

### PRAYING THE ROSARY

**"YOU JUST PUT YOUR HAND IN MARY'S AND LET HER LEAD YOU TO CHRIST"** (MSGR. CHARLES POPE)

The month of October is especially dedicated to praying the rosary. Mother Mary leads us to Christ, her son.

By God's grace, Mary brought Christ to us and showed him to us at Bethlehem, presented him in the Temple, ushered in his first miracle even despite his reluctance. Mary said to the stewards that day and to us now, "Do whatever he tells you." And on account of that miracle the text says. *Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him* (John 2:11). And so her intercession strengthened the faith of others in her Son. That has always been her role, to take us by the hand and lead us to Christ. (Msgr. Charles Pope)



#### WHAT IS THE ROSARY AND HOW IS IT PRAYED?

The meaning of the Rosary is simply a Catholic prayer based upon the Bible that focuses on the events in the life of Jesus and that of Mary the Mother of Jesus.

In the Rosary prayer you make use of both vocal and mental prayer. Vocal prayer consists of the formal prayers. The 3 basic formal prayers that make up the Rosary are: the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be. But since the Rosary consists of many other prayers it is usually

prayed upon rosary beads so as to keep track of the prayers and free your mind to meditate upon the events in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

Day	Rosary Mystery
Sunday	Glorious
Monday	Joyful
Tuesday	Sorrowful
Wednesday	Glorious
Thursday	Luminous
Friday	Sorrowful
Saturday	Joyful

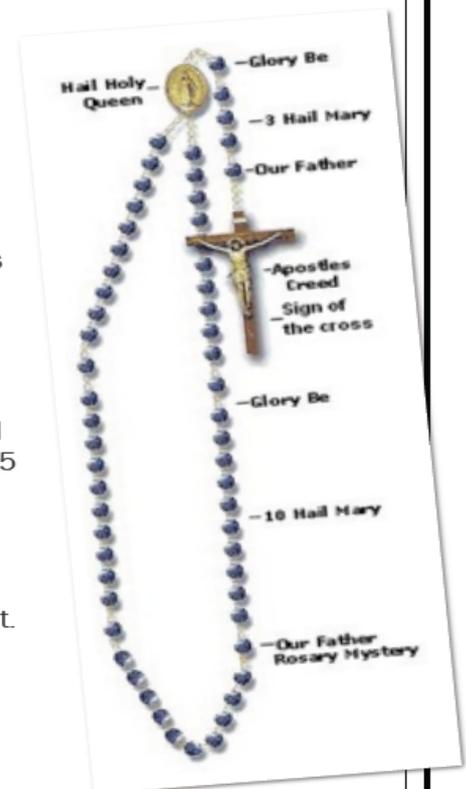
Simple table of Rosary mysteries and days they are prayed on

Originally there were 15 mysteries of the Rosary. Pope John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries or the Mysteries of Light in the year 2002 making a complete Rosary a total of 20 mysteries.

These 20 mysteries are divided into four categories containing 5 mysteries each.

Within each set of Rosary Mysteries there are five decades of the Rosary that reflect on the life of Jesus and Mary.

Take the time to pray the rosary and allow Mary to lead you to Christ.



## *A Message from the Principal*

Welcome Back to another very busy term. It seems only yesterday that I was welcoming the new year and now we are close to saying goodbye to 2014.

Mrs Yanz and Mrs Clarke will be on leave for the next three weeks. We wish them a very well deserved relaxing break and look forward to their return in Week 4. Mrs Fortini will also be on leave starting in week 2. If you have any questions relating to sport, please direct your questions to Mrs Clogher who will be coordinating sport in Mrs Yanz' absence. Mrs Fortini will also return to work in week 4 refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead. The teachers have organized their teaching programs prior to taking leave and replacement staff will continue with explicit instruction and teaching with the children in their care.

