



# The Lantern

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Term 4, Issue 1



We welcome our staff, students and families to Term 4. Our Year 12 students have begun the exams strongly; I know that you join me in keeping each and every girl in our prayers.

In 2015 we will be moving to homerooms in House groupings. In order to do this, we have established a new House, Lismore. Lismore was the site of the first Presentation presence in Australia. The House colour will be purple. We have asked students and staff to volunteer to join the new House. We want to build on the already significant House identity in the school and provide girls with opportunities to connect with one another across the year groups. Each House will be linked to a College value.

To support our focus on the well-being of our girls, we have appointed a Leader of Student Well-being, Mrs Diane Shean. She will take up this position in 2015. Mrs Shean will begin her work by surveying staff, students and families to find out how well Nagle supports the mental health and safety of its community members. Once this data is gathered, we will inform you of our findings. From the findings, we will be developing a plan for the College and we hope that all members of the community will have an opportunity to contribute to the plan.

Additionally, Mrs Shean will be leading the Student Leadership team, the Student Representative Council and House Leaders. The new student leadership structure should provide students with a strong voice in the school community. The opportunity to contribute to decision making through consultation is part of being an active member of a community and a life-long disposition. We look forward to the strengthening of our House system next year.

God Bless,

Mrs Delma Horan

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## A Prayer for Our Year 12 students

Gracious God,

As our students begin the HSC, they may be anxious, worried.

We ask You to grant our girls the gifts of peace and calm during this time.

Help them to do their best so that they can reap the rewards of their study.

Help them also to be true friends and supports to one another.

Allow them to give you the gift of their work, so that they can use their talents now and in the future in your service.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



### **From the Assistant Principal**

I have written previously about the importance of our girls attending school every day of term, every term of the year. Even one day's absence has been shown to have a detrimental effect on learning.

The other important aspect of attendance is punctuality to school. Homeroom is an important part of the day. Messages about upcoming events and daily changes are disseminated through homeroom. It is an important time for the teacher to develop and strengthen relationships and for peer relations to foster and grow.

Please do everything you can to ensure that your daughter is at school before 8.45am. Continual non-compliance with this important expectation will result in a consequence being given. Again, I would expect your full support on this matter.

Mr Hall

### **Message from Business Manager**

*I would like to wish all our Year 12 students the very best of luck in their HSC exams and for the future.*

### **School Fees**

Thankyou to all our families that have finalised their school fee account for Year 2014. If you are experiencing difficulty in finalising your account, please do not hesitate to contact me on 88874501 to discuss options.

### **Before and After School Drop-off and Pick-up**

As we have returned for another term and sometimes you can be running late and in a hurry to drop off your children, please be mindful of parking procedures. Please do not obstruct parking in the CELC (Catholic Early Learning Centre) bays which are not only dangerous for our parents dropping off pre-schoolers, but are also making it very difficult for buses to safely drop off students at the appropriate gates.

These parking spots are strictly designated for CELC parents, so I would ask parents to have some consideration and not park in these bays if you do not have toddlers attending the CELC.

Please also be mindful that the large school buses need to take the turning circle wide and therefore parking directly opposite the entry or exit point makes it difficult for the buses in the mornings and afternoons.

If all parents adhere to the correct parking bays, this will ensure the safety of all students whether they are attending Nagle College, St Michaels' Primary School or the CELC.

**Toilet Vandals**

Last term students vandalised toilets by throwing whole rolls of toilet paper down the bowls. This was happening every day, so we had to lock the toilets during school times and only open them before and after school, recess and lunch. This was an inconvenience to the office staff, students, school groundsman and the cleaners. Unfortunately, the same problem has started up again this term. If it persists, we have no option but to implement the same routine until it ceases.

We are policing these areas more frequently in order to stop this and we do understand that your daughter may be inconvenienced by this course of action. We hope that this reckless action will stop.

**Senior Uniforms**

Year 10 students will be able to purchase and wear their Senior Uniform in Term 4. This is optional. Uniform shop will be open normal hours during Term 4.

