



The Lantern

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As you know, at school each day at 12 pm we stop to pray the Angelus. It is a gift to our community to take the time to pray in the midst of the busyness of school life.

Mother Teresa said that, "Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts."

Praying is simply talking with God. Prayer means many different things to different people. At its most basic level, it is our ability to say that we don't know everything, that there is something larger and wiser than we are, that can change our lives. Prayer is similar to talking to your best friend. It's easy to talk to someone when you know they love you unconditionally. "Give all your worries to God for He cares what happens to you." 1 Peter 5:7. Prayer is being alive to God, it is communicating with someone you trust, it is a surge of the heart.

When we engage in prayer, we come in trust that God can change us and that we can change the things that happen in life. It has been written: "To say that prayer changes things, is not as close to the truth as saying, prayer changes me then I change things." God has established things so that prayer changes the way a person looks at things. Prayer is not a matter of changing things externally, but one of working miracles in a person's inner nature. We are in danger of forgetting that we cannot do what God does, and that God will not do what we can do.

The beauty about prayer is that you can do it any place, any time. To pray is to talk with God about Him and yourself: joys and sorrows, successes and failures, great ambitions and daily worries, strengths and weaknesses. It is not a one-way activity. God speaks, we listen; we speak, God listens to our head and heart. We pray to know Him and ourselves, to get acquainted. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8.

**God, our Father,
we ask that our prayer finds You
not out of our world
but in the world around us.**

Amen.

**God Bless,
Delma**

Diary Dates

Blacktown City Parade
Friday May 31

Staff Development Day
Friday June 6

Queen's Birthday
holiday weekend

Monday June 9
Semester 1 Prizegiving

Monday June 23

Last day of Term 2
Friday June 27

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Thank You

Thank you for sending your daughters to school each day wearing the uniform proudly and abiding by all other expectations including hair, makeup and jewellery.

When students discipline themselves this way before arriving each day they put themselves at an advantage by knowing they only have their lessons to focus on.

Learning is what it is all about and the girls need a solid partnership between home and school to reinforce this message. Learning leads to opportunities and opportunities will take your daughter to new horizons.

Attendance

As you may be aware, two years ago the State Government introduced amendments to the Education Act of 1990, which strengthened the requirements of attendance. The reasons for this are obvious. We are fortunate to live in a country where education is not only valued but also available to all. It is not enough for students to attend school some of the time, they must attend regularly. The Government has strengthened the requirements around enrolment and attendance and provided guidelines for principals with respect to the granting of exemptions from enrolment or attendance.

This is because regular attendance at school is very important if students are to keep up with the learning agenda. Frequent absences lead to students falling behind, missing key concepts and eventually losing confidence and the motivation to learn because they simply don't know what is going on in class. It is important for parents to realise this and be proactive in ensuring attendance at school is regular, and support is sought for work missed when absences cannot be avoided.

All students between the ages of 6 and 17 must be enrolled at school. The school leaving age is no longer related to a particular year of study. The government does give principals the capacity to exempt a student from enrolment before the age of 17 but it must be to take up an apprenticeship, traineeship or approved course of study. Students can no longer arrive at school with a note and expect to sign out that day. If they have not turned 17 their parents must make an appointment with the principal to complete the exemption paperwork and this can only be done when the apprenticeship papers, and / or enrolment certification at an approved training course is available at the interview. The parent and employer must sign an agreement that if the apprenticeship or traineeship falls through that they will re-enrol their child at school until they turn 17.

The **Request for Exemption from Enrolment** form is on the College website for parents to download and complete if, and when, necessary.

