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*Dear Parents,*

*This year St Patrick's Primary School will join Catholic schools across New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW) from 9-15 March.*

*The theme for CSW 2014 is 'more than a great education' which encourages schools to communicate to their local community the opportunities available to students, raise awareness, and celebrate the distinctiveness of Catholic schools.*

*When I reflect on this year's theme it brings to mind my own experience of education in Catholic Schools – St Anthony's Girraween for Primary School, Catherine McAuley Westmead for Years 7 to 10 and Cerdon College Merrylands for Years 11 and 12, as Catherine McAuley did not have a senior campus then. I can continue this further with Tertiary Studies at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) North Sydney for my Teaching degree, and ACU Strathfield for my Masters in Educational Leadership. I can truly testify that my involvement with the Catholic Education System, combined with the influence of my family and parish, not only gave me a great education but helped shape the person I am today. My identity, my friendships, my attitudes, the values I hold, my spirituality, my love for- learning, my faith and my country, including the country of my birth, is due to the confidence, skills and knowledge I gained through my involvement in Catholic Schools and Universities. I learned to see that the opportunities offered through education was not only going to benefit me as an individual but provide me with a myriad of opportunities to be of service to others in community. This opportunity is indeed more than that of a great education but a life long gift. For this I will always be deeply thankful!*

*Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing what happens in our classrooms every day. Our school has a supportive community who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion.*

*It is for this reason that I would like to again extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at St Patrick's Parramatta on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, to celebrate with our school and parish community Catholic Schools Week 2014.*

*This is an ideal opportunity to support our school community and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support, warmth, cooperation, generosity and positive vision for our school and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you not only this Monday but on every single day at St Patrick's Parramatta.*

*God Bless you and your family*

*Bernadette Fabri  
Principal*

# student of the week



Student of the week is rewarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding application across any Key Learning Area.

KA - Sophia Paguia	KM - Jacob Manago
1C - George Draybi	1S - Katerina Yannakis
2M - Aidan Vancuylenberg	2Y - Allen Soso
3L - Arwen-Cady Firmeza	3T - Anna Janczewski
4B - Pramuditha Wanigasinghe	4G - John Boutros
5C - Mehaara Joseph	5T - Adriana Saab
6P - Mariejose Nakhle	6W - Olana Lal

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

As I know that it is important for parents to be informed of dates as early as possible I will endeavour to make this year's calendar available as soon as we can. In the mean time the dates for the scheduled Staff Development Days are as follows:

Term One	Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April (Last day of Term One)
Term Two	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June (Queen's Birthday Holiday Weekend)
Term Three	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September (Last day of Term Three)
Term Four	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> of December (last 2 days of the school year)

Occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for events will need to be changed. If this is ever the case we will try to give you plenty of notice.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:  
Harrison Chidiac, Caitlin Vilches Alexander Sicurella, Marybeth Abraham, Ashley Younis, Darcy Fraser, Catherine Said, Sienna Golossian

## PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Dear Lord

Catholic Schools Week is a special time in the year when we celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our Catholic schools.

It is a time to give thanks for the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place each day in every classroom.

We acknowledge and thank all who work in the service of Catholic education to create the opportunities for students that allow them to grow and thrive.

We thank you for the wisdom and understanding of teachers the enthusiasm and energy of students the leadership of school Principals and executive staff the skill, care and commitment of administrative and support staff the guidance of our pastors and religious leaders the support and partnership of parents, carers and local communities.

We pray that each student's learning journey be inspired by a search for your wisdom and truth.

We pray that we never take for granted the learning opportunities that we have all been given, and that we use the gifts of learning wisely and responsibly.

We ask that we use what we have learnt to create a better world for all people, particularly the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

## SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to **Emile Saab (6W)** who has made the Parramatta Diocesan Swim Team and will be competing at the NSW CPS swimming carnival on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Good luck to **Amelia McGlenn (softball 6W)** and **Luis Medak (tennis 6P)** who are both members of the Parramatta Diocesan team and are now trying out for the Mackillop teams.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Theme: 'More than a Great Education'

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.00am - 10.30am\*\***

Liturgy followed by Open Classrooms

10.30 - 11.30am

Morning tea with children in the playground  
(Weather permitting)

(During this time parents and visitors may  
visit the art exhibition in the school hall.)