Also as we are moving to a new style of sports uniform over the next two (2) years, we have our existing stock that we are selling at a reduced price.

  
**SALE**  
*(Please choose carefully, no refunds or exchange)*  
***We have limited stock that we are selling at a reduced price.***

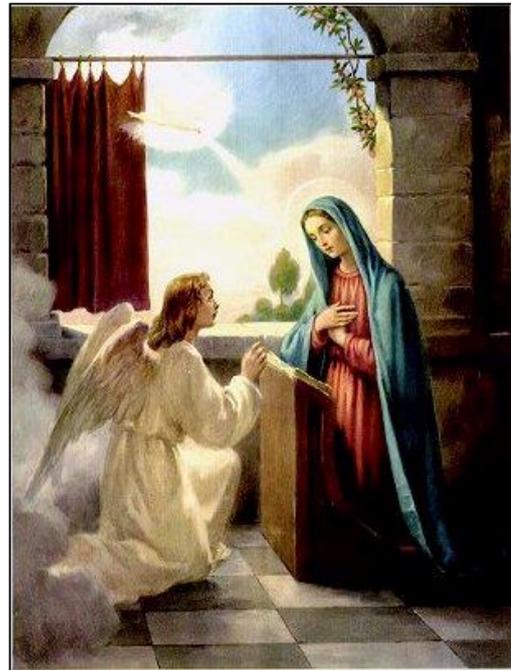
<b><i>ITEM</i></b>	<b><i>WAS</i></b>	<b><i>SALE PRICE</i></b>
<b>White Polo Shirt</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Sports Shorts – current style</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Tracksuit - current style</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Jumpers - current style</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>

Thanking you for your understanding and consideration.

***Mary Fairhurst***

## From the REC

October is the month of Our Lady and presents for us all an opportunity to renew our devotion to Our Mother in heaven. There are many beautiful prayers which we can devote to Mary. Each day at school your daughters say the Angelus, the pray which reminds us that Mary said yes to God regardless of the risk to her own life. During October we are asked to pray the Rosary. The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady joins Her prayer to ours. Therefore it becomes ever more useful to bring us to true peace.



So, perhaps during this month of Our Lady you could take some time to offer the Rosary to Our Mother in heaven.

## SLEEPOUT

On Friday night we held our Spring sleepout. Fifteen of the students gave up their own beds for the night to raise their awareness of homelessness. Denielle and Rebecca had organised activities and some games to help to learn more about the problems faced by many people in our and the wider community. We raised \$300 which has been donated to St Vincent de Paul to assist them with the work they do for homelessness.

Mrs Ellen Longergan



## Year 12 Graduation



Our Nagle College community farewelled Year 12 2014 on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September with many events. We started the celebrations on Wednesday morning as we had a school assembly followed by our traditional lockout. It was an exciting yet moving celebration for all students and staff. Year

12 girls proceeded into the hall with their Year 7 little sisters. The bond between these girls was evident as they got to know each other during the year.

In the evening, students, staff, parents and friends attended our College mass for our graduating girls at St Michaels Church. A wonderful liturgy took place for this special occasion. The girls received a lantern during the mass to symbolise that their light will always shine. After the mass, everybody enjoyed supper in front of the hall. It was a great opportunity for all to spend some time together and reflect on the year gone past. It was wonderful to also see ex-students who attended in honour of their graduating siblings and friends.

After supper, the graduation ceremony commenced in the hall. Our College community was honoured by the presence of the staff, families, and friends of the graduating students as well as many special guests who shared this special occasion with us. During the ceremony, each Year 12 student received a portfolio which outlined her achievement in her courses. This was a testimony of their academic achievement as well as their participation in extra-curricular activities to serve their community. As the evening drew to a close, special awards were given to some students. As well as these special awards, academic excellence awards were given to some girls before the College Dux was announced.

The graduation concluded with the announcement of these awards. It was indeed a very special evening for our College community.

Year 12 students are now completing their HSC exams and we pray that they achieve their best during these exams. A final celebration for Year 12 2014 will be their formal in November.