Toward the end of the school holiday period, one of our Diocesan schools, St Columba's Catholic College was seriously damaged with fire taking hold and destroying several learning spaces. This is devastating to this community, who not long ago, was also damaged in the horrendous Blue Mountains bushfires last summer. Our prayers are with the school community of Springwood and we send our prayers to the Year 12 students who will sit their HSC in coming weeks under such distressing circumstances. May God be with you.

Mrs Baird

### **Honour Awards**

**This week the children will focus on the value of commitment.**

### **School Swimming Program**

Each year we dedicate two weeks to provide necessary water survival skills for our children. As the weather becomes warmer, water related accidents and deaths become more prominent in our local news. The skills the children gain from this intensive program is an opportunity to practise basic swimming and lifesaving skills.

The first lesson on Tuesday is a grading class. The instructors will grade all children into the appropriate group for their swimming ability. It is important that the children attend this program everyday and arrive at school with all necessary items. Kindergarten will be leaving the school before the bell rings and travelling each day with two teachers. I ask our Kindergarten parents to ensure they are at school on time each morning, walk the children upstairs and leave promptly so the teachers are able to organise the children quickly. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any concerns please contact your child's teacher.

Children are to wear their school uniform each day during the swimming program. In the past we have asked children to wear their sports uniform as the swimming program was held during the winter uniform months. As we have moved the swimming program to Term 4 this year, the summer uniform is manageable for the children to redress themselves following swimming lessons.

For the safety of the children we ask parents not to send dressing gowns for children to wear to and from the swimming pool. The issue is that long gowns cause trip hazards for the children as they board and leave the bus. The safety of the children is our first priority and we thank parents for complying with our school policy. The safer option is for children to wear a warm jacket or t-shirt and sensible shoes.

## Students return in full summer uniform

Please see our office staff if you need to top up your summer uniform. We have selected items and sizes in our second hand uniform shop.

## Spell-a-thon

Next week the children will be given their spellathon sponsor card to collect sponsorship for our annual spellathon. The money raised will be used to continue purchasing iPads for the children to use to enhance and engage them in great learning. The actual spellathon will take place on Thursday 6th November. Children who raise over \$50 will be eligible to be placed in the draw to win a great bonus prize.

I wish to thank all parents in advance for their continued support of our fundraising initiatives.



## Leaving Sacred Heart?

If you intend to leave Sacred Heart at the end of the year, we ask you to inform the school in writing as soon as possible. Please include in your letter, the school you have enrolled your child in. This is only for children leaving from K-5. For your information, parents are required to give the school at least a term's notice in agreement with the policy signed when the child was initially enrolled.

We thank parents for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

## School Fees

As an institution built of gospel values, the school is here to assist all families with many different issues. If you are experiencing difficulty with your school fees, please contact the office and speak with either Mrs Ward, our Senior Finance Officer or myself. All matters relating to school fees are very private and are handled with respect and compassion.

## Canteen Roster

### Term 4

### Week 2

Monday	13th October	Jenni Walters Michelle Barletta
Tuesday	14th October	Volunteers Needed
Wednesday	15th October	Rosanna Jaure Katrina Cooper
Thursday	16th October	Antoinette Boutros Shobha Jambagi
Friday	17th October	Doli Tyler

## Guidelines for parents when issues arise at school between children

It is very normal for children to have disagreements with each other at school. On occasions children argue and are upset by their friends. It is important that we deal with these situations correctly, as usually children are very forgiving with each other and the issue usually rectifies itself in a short time. If parents are concerned when their child comes home distressed because of a friendship issue, I ask that you discuss the matter with the class teacher first. The teacher is usually informed of the issue and can inform you as to what has happened and the resolution or intervention that has occurred to rebuild the relationship with the children.

**Under no circumstances is a parent to approach a child and speak with them regarding issues with your child. This is a form of intimidation and is not an acceptable practice at any school. Rudeness and inappropriate behaviour to staff during such times will also not be tolerated.**

It is important that all issues are handled following the teachings and values of Jesus we model to our children each day. At the end of the day they are children who have not had experience in dealing with difficult relationships. It is our responsibility to model appropriate ways of coping with and dealing with each other when things don't always go the way we want them to go.

