



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 8xTerm 3

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*"Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth"*

Dear Parents,

Today we come to our next line in the Beatitudes, above (out of sequence).  
*A meek spirit is a gentle spirit. The poor in spirit who mourn the misery of others because they really know that misery and are moved to share in it are gentle towards those who are suffering. The meek are not quick to take offense at others; they are very patient with others because they know that God has always been patient with them. When we take a good hard look at how often we have been wrong over the years, how often our impressions, inferences, conclusions, convictions, etc., have turned out to be mistaken, we tend to be less self-righteous, less confident in the way we see and interpret the actions of others. We hesitate to conclude definitively, and so it is easier to be more patient with others, gentler, and more open to listening to them, whomever they might be. Anger is a response to an injustice, but often what we interpret as an injustice is, on closer inspection, no such thing. Those who are quick to react with anger are those disposed to make quick inferences; they trust too readily in the way they see things, believing that their grasp of the real is far more comprehensive than it is.*

*But when a person finally realizes how tiny is the framework in which he sees and interprets the world at any one time, he tends to be more open to learning and is reluctant to jump to conclusions, and thus much less prone to react in anger. The meek are self-possessed, in control of their emotions, in particular the passion of anger. Meekness, however, does not mean the suppression of anger. Recall that Jesus became angry at the money changers in the temple and drove them out. Anger that is governed by reason and is a response to real injustice is not sinful, but virtuous; the deliberate decision to keep anger alive in a spirit of unforgiveness, however, is sinful. (Taken from <http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-beatitudes-a-concise-summary.html>)*



## Congratulations...

To the a3 choir and their teachers! What an impressive performance from a choir of students who presented as polished and sharp. It wasn't just the singing. They were clearly very composed and displayed self-control. In the words of a man (not with our school) in the audience, 'They were phenomenal!'

From one mum..." *Our children definitely outshone the other schools. I was saying to one of the other Mums how our uniform really stands out amongst other schools. They look so neat and tidy.*

*I also can't believe how confident our students are at this age...all the credit goes to your staff for developing (her) into such a beautiful and confident young lady.*

*Thank you again to your staff for all the hard work they do and for always attending every event/performance the school has on. They truly are a bunch of fantastic people."*



**And congratulations to Mrs Giglio (and Mr Giglio) on the arrival of baby Mia. This was wonderful news for the whole community. We look forward to meeting her very soon.**



**What's the view from your workplace? For me it doesn't get much better than this - the face of God in each smile...**



## Dates to Remember

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences during this week  
Stage 2 Touch Football – boys and girls  
Stage 3 Touch Football – boys and girls  
LAST DAY OF TERM 3  
First day of Term 4

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time-  
Year C (Lk 15:1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke



***There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.***

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say. "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say. "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

**Reflection:**

*In Sunday's Gospel according to Luke, Jesus is once again speaking with the tax collectors and scribes. Jesus offended the scribes and Pharisees because of His association with sinners and the gracious way He treated them. In response to the negativity of the Pharisees and scribes, Jesus told them parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. In these parables the housewife, shepherd and the father continued to search until they found what they were looking for. It was their determination and persistence that were rewarded, with the joy they could share with the whole community. The message Jesus tried to leave with the Pharisees and scribes was that we should not mourn for the sinners, but search for them and bring them back to the Lord. God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone. Instead He wants everyone to reconcile and be saved to strengthen the relationship with Him. This restoring leads to celebrating the heavenly community. For us we need to not give up on the sinners, but prayer for those who need healing and guide them back to God. (God's Word 2016)*

**WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD THIS WEEK?**

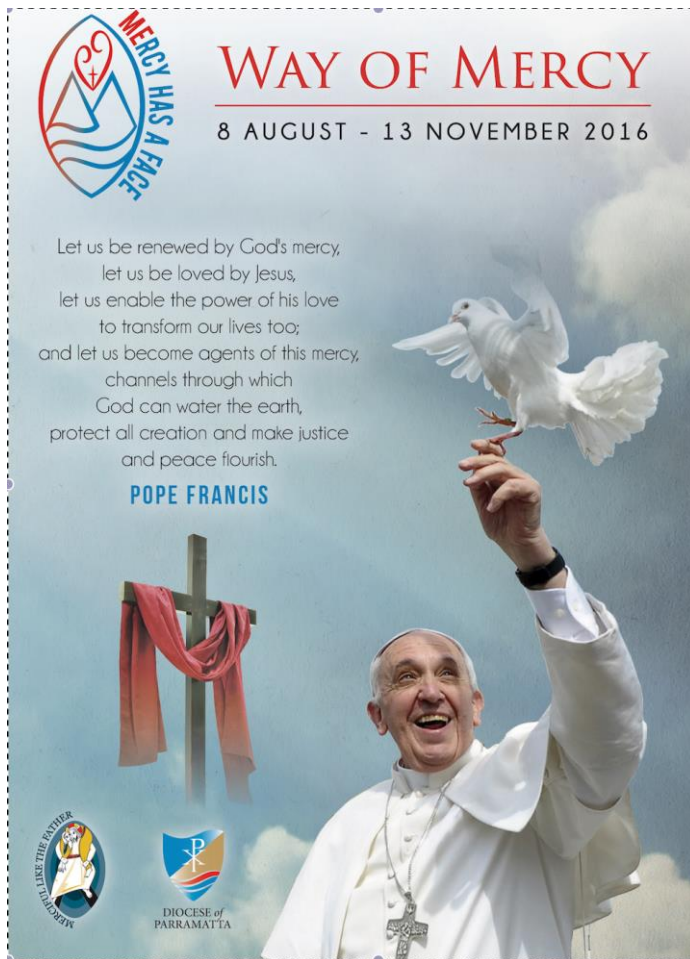


Spring has sprung and there are always signs of new life when this season begins. Many animals hibernate over winter, and it is in Spring that we start to see God's Creations. After hearing our noisy

dog barking, we went to investigate and hiding under a log was a baby Blue Tongue Lizard. We rescued it and relocated the baby lizard away from danger. There were many signs of God's presence in this event. The new life that always allows us to start a new year, the willingness to protect and keep safe something as precious as a new life and the wonderful miracle of new life that God has created.



## WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD TODAY?



### Way of Mercy Parish Celebration

**On Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> October** at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill there will be a regional celebration of the Way of Mercy.

The Year of Mercy is coming to an end and this is one way, where families form OLA community and Parish can come together to celebrate the Year of Mercy.

Mary Immaculate will be celebrating with a Liturgy in the morning where the Way of the Mercy Cross and relics of St Mary of the Cross and Mother Teresa will be there for people to venerate.

On Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30, OLA of the Angels will be celebrating the Year of Mercy with a short Liturgy and the students and their families will have the opportunity to venerate the Way of the Mercy Cross and relics of St Mary of the Cross and Mother Teresa.

We need around 6-8 adults to assist with carry the cross and then place it in an area for veneration. If you are able to assist with this, can you please Email the office. Attn; Mrs Byrne

### **ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 44. This public hearing is expected to begin on Monday 12 September 2016. For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website [www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies)

**For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470.** Operational from 03/09/2016 until 07/10/2016, Mon to Fri 7am-10pm, Sat and Sun 9am-5pm.

The Child Protection Information Line [1300 661 015](tel:1300661015) is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au)



## Literacy News

### Vocabulary building tips

Play games with homonyms – words that sound alike but are spelled differently and mean something different, as in “sun” and “son.” For example, on the versatile refrigerator door, post train rain- or “reign-rain” or “pray-prey” or “flower -flour.” Ask family members to add to the list. You’ll be surprised at how many homonyms they will uncover.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/vocabulary/>

### Reading is Cool! Reminder!

As part of our drive to raise the image of 'reading is cool', particularly among boys, we are seeking pictures of dads, or any males, reading a book.

This means one picture of dad/grandpa/friend/ etc reading a picture book. If possible, a really good idea is a shot of the person in work dress - ie a policeman in uniform reading.

### Words of the Week

**Infants-** ripe

**Primary-**recluse

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

Please return all library books by  
Wednesday next week, 14<sup>th</sup>  
September.  
Thank you.

## Uniform Shop - Important Notice

The uniform shop is going to be temporarily unavailable whilst renovations are taking place. This has been pushed back to the first week of next term until mid/end November.

