



# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Term 4**

**Week 4**

**Tuesday, 5th November, 2019**



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ofmcap**

**Term 4 concludes**

Wednesday,  
18th December, 2019

**Term 1 2020 commences**

Wednesday,  
29 January for Years 1-6

Thursday,  
30th January for New  
Kinder children

Friday,  
31st January for  
All children Kinder-Year 6

Dear Parents,

Last week was the feast of All Saints and All Souls. Traditionally November is the month of the Holy Souls. When we remember those who have died. We may have many people in our lives who you would consider saints. They are the ordinary people who do extraordinary things with love and care for others.

You may be one of these Saints! Ever thought of being a saint? No? Not for you? Probably, two people who were declared as saints in 2010 never thought of being saints either. The two people were St Mary Mackillop, declared on 17th October, and St Damian de Veuster, more easily recognised as Father Damian of Molokai, on 10th October. Though they led vastly different lives, they both had uncommon kindness and both were examples to us not to forget those people who are the "forgettables" in our world. The saints are always calling us back to our Christian roots.

They are real human beings like us with their own personal problems but who battle on to achieve extraordinary deeds. The very fact that they are human like us, is a reminder to us of our responsibilities even if we are flawed and imperfect persons. The following two observations highlight the "ordinary person" of St Mary Mackillop: *"We want our saints to be inspiring but to understand the pathways we walk. Mary is a model of human possibility and she worked with what she had available to her and made things happen in a practical, humanly sensitive way."* Sister Carroll.

*"The real Mary Mackillop was, in her youth, a rather photogenic, nice nun who grew up to be a remarkable woman of toughness and imagination in the way she lived her faith. But she was also an old lady in a wheelchair nursing her little dog after her active days were over."* Fr Tony Kelly.

Father Damian of Molokai was a Belgian missionary priest who worked with Hawaiian people who had leprosy. About 8000 people had been separated from the rest of their society and isolated on the island of Molokai where they were abandoned. It was mostly missionary volunteers like Father Damian who cared for them in three-monthly shifts. After several shifts, Father Damian volunteered to stay permanently and take up the work that needed to be done. Not surprisingly, after a period of living, working and sharing those with leprosy, he caught the disease himself and at only 49 years of age the disease caused his death. His tireless and selfless efforts caught the attention of many who shared his Christian beliefs and people like the famous author, Robert Louis Stevenson, eventually forced official assistance to be given to those with leprosy. The life of St Damian of Molokai holds out a powerful message that one single life properly motivated and directed to the needs of others, can make a lives-altering difference. Even though the necessary two miracles needed before declaration of Sainthood were proven, Mother Teresa said of Father Damian, *"Damian, himself, is a miracle."* Not everyone can be a Mary Mackillop or a Damian of Molokai, but we can all do something, if only of a minor nature, to improve the quality of life of disadvantaged and neglected people. The world needs more saints in the making.

***"St Mary of the Cross Mackillop of Australia and St Damian of Molokai, may the spirit of your lives live on in the lives of Christian people right now. May we, ordinary people like you, be inspired to reach out to needy people as you did. May God's Spirit be powerful in us as it was in the both of you. Amen."***

Peace and Best Wishes.

*Patricia Carr*

Tricia Carr  
Principal



## Upcoming Events

<b>Wednesday, 6th November:</b>	<b>3R &amp; 3W attending Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre</b>
<b>Thursday, 7th November:</b>	<b>3B &amp; 3G attending Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre</b>
<b>Friday, 8th November:</b>	<b>Mufti Day for students. (Students to wear casual clothes) Gold coin/s donation greatly appreciated.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 12th November:</b>	<b>Diocesan Basketball</b>
<b>Tuesday, 12th November:</b>	<b>Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)</b>
<b>Thursday, 14th November:</b>	<b>Gymnastics Gala Day, SGAC Rooty Hill</b>
<b>Friday, 15th November:</b>	<b>Kinder Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School. Parents welcome)</b>
<b>Tuesday, 19th November:</b>	<b>Year 6 Reflection Day</b>

### Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2020 are still available from the School Office. We are filling up so please call in and pick up an enrolment pack. Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will still need to submit an Enrolment Form for any new siblings for 2020.