The Government and other authorities have been concerned with the marked increase over the past years in the number of students not at school regularly during the school terms. Students have approximately forty weeks of school and twelve weeks of holidays each year. It is not appropriate for students to be missing school for holidays in Bali, Fiji, or to go skiing. It is not reasonable for parents

to expect that student learning will not be impacted by these absences or that teachers have the time to prepare work in advance for these students when they are busy enough preparing lessons and resources for their classes at school. All students must meet Board of Studies requirements regarding course completion and attendance. Students in Years 9 and 10 must satisfy all requirements for the Record of School Achievement that is awarded at the end of Stage 5. Students in Years 11 and 12 must satisfy all requirements leading to the Preliminary HSC and HSC.

There will always be absolute emergencies when your child will not be able to attend school but for planned absences parents need to complete the Request for Exemption from Attendance Form. This needs to be submitted at least four weeks in advance of the requested leave.

Both forms, **Request for Exemption from Enrolment** and **Request for Exemption from Attendance** can be found on the college website.

I anticipate your full support in ensuring every advantage is taken of the excellent teaching and learning that occurs here at Nagle College.

Mr Michael Hall

Diocesan Works Fund Appeal - May 2014

Tim is a 19 year old university student. He enjoyed a close relationship to his own grandfather who passed away two years ago and always encouraged him to “better himself”. Tim decided to look into the Blacktown Neighbour Aid and became a friend to Norman. Norman is a 70 year old widower, who lives alone. Although he has a daughter, her work and young family mean he sees her rarely, so Norman looks forward to his fortnightly visit and cup of tea with Tim. “It’s wonderful that he visits me. It gives me companionship”, says Norman. “We enjoy each other’s company,” says Tim and “It gives me a really good feeling, I think my grandfather would be proud”. Blacktown Neighbour Aid is run by CatholicCare Social Services and has existed for around 20 years. They currently have around 70 clients and 30 volunteers but they would like to double their client base and triple their volunteers.

Your gift to the Diocesan Works Fund will make a difference to the life of Norman and thousands more who participate in the programs and services offered by the Church’s social outreach agency, CatholicCare Social Services. It is faith at Work!

Please show you care with a gift to the Diocesan Works Fund. CatholicCare makes a critical difference in the lives of for tens of thousands of women, men and children across Western Sydney through practical and compassionate support to the elderly, unemployed, bereaved, homeless, people living with disabilities and mental illness, young people and families in crises.



Please donate via the gift envelope or on line via www.parra.catholic.org.au

From the REC

Over the past few weeks I have been blessed in my work! I often am, but over Easter and our return to Term Two, I have been energised by the wonderful young people I have the privilege of spending my days with. Your daughters are a wonderful example of young people today and how they are filled with God's love and living *our* School motto and values. I have been proud to have your daughters as representatives of our School in the wider community.

Five young women walked with myself and about 500 others through the streets of Parramatta on Palm Sunday.

On Good Friday, 12 students walked and prayed all night marking the Stations of the Cross from Blacktown to Parramatta.



Year 10 students had a Formation Day where they explored Catholic Social Justice teachings and how they can put them into their daily lives and Year 11 students teach Scripture weekly at Shelley Public School.

One last highlight was being able to hand each student a beautiful Bible and see their joy and excitement at being able to handle and own a copy of our Sacred Text! I have a wonderful job! You have wonderful daughters!

Ms Ellen
Lonergan



From the Leader of Teaching and Learning

On Monday we had parent/student/teacher interviews for Years 11 and 12. Year 12 students have also received their first report for the HSC course and Year 11 students will soon receive their first report for the Preliminary course. Although these are major milestones for students, they aren't the only way students and their parents receive feedback about students' performance. Nagle girls regularly receive feedback about the progress that they are making as learners.

Unfortunately students, at times, limit their interest in returned tasks to searching for the overall grade or mark and leaving it at that. Too often the girls see the completion of a piece of work an end in itself, rather than as a step in their learning journey. This is short-sighted and the waste of a valuable opportunity. When assessment tasks are marked and returned, the girls should read all the feedback thoroughly and ensure that they understand what they need to do to improve their future performance. If they are not sure what the teacher's comments mean, students should continue to ask questions until they do.