We sincerely thank all parents of the Nagle College community for their support of our Year 12 students.

Mrs Christine Smith  
Year 12 Co-ordinator

## Agriculture at Nagle



Farm Quote:

**The trouble with not having a goal is that you can spend your life running up and down the field and never score.**

Bill Copeland

Last week we said good bye to Carter who has moved to greener pasture, just in time for our ewes to move to the farm area. We waited and even had a draw for who would be the first ewe to lamb: how many, the day and the time. Congratulations to Georgia and Katherine who both won the chocolate prize for being the closest. Two sets of twins born hours apart, all are well and are getting the best of attention from the agriculture students. We look forward to the 3 more ewes to lamb, naming them all will be a challenge. All the sheep will be shorn on Thursday after lunch and we hope that the kindy kids can come and join us.

Mr Mykel Koller  
Agriculture Teacher

## YEAR 9 NEWS

Year 9 Peer support leaders started their training this week.

**The aim of the training was to prepare them to be an effective leader by:**

- acknowledging personal strengths and characteristics
- developing leadership skills
- enhancing relationships with others
- learning about the roles and responsibilities of a Peer Leader
- becoming familiar with the process for facilitation
- gaining an understanding of how we interact with others
- applying skills in a range of areas



**The students worked through a number of activities that they can use as peer leaders in their role as a Peer support leader in preparation for Year 7 Orientation day and in 2015.**



Year 9 as part of the Learning to Learn Program have also been looking at decision making and problem solving.

Bianca Vieiro

Year 9 Co-ordinator

## **YEAR 7 NEWS**

This term, Year 7 has been continuing to focus on the importance of building resilience in Learn to Learn. They have revisited the website of Enhanced Learning and looked at the importance of ensuring their study environment is one which is conducive to learning. This unit not only speaks about the school environment but also the home environment. All students have access to this website and are encouraged to revisit it at home in order to assist them with their study.

Year 7 has also taken part in the MindMatters Mental Health Survey. This survey has been designed by the MindMatters Team to assist schools to develop programs that will best meet the needs of its students. Students have been emailed directly via their school email and are asked to complete this survey by the end of next week.

A Year 7 Edmodo page has been created. This very useful piece of technology allows for students of Year 7 and their LGL teachers to communicate via the web in a safe and secure manner as a year group. There are many teachers who have also created subject specific pages for their classes to use. It has been wonderful to see students assisting each other with homework and assessments using this tool.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your daughter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Diane Shean

Year 7 Co-Ordinator

## **YEAR 8 NEWS**

Year 8 has made another great start to the term. At the moment there are a number of assessment tasks that are either due or are due in the near future. I would ask parents to have a conversation with their daughter to see how she is going with the completion of these tasks. If there are any issues, please have a conversation with the teachers involved so that all issues can be resolved quickly. It is important that students are in good habits and are able to take responsibility for their learning.

Congratulations to Skye Vanajek who has been representing the Parramatta Diocese for hockey. She will be competing over a number of weekends during the term. We wish Skye the best of luck in her competitions!

Mr Houseman  
Year 8 Co-ordinator



## **GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPLORATION**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of September six senior students arrived at Toowoon Bay Holiday Park for their Gold Duke of Edinburgh exploration accompanied by Mrs Anderson and Mrs Foley. We were camping and performing ecology studies. On the first day we set up our campsite before heading to the beach to perform abiotic tests along transect from the edge of the water to the plants in the sand dunes. At our various sites we tested humidity, soil and air temp, pH, slope, amount of sunlight, turbidity, and the concentration of ions including chlorides, sulfates and carbonates.

On the Friday we went out to a small island in Lake Munmorah, Budgewoi. There we performed our abiotic tests along 3 transects and completed 15 vegetation transects. The vegetation transects were completed so we could map the island and the location of the different plants on it. We also looked at the human impacts around the lake – especially the impact of all the boats that pass by the western side of the island. The western side of the island had a distinct odor from all the oil and fuel left on the surface. After a picnic lunch we completed soil testing along the edge of the lake – heading away from the island.