### Peace & Joy Awards

The Good Shepherd School Community would like to congratulate the following students for their hard work and dedication throughout the past week. These awards are presented for cooperation, respectfulness, responsibility, care, compassion, fair go and integrity.

KB	Enola Wasfy	KG	Ruby LuzardoGotts
KR	Titus Fruean	KW	Emma Xuereb
1B	Savannah Attard	1G	Tyler Talisayon
1R	Cziana Sulapat	1W	Maxwell Siasaga
2B	Mikaella DeGuzman	2G	Byron Forcadilla
2R	Caspian Santos	2W	Mayar El-Awar
3B	Sophia Costigan	3G	Bianca Galea
3R	Ruby Cornish	3W	Bhavya Chand
4B	Jenna Felizardo	4G	Kristi Patel
4R	Acuoth Acuoth	4W	Carolina Barkho
5B	Aldrin Ocampo	5G	Jordan Lumbre
5R	Tristan Duncan	5W	James Costigan
6B	Gennina Espino	6G	Liam Bell
6R	Nikita Moeono-Paahi		

### Mufti Day this Friday, 8th November

Dear Parents, this Friday students are welcome to wear mufti casual clothes to school—please ensure students have a hat and appropriate footwear. This is in aid of helping our Aussie farmers. Gold coin/s would be greatly appreciated.



## From the office of the e-Safety Commissioner...

### Online Safety Basics

Help your children safely navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences. Explore websites, games, apps and social media together and set some rules.

Your support and guidance can give your children the confidence to make sound decisions online — and ask for help when they need it.

#### Three Key Strategies—

- **Be engaged, open and supportive**  
Share online time with your children. Keep the lines of communication open - reassure them they can always come to you, no matter what. Talk about noticeable changes in behaviour, attitude and mood.
- **Set some rules**  
Set age-appropriate rules for use of devices and internet access. The consequences for breaking the rules should be clear and relevant. Think about creating a family online safety contract that includes rules for parents too! Model the behaviour you would like to see.
- **Use the available technology**  
Set up the devices your children use for privacy and online safety. Choose apps and games carefully.

This advice is an excerpt from the e-safety commissioner website. Further information on Online Safety Basics, with useful tips and targeted advice for various age groups, can be found at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/online-safety-basics>.



## 2019 Dates

### Term 4

**Commences:** Monday, 14th October (Week 1)

**Concludes:** Wednesday, 18th December

### 2019 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

**Term 4:** Thursday, 19th December and Friday  
20th December

### Social Skill of the Week

*"Take your hat off inside"*

### Communication between Parents and Staff

Just a reminder that the direct line of communication if you need to discuss concerns/issues etc regarding your child is:

Email, phone call or letter addressed to your child's teacher stating your concerns and requesting an interview if required.

Following this, you can request an interview with your child's Year Group Coordinator. Year Group Coordinators are as follows:

Kinder: Mrs Bianca Cooke

Year 1: Mrs Trish Conner

Year 2: Mrs Yvonne Davies

Year 3: Mrs Debbie Dela Paz

Year 4: Mrs Beulah Frankson

Year 5: Mr Ian Byrne

Year 6: Ms Elizabeth Le Breton

If you need to take further steps, after speaking with the Year Group Co-Ordinator, an email, letter or phone call to our Assistant Principal, then to the Principal.

## School Fees

Dear families,

Final statements have now been sent, please make payment by **Wednesday 20th November, 2019**. If any help is required, please contact Kristy, our Senior Finance Manager, on Ph. 9836 7100 as soon as possible. Thank you.



