helpers.

Make sure you don't miss out on unlimited activities. Vouchers for a piece of cake and a drink will be given to each child on the day. The cost is \$5.00, due tomorrow.

If your child has an allergy, can you organise a safe alternative.

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Younes (6P) on being selected to participate in the Sydney Metropolitan Water polo Gala day. It will take place on the 18th November at Sutherland Leisure Centre.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We look forward to meeting all the 2014 Kindergarten children and their parents at the Kindergarten Orientation on Friday 22nd November in the School Hall.

The N.E.D Awards

Never give up
 Encourage others
 Do your best

KA	Zara Moussa
KM	Elias Nakhle
1C	Joshua Lorenzo
1S	Clyde Guatlo
2M	Claire Guatlo
2Y	Matthew Liang
3L	Audrey Baysari
3T	Zayden Weaver
4B	Tahlia Rizk
4G	Jackson Wehbe
5C	Gabriella Nimmo
5T	Joseph Rahme
6P	Gabriel Seileka
6W	Chadia Achie

2014 Student Bus Passes

Students in Year Two, who currently hold a bus pass, will need to apply for another pass for 2014 when they progress to Year Three. An application form can be collected from the office and **MUST** be returned to the school office no later than **Monday, 11th November**. If the form is not returned, the student will not receive a bus pass for the start of 2014. Thank you for your co-operation.

Back to School 2014

Parents, if you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child/children will be returning to school late in 2014 due to extended holidays or any other reason, could you please notify the office, in writing, that this will be happening and noting the date your child will be returning for the 2014 school year.

If your child (K to Yr 5) will not be returning to St Patrick's in 2014, please advise the office in writing as soon as possible.

2013 SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the families who have already paid Term Three fees. The due date for payment was Friday 16th August, 2013. These fees are now overdue.

If you are experiencing difficulty making fee payments, please contact Mrs Nutter.

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 8-2013

Due Friday 29th NOV 2013

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

The preferred method of payment is to make the payment online directly to scholastic. If paying by cheque please make the **CHEQUE** out to **Scholastic Australia**.

Remember to fill out Order Forms correctly and place in a **sealed** envelope clearly marked with **NAME - CLASS - BOOKCLUB CORRECT MONEY** (no change given)

COMING EVENTS/EXCURSIONS

- **Year Six GALA DAY**
Change of date: Tuesday 12th November.
- **Year One Excursion**
Monday 18th November
- **Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Meeting**
Friday 22nd November
- **Family Disco**
Friday 22nd November 6.00 - 8.00 p.m.

School Banking News

If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmite tokens you **MUST** redeem them for a reward before the end of Term 4 as you won't be able to use these extra tokens next year. The Dollarmite moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year, so collect them now. Select the rewards(s) you want by completing the coupon on your rewards card and take it, along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next School Banking deposit. Eight exciting new rewards are coming in 2014!



Kindie enjoying PE

FOUND

Last Friday after the Assembly, a stroller was found in the playground near the hall steps. If it belongs to you, please come and collect it. There is a small child's bright red T-shirt on the hood.



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Stroller found after Assembly
- Year Six GALA Day
- Primary Swimming Carnival
- Kinder, One & Two Picnic Day

Newsletter Distribution We are now delivering the weekly newsletter directly to your email address. Currently we are still printing over 150 copies and would really like to reduce this number. If you are now receiving the newsletter online and would like to be removed from the distribution list, a short note to the office would be greatly appreciated.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

Read our newsletter online at:

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

If you require a hard copy please let us know. Thank you to all the families who are reading the **Newsletter** online. You may also subscribe to our online newsletter by signing up. See home page right hand side of screen for more information.

Our Newsletter is in a new area - click on News & Events- Latest News and scroll down the page.

Compulsory School Attendance - Information for Parents is available on this site.



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Opportunity for all

COMING EVENTS 2013

TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Five

Friday 8th

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 2

Week Six

Tuesday 12th

Thursday 14th

Friday 15th

Year 6 **GALA DAY**

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 1

Week Seven

Monday 18th

Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

Year One Excursion to Darling Harbour

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Meeting

No Assembly

Footsteps - **Family Disco** 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Week Eight

Thursday 28th

Friday 29th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Kindergarten

Week Nine

Thursday 5th December

Friday 6th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

End of Year **Thanksgiving Mass** 9.30 a.m.

Week Ten

Wednesday 11th

Thursday 12th

Friday 13th

Year 6 Graduation, Reports to Parents

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 5

Week Eleven

Monday 16th

Wednesday 18th

Primary Swmg Carnival & Infants Picnic

Year 6 Fun Day - Last day 2013

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Guide us to act unselfishly.

Open our hearts so that
we think of the needs of others first.

May we always be aware
of your presence in us,
through the Holy Spirit,
compelling us to live lives that
reflect the message of the Son.

May we find your peace
at the heart of all we do.

**Mrs Gloria Bryant
and Staff**

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

Priests: The Most Rev Bishop Anthony Fisher, The Very Rev Father John McSweeney, Rev Father Andrew Bass, Rev Father Robert William

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00 p.m.
Sunday 8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.
Children's Liturgy 9.30 a.m.