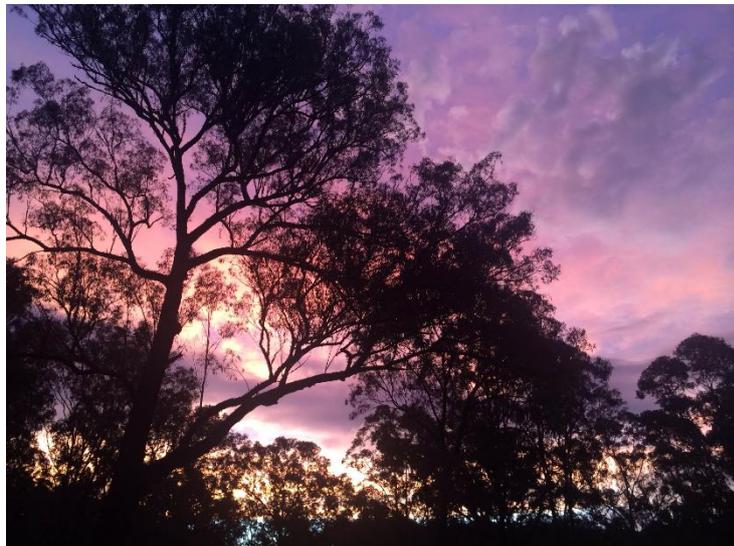
Saturday was spent completing transects of the beach from Toowoon Bay to The Entrance. This was so we could compare conditions on different beaches. We had lunch at The Entrance before heading to North Entrance to complete more beach transects and another bush transect.

On Sunday we packed up camp, ensured our books were complete and headed home.

A big thank you to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Foley who have given up their own time to come with us on the exploration, and to our Duke of Ed Co-ordinator Mrs Vieiro for her continued support of us as we complete the leadership program.

Mrs Lynette Anderson

Duke of Ed Facilitator



## **Expect the Unexpected! Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition**

From Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of October Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh students embarked on an expedition into the Blue Mountains wilderness. It was an expedition that tested the most experienced hikers. The unpredictable weather delivered us with 32 degree heat, rain, two electrical storms and hail. The students applied their extensive skills in navigation, first aid and camp craft. All students had the chance to lead the group throughout our journey and as a consequence, were able to experience the immense responsibilities of directing and caring for a group. Students' ability to work as a team, capitalise on each other's strengths and build up their areas of weakness enabled all participants to experience all that the expedition had to offer. On behalf of the supervising teachers Miss Moran and Mrs Newell, we would like to thank the determined, adventurous and spirited young women who participated in the expedition. In addition, from the students and teachers on the expedition we would like to thank the co-ordinating teachers' Mrs Vieiro, Mrs Anderson and Mr Imlay for all of their preparation and invaluable support on the expedition.

Mrs Newell and Miss Moran



## **Transition News**

### **Industry Days for Senior Students at Macleay College**

These are days to help senior students get an idea of what working in their chosen career would really be like and the skills they need to get there. Places are strictly limited to 20 people per session.

#### **Sports Management Industry Day**

What happens when two teams play each other - do they just show up on the day or is there more to it than that? This session will help you understand how the sporting world operates and the specific business and personal skills required to ensure everything comes together.

Date: Sat Oct 25, Time: 10am - 1pm

RSVP Here: <http://bit.ly/1qmmwwM>

#### **Journalism Industry Day**

What skills are needed to be a journalist in the Digital Age? In this session you will work in our live Newsroom where you'll be briefed on a story, given a deadline to deliver it and then see it uploaded live. You will also record a live piece to camera that will be hosted on our website.

Date: Sat Oct 25, Time: 10am - 1pm

RSVP Here: <http://bit.ly/ZtHzYi>

#### **Event Management Industry Day**

Music festivals are big business, but how do you go from being a paying spectator to actually running your favourite event? This exercise engages the group in the process of taking an idea from 'What if?', to the final event. By the end of the session you'll have a clear picture of what's involved in the events industry.