## School Bags are in !!

Dear Parents, please note we now have in supply new School Bags which sell for \$40.00 each (cash only). You can purchase these from the school office or from our volunteer run Uniform Shop (on our school premises) which is open on Friday mornings, from 8.30 am—9.00 am. **Please note—cash only will be accepted.** Thank you.



## Privacy Consent

Dear Parents & Carers,

If you do not give consent for the use of your child's image and/or works to be published in our School Newsletter or on our website, **please notify the school in writing**. If you do not want your child to sell raffle tickets, please also inform the school office. Thank you.



### Free "Alerts" and more to your mobile phone .....

Did you know that you can receive "Alerts" to your mobile phone for free? This is very handy to have and will keep you updated on "last minute" changes or reminders to school events. The App is called "Skoolbag" and to install this free App on your iPhone or Android phone, this is what you do:

Simply search for Good Shepherd School Plumpton in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install. **After the App is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow Alert notifications. Also click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive Alerts for.**

For those that have Android phones, simply search our school "Good Shepherd School Plumpton" and install. **After the app is installed click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like receive Alerts for.**

## Information regarding Leave from School

Leave from school for holiday/overseas trips in school time is not encouraged and must be explained in writing to the School Principal.

A leave form ("Application for Extended Leave") must be completed at least 4 weeks in advance for **5 or more school days**. If leave is **10 days or more**, an interview with the Principal is also required, together with an Application for Extended Leave form. Leave forms can be obtained from the School Office.

Leave of **4 days and less** needs to also be approved by the Principal. **Please write a letter to your child's class teacher outlining the details of the leave, including the first and last school day that the child will be absent.**

**Leave during school terms is strongly discouraged.**

**PLEASE NOTE**

### Class Placement for 2020

Very soon we will start to formulate classes for 2020. If you have any issues regarding your child's class placement, please inform Mrs Patricia Carr, Principal, in writing no later than **Friday, 22nd November**. Whilst we endeavour to take into account your considerations, final decisions are made by the School.

If your family is not returning to Good Shepherd in 2020, would you please let Mrs Carr know in writing by **Friday, 22nd November**. Please indicate the school that they will be attending for our records. Thank you.

### Child Safety—Protocol regarding discipline

Dear Parents & Carers—just a reminder regarding child safety, please do not approach children who are not yours. If you have a problem or concern, please speak to your child's class teacher or teacher on duty. Also please do not approach the parents of other students if you have an issue at school, rather let the school know and we will deal with any issues that may arise.

The following is an insert from the Department of Child Protection: "The NSW Child Protection legislation prohibits any adult from disciplining a child other than their own. This is particularly so when children are at school. Issues should always be brought to the attention of the class teacher, assistant principal or principal." Thank you.

### Note for Parents/Carers regarding Canteen Orders

In purchasing your child's tuckshop order online, you are contracting directly with the supplier. You are responsible for checking that the ingredients of what you order are not incompatible with your child's sensitivities or health issues. Please ensure you check the disclaimers in the supplier's website. If in doubt you should contact the supplier. Thank you.

### Car Park Safety

Parents, please be aware that all children **MUST** be escorted into the School premises, not let out of the car and left to walk alone through the car park. Also, please show a little courtesy when entering and leaving the car park. Reverse parking is designed for everyone's safety, please comply. Thank you.



### Excursion/Incursion Notes

Please keep these notes in a safe place when your child/ren bring them home. The office Staff are frequently being asked for another note and this uses extra paper and resources that should be utilised elsewhere in our school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### No Nut Policy

A number of our students have severe allergies. Please do not send peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches or other foods containing whole or crushed nuts or sesame seeds to school. This also includes Excursions! Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



### Sports Update

#### Basketball Gala Day

Next Thursday five teams are attending the Diocesan Basketball Gala Day at Cambridge Park. Two Year 6 teams, two Year 5 teams and a Year 4 team will participate against other schools during the day. Good luck to all teams and thank you to Mr Escandor and Mrs Fox for accompanying the teams.