**\*\*Previously advertised as 9.30am start**

## SHROVE TUESDAY PIKELETS

Thank you to the following parents who  
helped organise and distribute the pikelets  
to the students on Tuesday.

A special thank you to Mrs Khalil for  
organising the helpers and to the mums for  
donating some pikelets on the day. They  
were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.  
Gloria Khalil, Claire Moujalli, Annette  
Romanos, Lorraine Takchi, Nina Wehbe,  
Jolane Achie, Denise Gebrael, Zeinab Takchi

## CALLING ALL PARENTS!

Are you interested in finding out what is  
happening in the School/Parramatta  
Diocese, sharing ideas, fund raising or just  
chatting over some refreshments?

Come and join the

### ST PATRICK'S PARENT GROUP

Meeting: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Venue: School Hall

Time: 7.30pm

Hope to see you there!!!

## LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

Yrs 3 - 6      Cross Country

## ST PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATIONS



It is that exciting time of  
year again when we  
celebrate the patron Saint  
of our school Saint Patrick.

The children can wear **GREEN** mufti with  
joggers and make a gold coin donation to  
Project Compassion.

Parents are welcome to attend our Liturgy  
commencing at 9.00am.

The children will then return to their  
classrooms where the teachers have  
organised some exciting creative arts with  
an Irish theme.

The children will make their way to  
Parramatta Park at 12.00 noon for activities  
and a picnic lunch. Parents are welcome to  
watch the activities and have lunch with  
their children.

On completion of the activities the children  
will return to school for normal pickup.

## CHILD PROTECTION MODULES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Parent helpers in a school are a vital  
resource. Any parent interested in assisting  
in reading groups, excursions etc need to  
complete the 'child protection briefing for  
Volunteers' found by following the website  
link below. Parents and other family  
members are unable to assist if this module  
is not completed and submitted. Looking  
forward to all of your assistance [http://ceo-  
web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/  
odule1/index.htm](http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm)

## 2015 KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION for ENROLMENT PACKS

Application for Enrolment Packs for 2015  
are available to be collected from the school  
office.

Please complete and sign the forms and  
return them with your child's original birth  
certificate, baptismal certificate, passport  
or citizenship papers if applicable. They will  
be photocopied and returned to you.

Applications must be received by Friday 31<sup>st</sup>  
May.

## IT'S ACADEMIC

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February Rachel Corpuz, Cassandra Holdaway, Angel Nasr, Mariejose Nakle, Tayla Van Cuylenberg, Narella Wakim, Josie Wehbe, Mabel Zekan, George Khoury, Oliver Wehbe, Ethan Hoang, Yvette Roque, Mariella Sonido, Jack Pellew, Miray Sakr, Emile Saab and Lea Barakat were lucky enough to be chosen to be on the 2014 season of the popular TV show 'It's Academic'.

It's Academic is a TV show on Channel 7 Two where the host Simon Reeve questions Year 6 students on a variety of subjects as well as general knowledge.

A recount of the day from the students...

Over the last few weeks we were given the opportunity to practise for the competition in the library with Mrs Barclay and Mrs O'Dwyer. All the teams felt that this was very helpful as the teachers challenged us with questions to give us an idea of what we were to experience.

On the day of the competition we had an early start, arriving at school at 7am, and then catching a bus to Foxtel Studios at Macquarie Park where we were to be filmed for the show. It was around 9am when the first children started the quiz and by 3:30pm we had finally finished. So yes, it was a long day but it was really worth it and we are all glad we accepted the offer of being involved in this amazing opportunity. Some contestants were even given a chance to visit the Nickelodeon room where we had a ride on a giant slide!

We would like to thank all the teachers, parents and students for supporting us through this exciting journey and are grateful for this once in a lifetime experience one that we will remember for the rest of our lives.