Date: Sat Nov 1, Time: 10am - 1pm

RSVP Here: <http://bit.ly/1oT4G4S>

#### **Travel and Tourism Industry Day**

Destination Manager, Tour Coordinator, Country Manager - great job titles, great jobs - but how can you become one of these people? This fantastic interactive session takes you through what is involved in travel industry jobs and how you can become part of it.

Date: Sat Nov 1, Time: 10am - 1pm

RSVP Here: <http://bit.ly/10TavtJ>

## **Defence Force Recruiting Information Sessions**

- Defence University Sponsorship Information Session - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October
- Royal Military College (RMC) Information Session – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October

All information sessions will be held at Defence Force Recruiting Parramatta – Level 4, 9 George Street, Parramatta, at 6.30pm

These information sessions will be attended by an ADF member who will give specific presentations on the night relating to the particular aspect of the Australian Defence Force.

If you wish to attend one or more of these Info Sessions, please email [cptnsw@dfr.com.au](mailto:cptnsw@dfr.com.au) specifying the name of the Information Session and the date you wish to attend.

## **Australian College of Physical Education**

In 2015, ACPE will be introducing two new degrees. ACPE will be delivering a Bachelor of Health Science with majors in: Exercise, Fitness, Dance, Sport and Community Health. The Bachelor of Health and Movement degree has been revised and now offers two majors: Sport and Community Health.

Furthermore, ACPE is holding a Q&A Evening on Thursday 18th of December, 2014. This is an evening for both parents and prospective students to learn about the college More information will be available shortly on the website [www.acpe.edu.au](http://www.acpe.edu.au)

**Women in Automotive**  
Pre-employment Program  
10th Nov - 28th Nov

**OVERALLS.  
THE NEW  
BLACK.**

Do you enjoy working on cars? Are you motivated and resilient?  
The automotive industry wants more female apprentices.  
Express your interest in our 3 week pre-employment program.

<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<b>Express Your Interest</b>
+15-24yrs	Nicholas
Female	0438248615
*Interested in getting into the automotive industry	<a href="mailto:nicholasf@maristyc.com.au">nicholasf@maristyc.com.au</a>
	Marist Youth Care
	40 First Ave, NSW 2148

# Spirit of Nano House Cup



1<sup>ST</sup> - Coraki on 7631 points

2<sup>nd</sup> - Ballygriffin on 7066 points

3<sup>rd</sup> - D'Arcy on 6714 points

4<sup>th</sup> - Lucan on 6467 points

## MindMatters Mental Health Survey

In preparation for 2015 the community of Nagle College has been invited to take part in the MindMatters Mental Health Survey. All students, parents and staff of the College have been invited to take part in this survey. The results of this survey and other data already collected by the College will assist us in developing a whole school approach to the needs of our students.

Parents will be emailed the MindMatters Mental Health Survey this week and are asked to take part in this very important data collecting exercise by the end of next week.

If you have any questions regarding the survey please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Shean via the College Office or via email on [dshean@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dshean@parra.catholic.edu.au)



## **Bishop's Office**

### **Social Justice Gathering**

Explore and unpack the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement of 2014-2015, 'A Crown for Australia: Striving for the best in our sporting nation'. This year the focus is sport and justice. Pope Francis explains, "When an athlete, even as a 'pro', cultivates this 'amateur' dimension, he is contributing to the good of society, he is building up the common good through the values of generosity, camaraderie, and beauty." Find out how you can share the message of justice through sport in your communities, parishes and organisations. With the Justice & Peace Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

Date: Sunday 25 October from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Venue: St Patrick's Church, 5 Drynan St, Summer Hill.

### **Exhibition & Sale of Indigenous Art**

Everyone is welcome to this exhibition in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall and sale of works by some of Australia's prominent Indigenous artists. The Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Resources and Energy, will open the exhibition with a cocktail reception on Friday 24 October. The artist-in-residence during the exhibition will be Barbara Weir from the Utopia Community in the Central Desert, NT. All artworks will be for sale with proceeds to benefit the St Patrick's Cathedral Project and Ars Musica.