#### Gymnastics Championships

On Thursday 14th November, 15 students are attending the Diocesan Gymnastics Championships at Rooty Hill. They will perform a floor routine, two vaults, a minitramp skill and static balance routine. Good luck to all and thank you to Mrs del Duca for accompanying them.

### Label Uniforms, Hats, Jackets, Lunchboxes & Drink Bottles

Please label your child's uniform **especially** their **hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles** as a lot are ending up in lost property! Names can be written on with a laundry pen, embroidered, or you can use iron-on labels. By failing to label your child's property, you are spending money unnecessarily when you need to replace these items.

### After School Supervision

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2:50 pm. Please ensure that your children have been collected **before 3:15 pm each afternoon**.

There are many children who have not been collected before 3:15pm which creates issues with supervision & safety for the children. If you are late collecting your children from school it impacts on the children, the staff and the running of the school. Please ensure that you have made suitable arrangements to have your children collected by 3:15 pm.

If there is an emergency and you are running late to collect the children, please telephone the school office on (02) 9836 7100. Thank you.

### Evacuation & Lockdown Practices

Each term our school practices either a Lockdown or an Evacuation. This is part of our keeping the children and our whole community safe. There is no need for alarm if your child comes home with stories of "an emergency". We do use the sirens to make the drill realistic. Be assured if ever there is a reason for a Lockdown or Evacuation, all staff are trained and ready.

**Please make sure you regularly update your telephone and emergency contact details. If your mobile phone settings are "incoming call restricted" please change these settings so that we can reach you, in the event of an emergency. Thank you.**

### Uploading of Photos onto YouTube and Social Media

Parents, please note there is to be no uploading of pictures of students that are not your own child, onto YouTube and Social Media eg Facebook, Instagram etc. from events at school without prior permission from the School Principal. Such events include school functions, excursions, liturgies etc.



### Sincere Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the Setefano family (Vilisiliva 5R) on the recent passing of his Grandfather. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this very sad time.





### Changing Schools in 2020?

Are you thinking of or needing to change schools in 2020? Whatever the reason, we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as you can. CEDP require us to estimate our enrolment numbers for 2020 in order to predict and prepare for appropriate staffing and budgeting. **It would be appreciated if you could notify the school in writing if your child/ren may be leaving Good Shepherd at the end of the year, from Year groups other than Year 6.**

### Student Absences

Dear Parents,  
Just a quick reminder that **ALL student absences need to be explained. This is a legal requirement.**

#### Unexplained Attendance letters

Your child may bring home a letter asking for an explanation for your child's absence from school. **Would you please complete and return back to your child's teacher promptly.**

#### Children Absent from School due to illness

In the event of your child being absent from school due to illness, **please inform the school office by phone or email. It is necessary that a written note of explanation be forwarded to the class teacher on the day of your child's return to school.** We need to receive this note within seven days of the last day of absence. Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate.



### School Commencement and Finishing Times

**School commences at 8.30 am and concludes at 2.50 pm.** Any child who arrives after this time or leaves school earlier for an appointment etc will need to report to the School Office. It is very important that your child arrive to school on time. Children arriving late to school miss out on valuable learning time and their late entry to the classroom disrupts their fellow students. **If your children are late to school, they are to be escorted to the School Office by a Parent/Carer.**

### School Hats

Please remember our "No Hat, No Play" policy and ensure that your child has their school hat each day. All clothing and hats should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you.



### Term 4 2019 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

Each year Staff participate in professional development to support them in their roles as educators. The focus of these days is aligned to Good Shepherd School's goals. Staff will use information they have gathered about the children to design learning programs for the children that will best meet their needs. **Term 4's Staff Development Days are Pupil Free Days and will take place on Thursday 19th December and Friday 20th December.** Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. COSHC will be able to offer spaces for care on these days. Please phone COSHC on Ph. 0409 121 980 for all inquiries and bookings.

### Medications/Lotions/Creams

In order for staff to administer any kind of medication or lotion, whether prescribed by a doctor or not, parents/carers are required to complete a Medical form which is available from the school office. A note is also to be addressed to the class teacher stating when the medicine should be taken.  
Thank you.