Please note that our shows will be on television during the first week of November at 7:30am

### PARENT HOSPITALITY GROUPS

At the parent information nights parents had the opportunity to put their names down to assist in upcoming events/morning teas. Please see the attached list for your name or if you would like to assist please contact the school office

**2014 SCHOOL FEES** Term 1 School Fee accounts have been sent out by the Catholic Education office. The due date for payment is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. Arrangements made in 2013 are now finished and any family having difficulty completing term payments on time and wish to make payments by instalments using cash, Centrelink or Bpay etc please contact the School Office for an appointment with Mrs Nutter to set up a new arrangement.

### BOOKCLUB ISSUE 2-2014

Due Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2014

**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)

### NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE

The newsletter is now online, should you need a hardcopy please inform the office staff.

To subscribe to the newsletter follow the instructions provided below:

Log onto [www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au)

On the right hand side click on the heading subscribe to our newsletter online. Please complete the pop up screen and submit.

Our newsletter will be emailed to you approx. 3pm every Thursday. Occasionally it may be Friday morning if trouble arises.

### Smartloving Workshop

#### Enhancing Marriage Relations

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2-5pm

Holy Family School Hall

32 Willowdene Ave, Luddenham

Donation at the door (afternoon Tea provided)

Bookings essential

Call Jess 02 9319 6280 [info@smartloving.org](mailto:info@smartloving.org)

Spouses can attend on their own or as a couple



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Our **VISION** is to –  
be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –  
Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all experience belonging.

*Opportunity for all*

## COMING EVENTS 2014

### TERM ONE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Week Six

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Assembly Yr 3 School Hall 2.20pm

#### Week Seven

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

#### Catholic Schools Week

9.00am - 10.30am Liturgy followed by open classrooms

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Assembly Yr 2 School Hall 2.20pm

Year 3 excursion to Featherdale Farm

Year 5 excursion to Mt Tomah

#### Week Eight

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

St Patricks Day Liturgy - 9.00am Parents Welcome

St Patricks Day Activities & lunch - 12.00 noon

Parramatta Park Parents Welcome

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Assembly Yr 1 School Hall 2.20pm

Yr 4 Excursion to Arabanoo

#### Week Nine

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 excursion to Warragamba Dam

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Primary Cross Country

Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.20pm

#### Week Ten

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

NO Assembly

School Photos

#### Week Eleven

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Yr 6 excursion to Canberra

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

**Last Day for Students**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**Pupil Free Day**

### MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

Priests: The Most Rev Bishop Anthony Fisher, The Very Rev Father John McSweeney, Rev Father Suresh & Rev Father Andrew Bass

#### MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00 p.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASS

Monday to Friday 6.45am, 12.30 p.m.

#### RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.45am to 12.30pm

#### Sunday

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

#### Saturday

8.00am  
8.00am

#### Public Holidays

#### Saturday

8.30 to 9.00am & 5.15 to 6.00pm

## Parent Hospitality Groups

<u>Event</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	
Mother's Day Morning Tea – 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 2014	Belinda Barakat	Sonia Banzato
Grandparents Morning Tea – 25 <sup>th</sup> July, 2014	Marietta Maroun	Michelle McGlenn
Father's Day Morning Tea – 5 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014	Zana Rahme	Kristina Medak
	Nina Wehbe	Michelle McGlenn
Kindy Orientation afternoon tea – 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2014	Victoria Younan	Michelle Tamaro
	Margarita Samar	Rebecca Munro
	Elizabeth Johnson	Bernadette Moussa
	Shanika Joseph	Margaret Abdallah
	Rita Pagua	Sonia Banzato
	Angelica Sta Rosa	Charlotte Daher
Year 6 Graduation Supper – 10 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014	Sarah Mekari	Tricia Dooley
	Helen Takchi	Erika Vilches
	Laura Tarabay	Rhonda El-Tobbagi
	Marian Dagostino	Lorraine Saab
	Marieanne Maaraoui	

Hello,

I'm Miss Fabri's special friend and I came with her to St Patricks School

**I'M SAD BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A NAME**

**CAN YOU HELP ME?**

Get your entries in by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March



DIOCESEAN SWIM CARNIVAL



IT'S ACADEMIC TEAM



**Catherine McAuley Westmead  
Enrolments for Year 7 2015**

Catherine McAuley Westmead holds a number of School Open Mornings throughout the year.

There are two Open Mornings remaining for Year 7 2015 enrolments on:  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014  
9.15 – 11am

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by coming to see our school!