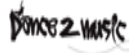
WEEKDAY MASS

Monday to Friday 6.45am, 12.30 p.m.
Saturday 8.00am
Public Holidays 8.00am

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.45am to 12.30pm
Saturday 8.30 to 9.00am & 5.15 to 6.00pm

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Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta will be welcoming future Mercy Girls starting Year 7 in 2014 to Orientation day on Friday November 15. The College is now enrolling for 2014 and 2015.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

Catholic Education Office

PRC General Meeting - Monday 11 November 2013

PRC General Meeting for Term 4 is on Monday 11 November 2013 at Diocesan Assembly Centre (DAC) Cnr Flushcombe Road and Marian Street, Blacktown. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start and concludes at 9.30pm.

Guest Speaker will be Dr John DeCourcy, Director Strategic Accountabilities Services, Catholic Education Parramatta. Dr DeCourcy will be presenting Gifted and Talented Education in Catholic Schools.

All welcome.

For more information click here for flyer and click here for agenda.

Positions Vacant: Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Director, Financial & Administrative Services – Bishop Anthony Fisher OP invites applications for the role of Director Financial and Administrative Services within the senior leadership team for Catholic Education in the Diocese of Parramatta. Please visit www.traksearch.com and click 'Education Jobs'. Enquiries: John Cheshier on 0417 068 220 or mail@traksearch.com. Closing date 18 November. To commence 2014.

The Executive Director of Schools invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced personnel for:

- **Manager CELC (Catholic Early Learning Centre) Services** (commences 2014)
- **Professional Assistant to the Executive Director of Schools** (commences 2014)

Visit www.parra.catholic.edu.au. If you have difficulty accessing the website contact 9840 5706 or 9840 5715.

Closing date 19 November.

Design a Christmas Card and Win

Design a Christmas card and win an amazing prize in the Koori Kids 'Reveal your talent' Christmas card competition.

Students in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to entry the competition - just design an A4 sized Christmas card that reflects the Australian culture, heritage and spirit using either crayons, pencils or textas.

Theme: Christmas in the summertime, our family Christmas

Judging: 6 December 2013

Prizes: Televisions, iPad, Xbox 360 Consoles, iPods, movie passes to 'Walking with Dinosaurs 3D'

For more information:

Email director@koorikids.com Phone: 8088 0791 Mail: GPO Box 454 Sydney NSW 2001

Bishop's Office

Diocese of Parramatta Bushfire Appeal

The Diocese has launched an emergency appeal to assist people who have been affected by the NSW bushfires. St Thomas Aquinas Parish at Springwood is one of the areas that has been hardest hit. This appeal is for cash donations only. Donations can be made through CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta. A video appeal by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP is on CatholicCare's website where you can make an online donation: www.ccss.org.au

If making a donation by cheque, please make your cheque payable to **CatholicCare Social Services – Bushfire Appeal** and post to: Bushfire Appeal, PO Box 2023, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750.

Receive updates on the Bushfire Appeal via Facebook: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

12th Diocesan Shopping Trip: 16 November

Bookings close on 3 November for the annual Diocesan Shopping Trip. You can help to raise funds for Project Ten: 2003-2013, a program of major works in St Patrick's Cathedral precinct, while visiting more than 15 factory outlets on a shopping extravaganza. Departs from 2 points: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at Seven Hills and Penrith Panthers. Cost includes bistro lunch: \$50 adults, \$40 concession, \$20 children. To secure your seat on the coach contact Virginia Knight at the Diocesan Office tel (02) 8838 3412, vknight@parra.catholic.org.au

CAPTIVATE: 10 November

String concert celebrating the achievements of students in our Catholic schools. Starts 3pm, St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook. Gold coin donation.

Catholic Super Free Retirement Seminar: 11 November

Have you started thinking about retirement? Financial security will give you the opportunity to enjoy a longer life with family and friends and to pursue your interests free from money worries. Catholic Super is an industry fund and returns all profits to members. This FREE seminar will cover: retirement goals & budgets, increasing your retirement savings, transition to retirement strategy. Monday 11 November: Springwood Sports Club, Sassafras Room 2, 83 Macquarie Rd, Springwood. Time: 6.45pm for 7pm start. Register: tel 1300 730 327 or www.csf.com.au

Thanksgiving and 24th Anniversary of Our Lord of Pardon: 1-10 November

Everyone is invited to this special celebration intended for all the souls in purgatory. **1-8 Nov:** novena in host families' homes nightly; **9 Nov:** novena at 4pm in Polish War Memorial Chapel, Marayong. **10 Nov:** 1.30pm Praise & Worship, Devotion, Procession; 3.30pm: Mass in Polish War Memorial Chapel, 116 Quakers Rd, Marayong. Reception to follow in the Polish Hall. For more information or if you want to host the statues for nine days in your home tel Ludy Pappa (02) 9626 0262 or ludypapa@live.com.au

Music of Antonín Dvořák – Mass in D Major: 8 November

Presented by Warrimoo Chorale, accompanist Bernard Kirkpatrick, directed by Brian Eggert. Experience the power and excitement of Dvorak's major work on the heritage-listed Hele Pipe Organ with a superb choir in the beautiful stone church of St Finbar's. Also on the program will be a selection of folk music, old and new, by Stephen Foster, Aaron Copland, Brahms and Whitacre. Starts 7.30pm, St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook. Suggested donation \$15, \$10 conc. Inquiries (02) 4754 1780.