### Student Mobile Phones

Parents, please note students are not allowed to have mobiles on their person or in the backpack during school hours. If you need to contact them, please ring the School Office. Students can leave their mobile phones with the office in the morning and collect them at dismissal time. Thank you.

### Complaints/Grievances Forms

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

### Pastoral Care & Student Management Policy 2016 and the Countering Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying—Policy

Dear Parents & Carers, for information on the above policies, and other policies, please refer to our School Website—About Us—Policies & Procedures. Please note our Parent Handbook is on our School Website under "Enrol Now" for your convenience.

### Other person collecting your child before dismissal time

Dear Parents & Carers, please note if someone else will be collecting your child **early or during school hours** on your behalf, you need to inform the school **in writing or by email to: (goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au) PRIOR TO PICKUP** regardless of whether they are an emergency contact or not. This policy is **effective immediately**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Parent Group News

#### Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is open on Fridays from 8:30 am to 9:00 am during the school term. The shop is located next to the library behind the Year 5 classrooms. Thank you to the parents who volunteer each week to run the shop. **Please note cash sales only—No Eftpos!**

## Week 4 Mythical Words

# Mythical words

## Heroine:



She was excited to  
be interviewing her  
childhood heroine.



### St Clare's Uniform Shop Trading Hours.

#### December Trading 2019

Tuesday	3 December	11.00am - 4.30pm
Thursday	5 December	11.00am - 4.30pm
Tuesday	10 December	11.00am - 4.30pm
Thursday	12 December	11.00am - 4.30pm
Tuesday	17 December	11.00am - 4.30pm
Thursday	19 December	11.00am - 4.30pm

#### January Trading 2020

Tuesday	14 January	9.00am - 1.30pm
Thursday	16 January	12.00pm - 4.30pm
Saturday	18 January	9.00am - 1.30pm
Tuesday	21 January	9.00am - 1.30pm
Thursday	23 January	12.00pm - 4.30pm
Friday	24 January	9.00am - 1.30pm
Tuesday	28 January	8.00am - 1.30pm
Wednesday	29 January	8.00am - 1.30pm
Thursday	30 January	12.00pm - 3.00pm

Entry to the St Clare's Uniform Shop is via Colebee Crescent Carpark

## MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

### Reflection day for Women - Preparing our Hearts for Advent, 23rd November

At: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, Family Hall

\$25 Includes morning and afternoon tea - BYO lunch

RSVP by 20th November to [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone 02 4773 8338



# *Attendance matters !!*



every learner  
every day 



## **News from the Catholic Education Office**

### **McCarthy Catholic College, Emu Plains**

From the beginning of the new school year, McCarthy Catholic College will be known as Penola Catholic College Emu Plains. As you may know, McCarthy Catholic Trade Training Centre will become the McCarthy campus of CathWest Innovation College from 2020. Penola Catholic College will continue to serve students from Year 7 to Year 12.

The Penola Catholic College name recognises the strength that this proud learning community draws from values and example of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Penola is the place where St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison-Woods started a school, beginning their work of extending the opportunities of education to thousands of Australian children and young people.

This decision follows a process of reflection at a school level. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is so proud of the reputation the College is developing for learning and teaching in the Penrith and Lower Mountains areas. The history of the College and the McCarthy name will continue to be recognised and acknowledged at Penola Catholic College, as well as at the McCarthy campus of CathWest Innovation College. The dedicated College staff are committed to supporting the school community in this period of renewal.

Further information will be provided to the community in the weeks ahead. If you require information about enrolments, please contact the College on (02) 4728 8100.



## News from the Catholic Education Office Cont'd



Parents Representative Council

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### CYBER SAFETY CHALLENGING TODAY'S YOUTH

Our Speaker will help parents understand the modern day challenges facing our young people within the digital world. Everything that they write, post and send can be traced and will remain there forever. Learn how parents can protect their kids from online risks. Sexts, Texts and Selfies are a concern for any parent. Learn how to give your child the skills, knowledge and strategies to use the internet in a safe, smart and responsible way.