## PARISH NEWS

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Enrolment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be this Sunday 12th October at 9:30am.

The first preparation evening for the program is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

Attendance by at least one parent and children is COMPULSORY. Anyone not enrolling on the Sunday will result in being deferred until next year.

### Inside Catholic Outlook

Our Camillian community features inside the back page of the Catholic Outlook. Michelle Davis gives an insight of the involvement of the Camillians in the Diocese and the launch of the Lay Camillian Family at Sacred Heart.

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### Marian Procession

To celebrate October as the Month of the Rosary, there will be a Marian Procession on Sunday 19th October following the 9:30am Mass. All welcome.

### Parish Multicultural Day

Everyone is invited to join the diverse cultures of our parish. The parish will hold its annual multicultural day on Sunday 26th October after the 9:30am Mass.

You are welcome to participate by bringing food from your culture to share, or perform a national dance or song. To register contact the parish office on 9635 9262.

## Catholic Education Office

### Bishops Office

#### Shrine Time - Holy Hour for Young Adults at Mt Schoenstatt

All young adults are welcome to Shrine Time on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month followed by a social time. Experience the grace God in the Shrine in an hour of prayer, reflection with benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available. Like us on Facebook: **Shrine Time**

**Date:** 28 September, from 7.30pm-8.30pm. Other dates in 2014: 26 October, 23 November, 28 December.

**Venue:** Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

#### The Extraordinary Synod on the Family from 5-19 October

#### National Day of Prayer and Fasting on 10 October

The synod on 'The pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelisation' presents a unique opportunity to strengthen marriage and family. A National Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Synod, based on prayer cards available in your church, will be held on Friday 10 October. Our Lady Help of Christians will be the patroness for the Day.

#### Vocation Ministry for the New Evangelisation

Catholic Vocations Ministry Australia presents a two-day workshop facilitated by Sr Theresa Rickard OP, President and Executive Director of Renew International. Sr Terry is an internationally known speaker on evangelisation, small communities, preaching and vocations. She recently the opening keynote address, 'Evangelisation Matters', at the 2014 Mid-Atlantic Congress. She also presented the Annual Marten Lecture in Preaching, 'Preaching for the New Evangelisation', at The University of Notre Dame earlier in 2014. Last year, she addressed the National Federation of Priests Councils on 'Small Communities and Evangelisation'.

**Dates:** 9-10 October. Registrations from 8.30am for 9am start, concluding at 3.30pm.

**Venue:** Mary MacKillop Place, 7-11 Mount Street, North Sydney.

**Cost:** \$300 per person (a non-residential workshop).

**Further information & registration:** tel 0400 636 467 or visit <http://www.catholiczvocations.org.au/Home/Events/Vocation-Ministers>

#### Holy Hour for Vocations

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

**Date:** Thursday 16 October, from 7pm-8pm.

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

## RE TIMETABLE - TERM 4, 2014

WEEK	WHOLE SCHOOL MASS / LITURGY	CLASS RECONCILIATION Tuesday at 2:15pm	CLASS / STAGE MASSES at 9am	ASSEMBLY FRIDAYS at 2:30pm
1				
2				
3				Stage 3
4			Stage 3 & Kindergarten Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	
5			Stage 2 Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Stage 2
6		Year 5 Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Stage 1 Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	
7		Year 6 Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November		Stage 1
8				
9	Christmas Carols Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 6-8pm			Kindergarten
10	Year 6 Graduation Mass and Supper Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 7pm			
11	End of Year Mass & Thank you morning tea for parents Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 9am			

### Save the Date

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Tuesday 28th October, 7pm
World Teachers Day	Friday 31st October
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 3rd December 6-8pm
Year 6 Graduation Mass	Wednesday 10th December 7pm