St Philomena Association Holy Mass: 9 November

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at noon with confessions from 11.30am. St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. Nearest railway station is Doonside, next one after Blacktown. RSVP: Elizabeth tel 0423 15 44 63 or epeoples9@gmail.com (please bring a snack to share).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 8-10 November

A marriage enrichment experience – take time out of busy schedules to invest in your most precious asset, your marriage! Venue: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Inquiries & bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel (02) 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wvme.org.au

Cronulla Beaches Tour: 12 November

Travel with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, to Cronulla for morning tea at Gunnamatta Bay Park before boarding the Bundeena ferry. Enjoy the short scenic cruise from Cronulla to Bundeena, gateway to the Royal National Park, viewing the many beaches in the area. Cost: \$35 includes morning tea and ferry. Lunch at Bundeena RSL (own expense). Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Deposit of \$20 required when booking with Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, francesgrima@optusnet.com.au

9th Annual Boenhoffer Conference: 14-15 November

Topic: Hearing the Word, Acting in Faith. Conference Chair: Emeritus Professor Terry Lovat, University of Newcastle, and Chair of Theology, Ethics & Education, The Broken Bay Institute.

Speakers:

- * Rev Dr Christopher Holmes, Senior Lecturer in Systematic Theology, University of Otago, Dunedin;
- * Dr Luqman Zakariyah, Visiting Fellow, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School, Harvard University;
- * Rev Dr Rhys Bezzant, Dean of Missional Leadership, Ridley College, Melbourne;
- * Elizabeth Scott, Managing Director, Canberra Academy of Dramatic Art;
- * Rev Simon Moyle – anti-war activist and non-violence trainer with Pace e Bene Australia.

Venue: St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre, Kincumber. Fee: \$195 includes conference attendance, overnight accommodation and all meals. Registration: tel (02) 4921 7755, Geoffrey.See@newcastle.edu.au

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 17 November

Topic: 'The Passing of the English Christendom and the future of the Anglican Communion'. Speaker: Rev Dr Bruce Kaye, editor of *The Journal of Anglican Studies*. Time: 2.30pm – all welcome. Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

Prayer and the Dark Night: 21 November

An opportunity to reflect on the teachings of the Church's great teachers on prayer, with Fr John McCall OSA. In our growth in prayer we move through various stages. These transitional stages can be disturbing if we do not understand them. Time: 9.45am. The Augustinian Centre for Spirituality, 2 Hewitt Ave, Greystanes. Bookings: (02) 9896 6794, paulmal@bigpond.com.au

Christian Meditation: 17 November

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Renewal & Introduction Day at St Benedict's Monastery. Arrive 10am for 10.30am. Program includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. For accommodation at 'The Cottage' 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

Fertility Educators Needed

Natural Fertility Services is looking for suitable applicants in the Parramatta and greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants. Some prior experience of Natural Family Planning is desirable but not essential. Sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. The 2014 training will commence in March. For more information and application forms call The Manager NFS(02) 9390 5156.

Faith at the Fiddler: 21 November

Special guest Bishop Anthony Fisher OP – Reframing the debate on 'same-sex marriage'. Faith at the Fiddler is a forum for young people to gather together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality. From 5pm-7pm at The Greenway Room at the Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor rds, Rouse Hill. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education, Parramatta. Details: Linda Ducksbury tel (02) 9840 5743, linda.ducksbury@parra.catholic.edu.au

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat: 22-24 November

This weekend retreat is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Where: Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. Inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 555, info@rachelsvineyard.org.au

Write to: PO Box 317, St Peters, NSW, 2044. For more information about Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreats visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

John Paul II Class of 1988 25 Year Anniversary Dinner: 23 November

Venue: Blacktown Workers Club. Contact: JP11988reunion@gmail.com

Advent Journey: 1 December

Young Men and Women aged 18-35 are invited to an Advent Journey on Sunday 1 December from 3-9pm. This event serves to help young adults make good use of Advent and prepare their hearts for the birth of Christ and entails a guided, meditative bushwalk, dinner and concludes with prayer and reflection in the Schoenstatt Shrine. Cost \$25 includes dinner and other materials. Comfortable walking shoes for bush walking is essential. For further information and registration contact: Sister M Julie 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com

Christmas on the Fun Boat: 3 December

Explore and experience the spectacular sights and attractions of Sydney Harbour with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. This 3½-hour cruise includes a roast chicken dinner and Christmas pudding. What better way to see the sights as you cruise under the Harbour Bridge, past the Opera House, and around Fort Denison. Cost:\$75 includes morning tea & lunch. Details and bookings: Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, francesgrima@optusnet.com.au