Cyber safety, Sexts, Texts, Selfies, Pornography, Bulling and Online Predators.



Our guest speaker for the evening is:

**School Liaison  
Officer NSW Police**

Register FREE now: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)

**SEATS ARE STRICKLY LIMITED TO 100 SO REGISTER EARLY!!**



**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)**

(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker)

**Institute of Mission (downstairs meeting room)**

**Fluscombe Rd & Marion St, Blacktown NSW 2148**

Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

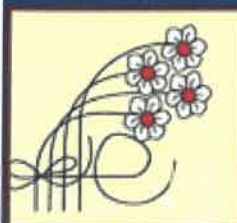
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Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116





# HIGH SUPPORT LEARNING CENTRES

Inclusive education for secondary students with high support needs.



Kirinari and Wiyanga are purpose built centres for learning that provide an inclusive education for students with a moderate intellectual disability.

## **KIRINARI**

Located on the grounds of Xavier College, 1170 Ninth Avenue Llandilo  
[kirinari.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://kirinari.parra.catholic.edu.au)

If you have a child or know someone who would benefit from an alternate platform for learning in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta please phone 9840 5689 for further information.

## **WIYANGA**

Located on the grounds of St Patrick's Marist College, 171 Kirby Street Dundas  
[wiyanga.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://wiyanga.parra.catholic.edu.au)

# News from the Bishop's Office

## Positions Vacant:

Volunteers - CatholicCare Mamre Creche

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

Retired Priests Care Coordinator (Part-time) - Broken Bay Diocese

Clergy Development Officer (Part-time) - Broken Bay Diocese

For more details, please contact Kelly Paget on 02 8379 1612 or [kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Plenary Council 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## Diocesan Forum Resources

You are invited to view the resources from the recent Diocesan Forum at [www.parracatholic.org/forum2019](http://www.parracatholic.org/forum2019). Read the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, data collated from the forum and images from the day. There will be further opportunities to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives following the Forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

## CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

## Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth: 7 – 11 December 2019

Time is running out to register to join Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta at ACYF19 in Perth. ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. If you are a school student that missed out on being selected, you can register to join a diocesan small group with a guardian. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is still available, but for a limited time. For more information and to register visit [www.catholicyouthparramatta.org](http://www.catholicyouthparramatta.org)

## Nigerian Mass in Igbo

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. For more information, please contact Nigerian chaplain Fr Chinonye Akamadu via the parish office on 02 9631 8135 or Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

## Chime in for the Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral

The Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral Appeal offers a rare opportunity to create history and donate a bell that commemorates a loved one, or honours your family name, organisation or community group. As a Benefactor, you'll also have the privilege of naming your bell in honour of a revered Catholic Saint and helping make the dream of a peal of bells for St Patrick's Cathedral become a reality. For further information, visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal)

## Alpha Program Weekend Training: 8-10 November

The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training course in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. A sample Alpha evening will be held on Friday 8 November from 7pm to 9pm, before full-day training sessions on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be provided. To register, and for more information, please contact Lisa in the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3497 or [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org)

## St Philomena Mass and Devotions: 9 November

Mass and Devotions for St Philomena will be held on Saturday 9 November at St John Vianney Parish, Doonside. Mass will be held at 12Midday, with confession from 11.30am. Please bring a snack to share. For further information, contact Libby Peoples on 0423 154 463 or [epeoples9@gmail.com](mailto:epeoples9@gmail.com).

## Office for Worship Music Workshop: 13 November

The Office for Worship is conducting a Music Workshop for musicians and liturgy planners on Wednesday 13 November at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown from 7pm to 9pm. Supper will be provided. Choosing appropriate hymns for Mass and what to sing at Mass and why will be discussed. To register by 8 November, call Anne on 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org).

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