However, formal assessment tasks are not the only opportunity for a student to receive teacher feedback. Every day teachers provide students with feedback about their learning. Sometimes this feedback will take place during a conversation in the classroom. On other occasions the feedback will be a question challenging a student to think about why she has done what she has done and whether there is another, perhaps better, way to approach a problem. Students are encouraged to elaborate on their answers so that they demonstrate their deep understanding of subject matter.

Teachers also challenge students to identify precisely what the problem is with work being completed and explore how errors can be corrected. Often this is merely a matter of students proof-reading more thoroughly to eliminate minor careless errors. On other occasions teachers will indicate that there is an 'issue' with a piece of work and students will gain from exploring the nature of the problem and experimenting with ways to improve what they have done. Underlying this approach is the conversation that takes place about the work; students must ask questions and actively engage in conversations about the quality of their work.

These conversations about learning don't just occur between students and teachers. During class discussions students get feedback from each other as ideas are challenged and points of view are justified. Written work is exchanged and critiqued by other students as we hope that different points of view will provoke the girls into considering not only what they have done, but also the quality of what they have done. In this way the girls benefit from collaborating with others and everyone in the class gains.

We need to encourage our girls to work hard and to celebrate their achievements. At the same time we must encourage them to take ownership of their learning. Successful students don't always wait for teachers (or parents) to tell them exactly what to do and how to do it. They adopt creative methods to solving problems, try out different approaches and learn from both their achievements and their failures. As parents and teachers it is essential to remind our girls that the only students who don't fail are the students who don't experiment as they learn. However, these students probably won't remember what it was they were supposed to be learning.

Ms Dympna Reavey

YEAR 8 NEWS

Year 8 are currently working on Problem Solving in their Learning to Learn lessons. Last week they were working together to solve a practical puzzle that required lateral thinking and teamwork. While everyone in the group may have had their own theory on how to solve the problem – the challenge arose when they had to communicate their ideas to the rest of the group in order to get their co-operation. All of the groups had a lot of fun trying to solve the puzzle – a few of the groups were successful as well!

This week all of the girls were trying to solve a murder mystery. Many clues were given to the event and the students then had to work in small groups to try and work out which clues would lead them to the solution. This activity was designed to develop their skills in teamwork and communication, as well as their deductive reasoning skills.

Mr Houseman - Year 8 Co-ordinator



YEAR 9 NEWS

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of week 4. The girls in Year 9 are again to be commended for their ongoing commitment to their learning, as demonstrated by their exemplary appearance and approach to their lessons.

Last week the Year 9 cohort completed their NAPLAN examinations. Throughout the 3 days of NAPLAN the girls were well behaved and respectful of the exam process. They are a credit to themselves.

This week the girls received their invitation to the Year 9 Social at Patrician Brothers on the 3rd of June. I understand that for many of the girls this is an exciting social event on the school calendar. However, it is important for the girls to remember that they will be representing the College and therefore need to be dressed appropriately. The social is a semi-formal event that requires the boys from Patrician Brothers to wear black shoes, shirt and tie. I will be speaking with the girls about their attire and informing them that if they arrive at the social wearing inappropriate clothing, they will be asked to return home and change.

I look forward to continuing to work with your daughters over the coming weeks.

Mr Andrew Wilson

YEAR 11 NEWS

This has been an extremely busy fortnight. I had the pleasure of taking the Year 11 leaders to the Red Shield Youth Project launch. The girls are all very keen to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with the rest of the school, especially in preparation for the Winter Appeal to support our local community.

Thank you for taking the time to support your daughter's learning at the Parent Student teacher interviews. Mrs Powell arranged for representatives from Macquarie University to come to speak to the girls as part of their Pastoral Care lesson. We also had the Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park. It was a wonderful community day and the superhero theme and house cheers were certainly a highlight for me.