Please check whether you are going to need any summer uniform prior to the end of term so that you can place an order. We have minimum stock of summer uniform at this stage, and will only order what is needed, as we do not have a lot of space to store a large amount of stock. Please DO NOT leave it until the last minute.

We thank you for your understanding and co-operation during this time.

Mrs Goldsworthy

### Lost Property

Once again the lost property tub is full of clothing, particularly jackets and jumpers. Please check this for any lost items.

Could you please also check the jumpers and jackets that come home in your child's bag in case they do not belong to you. We have had a number of requests from parents who have clothing well labelled, but nowhere to be found. It is so easy for a child to put their jumper in the wrong bag during the day. Thank you

## Year 6 Canberra 3 Day Excursion

Our Year 6 students have recently returned from an educational tour of our national capital. Students participated in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

It was an amazing experience.



My favourite part of the excursion was playing in the snow. Even the teachers had fun!  
Mrs Jurcevic

My favourite part was going to the AIS and trying out all the sports athletics do and as well to see the high training facilities.  
Mirko B



My most memorable moment in Canberra was going to the war memorial because of the World War I trenches and the Cold War submarine. I really enjoyed commemorating the fallen soldiers in all the war Australia has been through. I loved going to the tomb of the Unknown soldier.

Jacob G

My favourite part was when we were at the snow and I got to feel snow for the first time, throwing snowballs at each other and when we made a cool snowman.

Another was at Questacon when we went down the big drop slide because last time I chickened out and I felt very embarrassed, but now I feel so good. Ella S



My favourite part of the trip was when we were all in our rooms having a good time and relaxing. One of the moments that I won't forget is when we all went to Parliament House where we all got to see the House of Representatives, and the Senate. Over all Canberra was the best trip I ever had!!! James D.





# From the Classroom....

3B

This term 3B have been learning about Australia and our Neighbouring countries. As part of this unit 3B wrote letters to their friends and family around the world. These letters were special as they included Flat Stanley which is a character from the book 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown which we are reading as a grade. We have received letters from all around Australia as well as internationally! This has been a great experience to learn about our country and our neighbours from around the world.



## North West Rail Link – Year 5 Incursion

Year 5 have been looking at the North West Rail Link during geography this term, and on Tuesday, the 6th of September, we had a visit from members of staff from this project. They talked to us about the geographical features and tools involved with the new metro. Some of the information that they talked to us about was how they found some important European and Aboriginal artifacts while building the rail link, some of the things that they found included the foundations of an old European inn, the stone from an axe that the Aboriginal people would've used, petrified wood and many other items. One of the other things they talked to us about was the machines they used to tunnel through the ground in order to make the underground section of the metro, they are called Florence, Isabelle, Elizabeth and Marie. Once this project is done it is said to take up to 12,000 cars off the road at peak hour and have a train every 4 minutes at peak and a train every 10 minutes throughout the rest of the day, meaning that there will be 150 trains stopping at each station every day with the capacity of carrying 1200 passengers on each train

If you want to learn more about the North West Rail link your children can go on a 2 hour holiday workshop with hands on activities for children aged 5-12 years of age. This is a great opportunity to learn about the rail link in the school holidays.

**The times for these workshops are:**      Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
10:00am -12:00pm or 1:30pm - 3:30pm

We hope you come to these sessions and learn something new about Australia's first metro.

Bookings are essential. Visit [sydneymetro.info](http://sydneymetro.info) or email [education@metronorthwest.com.au](mailto:education@metronorthwest.com.au) to find out more and to book your extraordinary visit to learn about the Sydney Metro.

**Written by Melissa Preston, Carys Fitzgerald and Phoebe Strykowski.**

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## Tournament of Minds

On Sunday August 28, thirteen students from years 5 and 6 ventured to the University of Western Sydney, Kingswood to participate in the Tournament of Minds Challenge.

The students have been working on a solution to their challenge for 6 weeks. One group chose the Maths Engineering Challenge *Ground Control to Major Tom* and the other chose a Language-Literature Challenge titled *Guest Who?* The students had to work collaboratively to come up with a solution to each challenge and present it creatively before the judges and audience that day.

This is the first time our school has participated in Tournament of Minds and it was wonderful to see a mixed group of students work together to overcome obstacles, differing opinions whilst developing their teamwork and negotiating skills. They have had to give up time before school and during breaks in order to polish their performance.