Tuesday, 4 March 2014 ♦ 5.45pm School Tours & BBQ ♦ 6.30-7.15pm Principal Address and Information Session  
Bookings: Essential: [www.parramarist.nsw.edu.au](http://www.parramarist.nsw.edu.au) ♦ Enrolment packages will be available during the evening.  
Year 7, 2015 Enrolments Open: 5 March 2014 ♦ Close: 7 May 2014  
Enrolments received after the closing date will be placed on a waiting list



2 Darcy Road Westmead NSW 2145  
Phone: 9635 7055 ♦ [www.parramarist.nsw.edu.au](http://www.parramarist.nsw.edu.au)  
Parking is available via Gate 3, Darcy Road (opposite Westmead Private Hospital)

We offer top quality education with very affordable fees.  
For the past 7 years, PMH's HSC Results have seen us placed in the top 100 schools in NSW  
In 2013, we achieved the following HSC Results:  
77th in the state overall, 28th in Mathematics  
26 students with an ATAR above 90, First in the state in Mathematics 2 Unit  
Parramatta Marist has been both Nationally and Internationally recognised  
as innovators in 21st Century education.





## Diocesan News from the Bishops Office

### Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

**Twitter** @parracatholic

### St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta

Recruiting male and female singers in all voice parts. Develop vocal skills and learn more about the Catholic faith and liturgy. Scholarship payments available to singers aged 16-35 who demonstrate music leadership skills. To arrange an audition, contact the Director of Music, Bernard Kirkpatrick tel 0430 431 884. For further information, visit [www.stpatscathedral.com.au](http://www.stpatscathedral.com.au)

### Preparing Music for the Easter Triduum

These workshops organised by the Office for Worship include ministerial chants for clergy (priests and deacons), cantors and choir, with particular focus on the new translations and chants for the Unveiling of the Cross (Good Friday) and the Exsultet (Easter Vigil).

From 7.30pm-9pm on these dates:

13 March at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta. **RSVP 10 March**

20 March at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, 326 High St, Penrith. **RSVP 17 March**

27 March at St Patrick's Parish, 51-55 Allawah St, Blacktown. **RSVP 24 March**

RSVP to the Office for Worship tel (02) 8838 3414, [liturgysupport@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:liturgysupport@parra.catholic.org.au)

### Faith at the Fiddler: 13 March

A forum for young people aged 18-35 to gather together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the friendly and warm atmosphere of Sydney's most famous pub. Speaker: Dr Ryan Messmore, President of Campion College, Toongabbie. Topic: Theology of the Body – Answering the Deeper Questions; the Meaning of Sex and the Body. Time: 5pm-7pm. Venue: The Greenway Room at the Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta, [sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### Connecting Peace, Ecology and Justice: 14-15 March

This Culture of Peace Formation Program is suitable for parish social justice groups, young adult groups, parish workers, educators and interested participants. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta's Social Justice Office, Institute for Mission and Columban Mission Institute. Cost \$80 includes meals and materials. Friday 14 March from 4-8pm and Saturday 15 March from 9am-4pm. Venue: Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. For more information and registration contact Sr Louise McKeogh FMA, Social Justice Coordinator, Diocese of Parramatta tel (02) 8838 3429, [LMckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:LMckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au)

### Living Lent Daily Retreat Day: 15 March

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer retreat opportunities for single Catholic women aged 18-35 who are seeking to deepen their spiritual life. Join the Sisters for a Retreat Day of Lent reflections and prayers followed by a social gathering. Lunch and dinner provided. Where: 116 Quakers Rd, Marayong. Cost: free but registration is essential. **RSVP: 11 March** to Sr Margaret tel (02) 9626 9200, 0420 754

727, [margaretcfn@gmail.com](mailto:margaretcfn@gmail.com) Visit [www.cfn.org.au](http://www.cfn.org.au)

### Blackheath Reflection Morning: 15 March

A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. This month, 'An Imaginary Conversation between St Therese of Lisieux and Friedrich Nietzsche' with Dominic Arcamone. Come and enjoy the reflection, silence and solitude in peaceful surrounds. From 10am-1pm. Entry by donation, morning tea provided. Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt and Wentworth Sts, Blackheath. Details: Carmen Vanny tel (02) 4787 8706.

### Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 16 March

God in the Lodge: The religious beliefs of Australia's Prime Ministers. Speaker: Roy Williams, lawyer and author of the international best-seller *God, Actually*. Starts 2.30pm, admission free, no membership required. 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](mailto:john.carmody@sydney.edu.au)

### Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 March

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, Marist Place, Parramatta.

To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 21-23 March

A Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. 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](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au) [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) Find us on Facebook:[www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit](http://www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit)

### DISCOVER Weekend: 21-23 March

Young women aged 18-35 years are invited to DISCOVER – a self-knowledge weekend on identity, personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre. Registration essential. For further information or to register contact Sister M Julie Brcar: [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com)

### Bridging Sydney City Assembly: 26 March

Bridging Sydney will launch the Sydney Alliance agenda for the common good with specific asks for the NSW Government on the issues of public transport, affordable housing and supported job pathways. With a year to go before the next NSW election, the aim is to build a bridge between Sydney's civil society and those who serve in elected office. The Diocese of Parramatta is a member of the Sydney Alliance. Doors open at 6pm, concludes 8.30pm. Venue: Sydney Town Hall, George Street. Register your attendance at: [www.sydneyalliance.org.au](http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au)

<http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/news/2014/01/29/bridging-sydney/>

### Catenian City of Parramatta Circle Dinner: 27 March

Members of the Catenian Association are Catholic men who meet once a month to join collectively in a friendly atmosphere in the practice of their faith, to enjoy each other's company and to support their local parishes and the Diocese. The City of Parramatta Circle meets for dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Lachlan's Restaurant in Old Government House in Parramatta Park. Commences at 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. This month's guest speaker will be Christine Berrierre from St Lucy's School in Wahroonga. More information contact Ian Goldthorpe – Membership Officer, City of Parramatta Circle, tel 0408 169 941.

### MGL Spiritual Association Healing Mass: 29 March

"I have come to bring fire to the earth" Luke 12:49.

The Missionaries of God's Love Spiritual Association (Sydney) warmly invites you, your friends and acquaintances to a Healing Mass with Fr Ken Barker MGL. Mass at 1pm will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills. The day concludes at 4pm. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. RSVP to Jenny: [jennytscott25372@gmail.com](mailto:jennytscott25372@gmail.com) or **Missionaries of God's Love** Facebook page.

### Central Coast tour with pelican feeding: 1 April

Enjoy a day out on the Central Coast with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Cost: \$30 includes morning tea and pelican feeding. Lunch at Digger's at The Entrance (own expense). Bus departs 8.30am at 20 Virgil St and 8.35am opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Book early to avoid disappointment – deposit of \$20 required. Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, [francesgrima@optusnet.com.au](mailto:francesgrima@optusnet.com.au)

### Colloquium on *The Francis Effect*: 3 April

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia are hosting a colloquium that will enlarge on the reflections contained in *The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel* as well as further explore Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. This event will bring together Catholic leaders for a day of formation and professional development for anyone who is living and leading mission and evangelisation. **Keynote Address** by Fr Noel Connolly SSC – *The Francis Effect: A Theology of Leadership for Mission*. From 8.30am to 4.30pm. **Registration:** \$195 adult, \$95 concession (registration includes a copy of *The Francis Effect*, morning tea and lunch). Venue: Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club. More information and to register: [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au)

### The Seven Last Words of Christ Lenten Retreat: 4-6 April

A Lenten weekend retreat for young adults organised by Singles for Christ Australia. Includes silent reflection, talks, prayer, adoration, Confession and Mass. Kilhilla Conference Centre, 5-17 Queens Rd, Lawson. Cost: \$115. Details: Alex Pace (02) 9831 4044.

### Grace & Silence Retreat Day: 12 April

Young women aged 17-30 years who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life or who would like to have a day of recollection are invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic Adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. From 9.30am-4.30pm. Cost \$20 includes lunch. The Schoenstatt Shrine is at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. For further information and registration contact: Sister M Julie 0408 738 334, [uliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:uliebrcar@gmail.com)