School Week	Date	Event
6A	6 th June	Staff Development Day
7B	9 th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
7B	10 th June	Enhanced Learning Study Skills Seminar
9B	24 th June	Assembly
9B	23 rd June	Semester 1 Prizegiving 11.30am
9B	27 th June	Last Day of Term 2

Thank you for the improvement in making sure your daughter is at school every day and that contact has been made if she is unwell. Her health and safety are always a big concern to us. This also helps to ensure that she is following the correct processes for the submission of assessment tasks in the event of misadventure.

Mrs Mendez

Year 10 Social

On Wednesday 21st May, we had the Year 10 Social at Patrician Brothers. The girls have a fantastic night and enjoyed spending time with their friends and socialising with the Patrician Brothers boys. It was nice to see the girls interacting with new people and taking the opportunity to be involved in such an enjoyable event. The girls looked fantastic on the night and it was great to see these young ladies represent Nagle College with such pride.



S P O R T S N E W S

PDSSSC CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 9th May I accompanied 14 girls to the PDSSSC Cross Country Carnival. This day is always a great day, St Columba's provide a great atmosphere for the competitors with food, music and a beautiful backdrop for the runners. All the girls performed very well on the day with over 70 runners, each girl finished between 2 and 40. Olivia Sargent of Year 10 was our only runner this year that was selected to progress onto the NSWCCC carnival after finishing 2nd in her age group. Olivia will complete in June 13th at Eastern Creek. We wish her all the best.



ATHLETE PROFILES

Skye Vanajek is one of our Year 8 students who excels in the sport of Hockey. A bit of an all-rounder, Skye has already represented the College in Swimming, Athletics as well as a number of PDSSSC sporting teams. This year Skye was selected to represent the Parramatta diocesan in the NSWCCC Hockey Championships, being one of the youngest team members she is playing with a very strong team in Lithgow this week. We wish her and the team the best of luck. We look forward to seeing Skye develop in this sport over the coming years.



Annabelle Regan and Tahlia Young, both Year 12 students, have been selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese in Touch Football. Selected from the gala day in Term 1, these two students excel in their sport of touch football, having also played at representative levels in local competitions. Over the last couple of months the girls have been dedicated to training sessions with the team in preparation for the competition in Wagga on June 3rd. A successful competition for Parramatta, we hope they can again come away with a win for 2014.



Tahlia Young



Annabelle Regan

House and Recreation News

Week 5 will be the last week for the current rotation of sport and recreation groups. We will see a rotation of Years 7 and 10 into House sport and Years 8 and 9 into recreation sports. A reminder, students in Year 9 will be dismissed from venues on Thursdays and will need to make their own way home. Students are also expected to wear full winter sports uniform to and from school on a Thursday.

Upcoming Events in Term 2

Date	Sport	Entries Close
23 rd May	Nagle College Athletics Carnival	-
23 rd June	PDSSSC U/15 Football Gala Day	7 th June

(Any student wishing to trial for any of these representative teams needs to download the forms from the NSWCCC and PDSSSC websites and return to Miss Gaudry.)

HOUSE NEWS

Spirit of Nano House Points Tally 2014

Students have been earning house points in a variety of activities. They include Art club, Swimming carnival, bronze merits and Thursday morning sports uniform checks.

- 1st place Coraki
- 2nd place D'Arcy
- 3rd place Bally
- 4th place Lucan

Year 7

Hannah Bopf
Briana Car
Annabel Darmali x2
Therese Chakti
Taylah Dolly x2
Sophie Faorlin x2
Casey Fulwood
Gurjyot Kaur x2
Jasmeet Kaur
Jasmine Kaur
Kristina Markovic
Patrice Pascual x2
Amy Pearson
Naro Sanga
Kassandra Schipp
Mikayla Selmon
Ruckshainee Sivakumar x2
Keanna Vale
Ashna Varma
Bronte Walsh x2
Jolie Ward x3
Ara Mae Arciaga
Samantha Batara
Taylor Boothby
Emilee Bugg
Kiran Mann
Prachi Patel
Jessica Sidhu
Ishika Singh
Briana Yu
Amanda Callaghan
Zoe Cooper x2
Alexandra Giuliano x2
Opia Inyasio