Congratulations to them all for their commitment to the project:-

*Ground Control to Major Tom:* Anthony Parada, Angus Misek, Aidan Williams, James, Darmanin, Jack Bowden, Charlie Cutroni and Carys Fitzgerald

*Guest Who?:* Ashley Cummings, Phoebe Strykowski, Emily Bennison, Cooper Brown, Raphael Di Lorenzo-Boussard and Riley Price.

We hope to have them present their solutions to an assembly next term.

**Mrs Jan Schroder, TOM Facilitator**





**AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT**

**TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

**10AM – 2PM**

Come along during the school holidays and ride in  
a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet

Face Painting

Parking is on site and free

Bring a picnic

Sausage sizzle and drinks

Adult Supervision required

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# P&F NEWS

**Are you coming with us?????**

Friends and families of OLA, you are invited to  
the OLA 'Bargain Buyers Shopping Tour'  
on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.



*This is an all-day shopping trip on an air conditioned coach. It promises to be an enjoyable day full of bargains, laughs and tired feet. It is also a really good way to get your Christmas shopping out of the way early.*

**Departure:** 7:00am sharp (Please arrive 15 minutes earlier)

**Return:** 6:00pm (approx)

**Meeting point:** 'Our Lady of the Angels' front gate. (1 Wellgate Ave, Kellyville)

**COST:** \$55 including a 2 course lunch.

Please confirm seats by sending money and note into the school office.

**TICKETS NEED TO BE CONFIRMED BY LAST WEEK OF TERM.**  
**FORM ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER.**

**SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – Sept 16<sup>th</sup> : Kylie Burt, Mariana Cutuk, Jennifer Billyard, Erina Lavercombe, Prasangi Gunsekara**



*Our Lady of the Angels  
P&F Association*

*If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out in any way for any of the upcoming events please email [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com)*

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## ***Boys' Shed - YOUR COMMUNITY YOUR CHOICE Community Grant***

Our Lady of the Angels Boys' Shed has entered the *Your Community Your Choice* grant at Rouse Hill Town Centre. This competition is run monthly and we are entered for the month of September.

Should we receive the most votes, we will win a \$300 gift voucher to put towards buying some tools to assist us in improving the school environment.

PLEASE VOTE FOR US!!!!

go to <http://www.rhtc.com.au/what-s-happening/your-community-your-choice>

and vote for Our Lady of the Angels Boys' Shed.

*From the Parish Office...*

**Mass times:**

**Sat** vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm. **Weekdays:** Mon - Sat: 9 am

**Confessions:**

9:30 am Sat

**Baptisms & weddings:** By appointment

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

**Assistant Priest:** Fr John Rizzo

**Parish Secretaries:** Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

**Sacrament Co-ordinator:** Christine Leahy

**Email:** parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

**Website:** www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

**Contact information:** O.L.A. Parish Office, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Rouse Hill

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**Congratulations** to Kenny King whose team were Parramatta Rugby League Grandfinal Winners – Wenty Magpies U/10 Division 1 Kenny was also named *Player of the Match* awarded by Parramatta Officials.

It was Kenny's good sportsmanship and demonstration of kindness towards other players, on both sides - showing the face of God - that earned him this award. Well done.



**Thank you** to all the parents who have observed the request to stagger the pick-up times after school. This has made an enormous difference to the flow of traffic and reduced congestion. Hopefully, it has become easier for you as well.

*Until next week, God bless and stay safe.*

*Eva La Rocca,*

Term 3 Week 8			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Alexandra Terzo	Isaac Rapa	Christian Medjumurac
Kinder G	Milana Buda	Rory Whitehurst	Declan Leach
Kinder W	Sybellah Arora	Ryan Knipler	Roman Iori
Year 1 B	Luke Smyth	Mackenzie Molloy	Charlie Mileto
Year 1 W	Kobe Coombes	Pippa Rosano	Malachi Rangan
Year 1 G	Isabella Smith	Claire Sievwright	Nicholas Achis
Year 2 G	Eva Mercieca	Ethan Phelps	Sahara Knipler
Year 2 W	Georgia Reid	Emma Quijano	Jayden Thornton
Year 2 B	Olivia Sims	James Apap	Ben Roffmann