Opening hours: Friday 24 Oct, 7.30pm-9.30pm; Saturday 25 Oct, 10am-4pm; Sunday 26 Oct, 10am-4pm.

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

### **The Jeweller's Shop play by Karol Wojtyla (St John Paul II)**

The Diocese of Parramatta's Family & Life Office in partnership with Artes Christi is sponsoring a performance of The Jeweller's Shop: A meditation on the Sacrament of Matrimony Passing on Occasion into a Drama by St John Paul II.

Date: Sunday 26 October at 3pm, Riverside Theatre, Parramatta.

Tickets: \$30 adults, \$25 concession and \$20 for groups of 8+. For more information on how to book contact Ben Smith tel (02) 8838 3440, bsmith@parra.catholic.org.au.

### **#Life\_Faith Initiative: Your Faith, Your Life**

Spirituality Together: The Institute for Mission offers all, from young adults upwards, a series of enjoyable nights connecting God, our spirituality and our lives in the world. Bring a friend and accompany each other on your faith journey.

Dates: From 7.30pm-9.30pm on 27 October, 24 November 2014 and 9 February 2015.

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Shrine, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville.

RSVP: three days prior to the day tel (02) 9831 4911, connect@ifm.org.au [www.facebook.com/ifmconnect](http://www.facebook.com/ifmconnect)

### **Couples invited to take part in Stronger Relationships Trial**

The Australian Government has introduced the Stronger Relationships Trial to strengthen couple relationships. Couples are able to register if they are Australian citizens, over 18 years of age and in a committed relationship. The Stronger Relationship Trial provides couples with a \$200 subsidy to attend couple counselling, couple education such as pre-marriage courses or marriage enrichment seminars, or parenting courses. The subsidised counselling or education courses are available through approved organisations such as CatholicCare Parramatta.

Details: For more information contact CatholicCare Parramatta tel (02) 9933 0222 or visit [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)

### **50 Years of Dialogue – Interchurch Relations since Vatican II**

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Decree on Ecumenism at Vatican II, Prof Catherine Clifford will deliver a lecture on the concept of Receptive Ecumenism: What can we as Christians learn from each other?

Prof Clifford is Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, and is visiting Australia at the invitation of the Theological Reflection Commission of the NSW Ecumenical Council. She holds a PhD from St Michael's College, Toronto, and a Licentiate in Theology (STL) from the University of Fribourg Switzerland. Prof Clifford's teaching and research interests lie in the areas of ecclesiology, ecumenism, and this history of the Second Vatican Council.

Date: Monday 27 October, starts 10.30am.

Venue: The Broken Bay Institute, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills (entry via City View Rd).

Details: Dr Gideon Goosen tel (02) 4739 5273, [ggoosen@gmail.com](mailto:ggoosen@gmail.com)

### **Catholic Super Free Retirement Seminar in Parramatta**

Have you started thinking about retirement? Everyone is welcome to attend this free seminar in Parramatta hosted by Catholic Super. It's a time most of us look forward to, particularly if we have the financial security to make the most of it. Financial security gives us the opportunity to enjoy our longer lives with friends and family and pursue our interests free from money worries.

Topics covered:

- Retirement goals and budget
- How much retirement income do I need?
- How do I increase my retirement savings?
- Transition to retirement strategy

Date: Wednesday 29 October, starts 5.30pm.

Venue: Parramatta RSL, cnr Macquarie & O'Connell Sts, Parramatta.

Information: [http://www.csf.com.au/seminars#Retirement\\_Seminars](http://www.csf.com.au/seminars#Retirement_Seminars)

### **Should Christianity still have a voice in the public square?**

Presented by John Cleary, host of Sunday Nights on ABC Local Radio 702. John is a member of the ABC's specialist Religion & Ethics Unit and is often heard as a commentator on religious issues for ABC Radio and TV. Don't miss this special presentation – all welcome.

Date: Saturday 1 November, from 10.30am-noon.