Katie Knight x2
Saranya Krishnan
Kiara Kumar
Emily Malones
Emma McDonald
Aiswarya Parameswaran
Dajana Popovic
Jacintha Pundeet x2
Anushka Rockey Bance
Alexandria Ruiz
Isabella Said
Geraldine Vella x2

Year 8

Madeeha Khan x3
Cheryl Kumar x3
Nicola Lopino x2
Kevin Opia
Marissa Tomah
Aswithaa Visakeswaran
Olivia Adamcewicz
Gabriella Albina
Madeleine Beavis x2
Shanice Chishaya
Monica Ibrahim
Kaitlynn King x2
Jemma Maitland
Kassy Papadimatos x3
Akela Pitcaithly
Eden Randall
Hannah Walker
Holly Attard
Sarah Carey
Chloe Costin
Stephanie Kingsley

Sofia Lansley
Cassandra Murray
Lauren Redondi
Francesca Rizzo
Noor Sidhu
Lara Weiss
Bethany Young
Shauna Abel x3
Madison Bipf
Brooke Carter
Hannah Dickinson
Laruen Crane
Katie Garland
Sophia Kuku
Monique Layoun
Brooke O'Brien
Emily Pender x2
Simrani Prasad
Amia Marie Silvelio Iaseto
x2
An Tong
Skye Vanajek x2

Year 9

Madison Andrews
Gabrielle Chalky
Archit Dhillon x2
Bethlehem Gashaw x2
Ravleen Kahlon
Prabhnoor Kaur
Joelle Khayat x2
Patricia Macabulos x2
Maria Papa x2
Claudia Pecora
Gracesiane Toenroe

Dhara Bardot x2	Sherani Sheehan	
Adrianna Bocchi	Bronte Ward	
Atong Deng x3		Natasha Hasna
	Year 10	Tamara Luiz
Gabrielle Green	Sarah Cefi	Trusti Arora
Asteer Kuku	Adriana Hoomans	Jessica De Michiel x2
Reshma Patrix	Zoe Hooper x2	Briana Humfrey
Shebna Sathiskumar	Allyson King x2	Prabhjot Sanghera
Ravpreet Kaur Ahluwalia	Ellalaine Marquez	Krishna Valencia
Aishdeep Birdi	Marianna Marroun	Giorgia Vella
Siddiqa Butt	Elenista Samawi	Zoe Victoria
Chantelle Covey	Marianna Tinkas x2	
Alison Fotheringham	Alana Blair	Year 11
Jenelle Lim	Amy Hubner	Dahyun Lee
Mary Loloma	Emily Knight	Lauren Alam
Amy Mandato x2	Katherine Mason Wells	Sonja Timmins
Lauren Ward	Shifa Sharif	
Ishita Dhiman	Nicole Groom	Year 12
Remas Elkander	Harnoor Jawandha	Teneisha Kerr
Shreya Gupta	Gurleen Kaur	
Zaida Hashimi x2	Genevieve Monastiriotis	
Virginia Mafi x2	Laura Woolley x2	
Kristen Mifssud x2	Mollie Baihn x2	
Felicity Rodricks	Clavenrose Cabrera	
Maureen Ahluwalia x2	Jocelyn Depamaylo	
Neha Chand	Rachel Depares	
Harkirat Kaur x2	Angelica Tabone	
Sarah Lenthall	Ariana Wagenknecht	
Grace Regan x3	Matlida Wood	
Kathleen Schell	Nansi Ampli	

From the PRC

PRC Event - Most Reverend Bishop Anthony Fisher OP

Diocesan Assembly Centre - Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion Street, Blacktown 2/6/2014 07:00 PM

Term 2, 2014 General Meeting - The Most Reverend Bishop Anthony Fisher - Mon 2 June 2014

Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown 2/6/2014 07:00 PM

2014 CAPTIVATE Showcase - Dance

Nagle College 58A Orwell St Blacktown South 12/6/2014 07:00 PM until 12/6/2014 09:00 PM

2014 CAPTIVATE Showcase - Drama

St Andrew's College, Breakfast Rd Marayong 13/6/2014 until 15/6/2014

2014 CAPTIVATE Showcase - Primary Music

Nagle College 58A Orwell St Blacktown South 16/6/2014 07:00 PM until 17/6/2014 09:00 PM

PRC Event - Senior Subjects and UAC Selection Guidance for Years 10 to 12

Loyola Senior High School & Trade Training Centre - 91 North Parade, Mt Druitt 17/6/2014 07:00 PM

Loyola Senior High School & Trade Training Centre, 91 North Pde, Mt Druitt 17/6/2014 07:00 PM

2014 CAPTIVATE Showcase - Combined Schools' Band

Nagle College 58A Orwell St Blacktown South 19/6/2014 07:00 PM until 19/6/2014 09:00 PM

What's happening in Drama?



Drama is alive and thriving at Nagle College.

Our Year 10 Drama class has been studying Commedia Dell'arte, an Italian style drama that concerns the rich and the poor, the powerful and the powerless and the importance of love conquering all.

As part of studying Commedia Dell'arte, students need to work with masks as all stock characters have them in performance. The Year

10's have been in the process of creating these masks and will be using them to perform Commedia Dell'arte scenarios at the showcase evening at the end of this term.

Year 11 Drama has been studying different theatre practitioners and styles as they ready themselves for the HSC. Last Wednesday evening the Year 11 Drama class, along with Mr Hall, Ms Lonergan and some of the students' family and friends travelled to Riverside Theatre to watch the Verbatim Theatre piece *"The Laramie Project"*. This is a style of performance where the actors present a variety of viewpoints on an event that has occurred, in this case an attack on a young man in a small American town. The students enjoyed this experience very much and I extend a big thank you to Mr Hall, Ms Lonergan, and their students, their families and friends for attending this event. In the coming weeks the Drama ensemble will begin for students in Years 7-12 who are interested in drama as an extra-curricular activity and I extend an invitation to anyone interested to be involved.

Miss Lauren Simpson

Drama Teacher



Library News

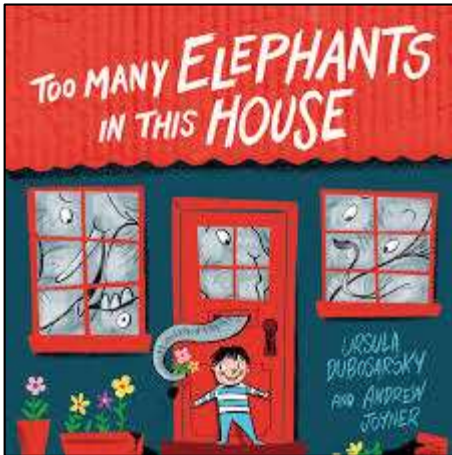
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LIBRARY NEWS



On Wednesday, May 21 the Nagle Library participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. All across Australia, thousands of libraries and schools joined together to promote reading and celebrate the joy of picture books. This year, the book was *Too Many Elephants in This House* by Ursula Dubosarsky with pictures by Andrew Joyner.

The day began with a reading of the audiobook in various languages over the loudspeaker. Sections were read in Somali, French, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Punjabi. It was a great way to celebrate our cultural diversity here at Nagle,



and it was incredible to see how so many Nagle girls were able to translate the text from another language and share snippets with their friends.

At recess, over fifty girls joined Ms. Price for the story. It was pretty amazing to think about how so many thousands of people were reading the story across Australia at the same time. We drank hot cocoa, ate biscuits and had a great time!

Many thanks to everyone who participated! The book *Too Many Elephants in This Room* is now available to loan at the library. Happy Reading!

Ms Eva Price – Librarian



CSDA Debating Rounds 4 and 5

On Friday 9 May the fourth round of the CSDA Debating Competition took place at St Andrews College. Year 7 and Year 11 were able to win their debates while the other teams experienced their first loss for the competition.

The fifth round took place at St Patrick's Marist College on Friday 16 May. The Year 8 team were successful in winning their debate while the Years 9, 11 and 12 teams won by forfeit.

In these rounds, the students have presented debates on identity, the influence of friends, the role of experts and the balance between work and play.

The final preliminary round of the competition will take place on 23 May, Week 4 Term 2 at Bede Polding College.

We wish all students the best of luck in the rest of the competition.

Amy Rowan





**Host Families
Needed
Can you help?**

Our school will be hosting a visit by students from Shonan Shirayuri HS in Japan. The students are excitedly waiting to hear from their new Australian family.



Dates are 29/07/14 to 12/08/14

Can you help for these 14 days?

Volunteer host families receive a \$25 stipend per night to assist with hosting costs.

If you are able to give a student a home for this short time, please contact either Sharon on 0405 501 303 or Sue on 0417 063 530

If you are interested in receiving more information about being a host family or would like to host, please fill in the slip below and return it to the College office.

Please tick:

- I am interested in receiving more information about hosting a Japanese student.
- I would like to host a student.

Name: _____

Telephone No: _____(H) _____(Mobile)

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From the Bishop's Office

May DWF Appeal – Faith at Work

Faith at Work is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held this month in parishes and Catholic schools. This appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, and the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants. Visit the new website to watch a video message from Bishop Anthony and to find out more about how you can make a difference: www.faithatwork.org.au

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 25 May

Young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Afternoon. Starts at 2pm and concludes with pizza at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary, 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park. To find out more about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director tel 0409 172 700 or email: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au Visit: www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations and www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary

'What is Right?' 29 May

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP and Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence are co-speakers at this Luncheon Club event hosted by the NSW Council of Christians and Jews. Discussion on the topic 'What is right?' will canvas the ability to criticise and identify right and wrong and speaking out on right and wrong. The event is also an opportunity to farewell Rabbi Lawrence who leaves for the UK after many years of active participation in both Jewish communal and interfaith roles in NSW. From 12.30-2.30pm at The Great Synagogue, 166 Castlereagh St, Sydney. Cost: adults \$20; seniors & students \$15. Bookings essential as seating is limited. **RSVP by 27 May** to Sr Marianne Dacy tel (02) 9390 5168, dacymarianne@yahoo.com.au

An evening for couples: 29 May

Do you find it difficult to make decisions as a couple?

Does one or both of you end up feeling compromised and without an equal voice?

Do your discussions often result in unpleasant arguments or cold wars?

Come and learn a method for making couple decisions. This unique Values Based Decisions Making framework will help you to learn how to connect with your deepest values for love and unity so that your choices become true couple decisions. Francine Pirola, an experienced marriage educator, a director and founder of the Smart Loving series courses, will give this presentation. From 7.30-9pm at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion St, Blacktown. Admission is free. Bookings: Karin at CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222, Marriage@ccss.org.au

Faith at the Fiddler: 29 May

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 well-known journalist Miranda Devine. Topic: Communicating Virtue – How young people are hungry for meaning in an amoral age. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. From 5pm-7pm at The Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 1-8 June

The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches has produced resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which has the theme: 'Has Christ been divided?', a reference to *I Cor 1:1-17*. These resources have been adapted for use in Australia by the Faith and Unity Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia. They include: Ecumenical Service of Worship outline; Daily Prayers and Biblical Reflections; Prayer Cards. These resources can be downloaded and ordered from www.churchestogetherinprayer.org.au