RSVP: Thursday 30 October tel (02) 9847 0448, (02) 4332 9825, [registrations@dbb.org.au](mailto:registrations@dbb.org.au)

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills (entry from City View Road).

### **Upcoming Lecture Series: 'Who Do You Say I Am? Discipleship in Mark's Gospel'**

Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four gospels we have, and yet through a reflection on its 16 chapters, readers are challenged to answer the question that Jesus asks of His disciples, "Who do you say I am?"

Fr Wim Hoekstra, Dean of the Blue Mountains Deanery and Parish Priest of St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, will offer a three-part lecture series at two different sites.

Dates: The lectures will take place on Tuesdays 4, 11 and 18 November in the morning from 10.30am-12.30pm at St Finbar's Parish (46 Levy Street, Glenbrook) and in the evening from 7.30pm-9.30pm at St Thomas Aquinas Parish (168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood).

RSVP 31 October: tel (02) 4739 8928, [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

Information: This lecture series is an initiative of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Faith in Our Future, which aims to offer faith formation, resources and social support services closer to our people. For more information, see [www.faithinourfuture.org.au](http://www.faithinourfuture.org.au)

### **Marriage and Pre-Marriage Education Survey**

Couples who are engaged or who have married in the past 12 months are invited to participate in a Marriage and Pre-Marriage Education Survey being conducted by Catholic Care and Relationships Australia through the Australian Catholic University (ACU). The research project investigates the attitudes, beliefs, values and understandings of couples entering into marriage, about marriage itself and pre-marriage education. Your answers will help provide a rich insight into the attitudes, values, beliefs and understandings of couples entering into marriage.

Participate: You can participate in the online survey via the link on CatholicCare

Parramatta's website: [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au) or on ACU's website:

[https://acu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_esPaDb8EDLPn4jP&Q\\_JFE=0](https://acu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_esPaDb8EDLPn4jP&Q_JFE=0)

Closing date: Friday 31 October.

Further details: Jennifer Perrott [TB0107149@myacu.edu.au](mailto:TB0107149@myacu.edu.au)

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

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!

Dates: Friday 7 November to Sunday 9 November 2014.

Venue: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.

Inquiries & bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel (02) 4283 3435 or  
wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au

Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit](http://www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit)

### **St Philomena Association Holy Mass**

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her “the great wonder worker”.

Date: Saturday 8 November 2014. Mass at noon with Confession from 11.30am.

Venue: St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share.

RSVP: Elizabeth tel or text 0423 15 44 63, [epeoples9@gmail.com](mailto:epeoples9@gmail.com)

### **Use of Electronic Visual Displays in the Liturgy**

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission has developed a policy for the use of electronic projection in the liturgy. The Office for Worship is holding a workshop on the policy and how parishes might best use such technology to support their liturgical celebrations. This workshop is the same as last month's Visual Displays Workshop and is for those who have not had the opportunity to attend previously.

Date: Thursday 13 November from 7pm-9pm.

Venue: Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

RSVP: Adelle tel (02) 9831 4911, [ofw@ifm.org.au](mailto:ofw@ifm.org.au)

### **St Patrick's Cathedral 'A Spring Affair' Fundraising Dinner**

Tickets include pre-dinner drinks & canapés, 2-course dinner with wine & soft drinks, entertainment. Dress code – cocktail.

Date: Friday 14 November, 6.30pm for 7pm.

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Hall & Cloister, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

Tickets: \$65PP (seniors' discount \$60PP). Tickets available after Mass at the Cathedral. For credit card purchases contact the Cathedral Office tel (02) 8839 8400.

### **Christian Meditation Day**

This Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. All welcome.

Date: Sunday 16 November, arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm.

Venue: 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

### **Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium**

This month's topic is Making Hymns with James McAuley: liturgical change in Australian Catholic life. Speaker: Richard Connolly, composer and former head, ABC Radio Drama and Features. Admission free, no membership required.

Date: Sunday 16 November, starts 2.30pm.

Venue: 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

### **Holy Hour for Vocations on 20 November**

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. 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

Date: Thursday 20 November, from 7pm-8pm.

Venue: Blessed Sacrament Chapel, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta.

### **Faith at the Fiddler**

A forum for young people aged 18-35 to come together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the warm and friendly atmosphere of Sydney's most famous pub. This month's speaker is Sherry Weddell. Topic: 'Forming Intentional Disciples – The Path to Knowing and following Jesus'. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta.

Date: Thursday 20 November, from 5pm-7pm.

Venue: The Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill.

Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat

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.

Dates: Friday 21 November to Sunday 23 November.

Venue: Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills.

Inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 555, [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au)

Write to: PO Box 317, St Peters, NSW, 2044. Visit: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

### **Recollection and Prayer Day**

Nurses, doctors, allied health workers, carers and all who have a loving heart for the sick are invited to a Recollection and Prayer Day. The aim of the day is for those in the caring professions to have a time of prayer and recollection and be renewed in their professional calling. It is hoped that by coming together with others your first love of your profession will be rekindled and the fire reignited.

Keynote address by Fr Marcelo (Bong) Pamintuan MI, Camillian Priest and Chaplain to The Children's Hospital Westmead. The day will include discussion, prayer times, quiet time, group sharing and a closing liturgy. Reconciliation will also be available.

Venue: Sacred Heart Parish, 14 Ralph Street, Westmead.

Date: Saturday 22 November 2014 from 10am-3pm. There is a 9am Parish Mass preceding the prayer day.

Suggested donation \$10: BYO lunch, morning tea (tea & coffee provided).

Inquiries: Michelle tel (02) 4734 3150 (BH) or [michelled95@hotmail.com](mailto:michelled95@hotmail.com)

### **Vocation Discernment Weekend on 22-23 November**

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Weekend. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director tel 0409 172 700 or email: [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **Faith in Our Future: A Day of Growth and Friendship**

In keeping with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Faith in Our Future, Life Ascending Australia has chosen 'Fulfilment of Faith in our later years' as the subject for a reflection day. The day is aimed mainly at the over 50s however everyone is welcome. There will be two theme-based sessions, Mass, plus a presentation on the Church in Samoa, including a Samoan choir.

Date: Tuesday 25 November, commences 9.30am, concludes 2.30pm.

Venue: Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa.

Cost: Suggested donation of \$15 to defray costs, includes morning tea, BYO lunch, tea & coffee.

Details: Margaret Smith tel (02) 4753 1031, [cliffmargaretsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:cliffmargaretsmith@hotmail.com)

### **An invitation from the Good Sams**

Is there something More to life? The Sisters of the Good Samaritan – the Good Sams – extend an invitation to young women to join them for a weekend of prayer, reflection and conversation. Experience the Good Sam story and explore the More to life for you. Does God make a difference? YES for Good Samaritan Sisters.

Dates: Friday 28 November 6pm to Sunday 30 November 5pm.

Venue: Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills.

Further information: [www.goodsams.org.au](http://www.goodsams.org.au)

### **Festive Lunch at Gabby's at Berry**

Travel with the Social Group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish at Greystanes to the small historic township of Berry on the picturesque South Coast. Gabby's, with its sweeping timber staircase and spectacular leadlight windows is the venue for our three-course festive feast. Entertainment included.

Date: Tuesday 2 December. Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am at the bus stop opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes.

Cost: \$65 including coach, morning tea & lunch.

Book now, places filling fast: Payment in full required at time of booking with Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119.

### **Catholic Grandparents Retreat Day**

Next Saturday **18 October** the Life, Marriage and Family Centre is hosting a **Catholic Grandparents Retreat Day**. Grandparents often play an important role in the faith of their grandchildren, and we aim to support them in their mission through this event.

It is our hope that students in the catholic schools from all around Sydney will invite their grandparents to attend this retreat day with them. It will be led by Bishop Terry Brady and includes reflection and networking opportunities for grandparents, along with catechesis and games for the grandchildren.

It is an initiative in conjunction with the growing Australian Chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association: <http://www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au/index.php/family/catholic-grandparents-association>

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