Interfaith Dialogue *Nostra Aetate (In Our Day)*: 3 June

This two-hour seminar with Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald will examine the implications today for interfaith dialogue in light of the ground-breaking Vatican II document *Nostra Aetate (In Our Day)*. This brief document outlined the Church's relation to non-Christian religions. What did it mean? What have been the developments since then? What are the challenges 'in our day'? Archbishop Fitzgerald is a former president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and most recently served as Apostolic Nuncio in Egypt and Delegate to the League of Arab States. The seminar will include a keynote address, time for responding and an opportunity for questions and answers. From 4pm-6pm at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Rd, Strathfield. RSVP & inquiries: (02) 9568 8246, sandra.bejjani@syd.catholic.edu.au

Sisters of the Good Samaritan Come and See Weekend: 6-8 June

Young women aged 20-35 who might be searching for a new direction in their lives are invited to join the Sisters of the Good Samaritan for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and conversation and find out more about us. Is there something **more** to life? Does God make a difference? **YES** for Good Samaritan Sisters. Come and spend time with us: experience our Good Sam story, share conversation and meals, pray together, explore the **more** to life for you. Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills. Further information: Bernadette Corboy SGS tel 0429 074 849, bcorboy@goodsams.org.au or Catherine McCahill SGS tel 0409 043 422, cmccahill@goodsams.org.au

10th National eConference: Pope Francis – Modelling the Ministry of St Peter: 11 June

This eConference is presented by **The Broken Bay Institute** in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. **The eConference will be streamlined live over the internet – all are welcome to participate at no charge.**

Presenters: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth; Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph; Fr Gerard Kelly, President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney; Selina Hasham, Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Sydney; and Fr Noel Connelly SSC, Head of Mission & Culture, The Broken Bay Institute (BBI).

The Institute for Mission in Blacktown is a host site. Time: 10am-3pm. Please contact them to register your attendance: tel Donnie (02) 9831 4911, connect@ifm.org.au

For independent registration contact Rhonda Andersen tel (02) 9847 0726, econferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au

Further details: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference

eConference on The Trinity – A Place of Deep Listening: 12 June

An initiative of the Conference of Spiritual Directors Australia, a professional association of spiritual directors who are committed to a contemplative approach in the ministry of Spiritual Direction. CSD Australia is hosting its 2nd National eConference, The Trinity – A Place of Deep Listening. The keynote speaker is **Mary Coloe PBVM** – approaching the theme from the scriptural perspective of St John's Gospel. CSD Australia is a professional association of spiritual directors committed to a contemplative approach in the ministry of spiritual direction. Time: 9am-3.30pm. Cost: free for CSD members; non-members may make a \$20 donation. For more information and to register visit: www.csdaust.com

Blackheath Reflection Morning: 14 June

A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. This month, 'Poetic Language as Gateway to the Sacred' with Dr Michael Griffith. 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: 15 June

This month's topic is 'Pope Pius XII and the Nazi occupation of Rome'. The speaker is the Hon Tim Fischer AC, former Deputy Prime Minister, latterly Australia's Ambassador to the Holy See. Starts 2.30pm in the Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks. Admission free, no membership required. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 13-15 June

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 www.wwme.org.au Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

Holy Hour for Vocations: 19 June

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7-8pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 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

Guided Tour of North Head: 5 August

Join the Social Group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish at Greystanes for a walk through North Head's peaceful and pristine heathland where it can be easy to forget that you're only 11km from the CBD. Take a guided tour through WWII tunnels, gun emplacements and more at North Fort. Hear how North Fort contributed to the defence of Sydney and enjoy magnificent views of the harbour. Cost: \$30 includes coach, morning tea and entry; lunch at Harbord Diggers (own expense). Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am at the bus stop opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Book now, places filling fast. Payment in full required at time of booking: Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119.

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School fee accounts have now been sent out.

If you require clarification of the fees, or are experiencing difficulty in finalising your account in full by the due date, June 5, please contact Mary Fairhurst on 88874501 to discuss the matter.

All school fee discussions are strictly confidential.