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Week 7 Term 3

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"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied."

Dear Parents,

It was an amazing turn out this morning for our traditional 'Fathers' Day Breakfast". Despite the rain, there were over 300 egg and bacon sandwiches for dads alone! Thank you, once again, to the P&F and all the helpers, parents and teachers, for their assistance in our expression of gratitude for all our dads mean to us. Unfortunately, the rain meant we were unable to present the liturgy prepared by Kindergarten. The following is an extract. Please, dads, take the time to read this and pray with your children. We would love to hear from you if you do so and your feedback.



FATHER'S DAY LITURGY: FRIDAY 2ND September 2016

Today, we give thanks for all fathers who accept their role to nurture, love, teach, and lead their children. We remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways they lift their children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. God, as the perfect Father of all, bless and sustain all who care for children as you care for us. Amen.

Reading:

"Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua (1:7-9)

Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us -the gift of life, the gift of those who love us and especially, today, we thank you for the gift of our fathers. Together we pray...

- For all Fathers; may God bless them with wisdom, strength, patience and love.
- For our fathers who are unable to be with us today. May they know how much we love and care for them.
- For Fathers who are ill and need healing, that they may have your continuing strength and courage.
- For Fathers or Grandfathers who have died, that they enjoy eternal life with our heavenly Father.

Closing Prayer:

Loving God, you have given us life and cared for us through our fathers. We thank you for their lives, their care and the wisdom they have taught us. Fill them today and all days with your Holy Spirit of wisdom and love. Help them hear your voice, follow you and teach their children to do the same. May we honour them with profound respect and by living your Gospel. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Dates to Remember

Mon 5 th Sept	Yrs 5 & 6 a3 Captivate Performance 7pm at Kingswood
Mon 12 th Sept	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences during this week
Fri 16 th Sept	Stage 2 Touch Football – boys and girls
Fri 23 rd Sept	Stage 3 Touch Football – boys and girls
	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Mon 10 th Oct	First day of Term 4

NEWSLETTER

**Sunday, 4th September 2016: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary
Time-Year C (Luke 14:25-33)**



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Gospel Reflection

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them. (Dianne Bergant, Liturgy Help 1-9-2016)

WHERE IS GOD IN OUR DAILY LIVES?

After spending three days with Year 6 on the Canberra trip, I was proud of the way they behaved and the respect they showed to the teachers, bus driver, the staff at our accommodation and the many other people we met throughout the three days. It was the many qualities of St Francis that the students displayed throughout the three days where I saw God. In their faces of joy on the bus, the look out at Mt Ainslee and when some of them saw snow for the first time. It was their reverence and respect at the War Memorial, where they were still and calm, learning about our ANZACs and standing in silence at the Unknown Soldier memorial. It was their listening ears, when others were speaking and the willingness to ask questions to learn more. Finally, it was in their empathy and compassionate when finding out how another school had mistreated the



kitchen staff preparing their dinner. OLA students packed up after they had eaten and left the dining room the same way they had come in. The bus driver commented, that our Year 6 students were the best students he had ever taken on an overnight excursion. He said, our country is safe in the hands of these young leaders.

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD TODAY?

MERCY HAS A FACE

WAY OF MERCY

8 AUGUST - 13 NOVEMBER 2016

Let us be renewed by God's mercy,
let us be loved by Jesus,
let us enable the power of his love
to transform our lives too;
and let us become agents of this mercy,
channels through which
God can water the earth,
protect all creation and make justice
and peace flourish.

POPE FRANCIS

DIocese of PARRAMATTA

Way of Mercy Parish Celebration

On Saturday the 15th 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 17th 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

[SAINT MOTHER TERESA of KOLKATA](#)

On the 4th September, Pope Francis will declare Blessed Teresa of Kolkata a saint at the Vatican. Mother Teresa was born in Skopje part of the modern-day country of Macedonia. She was originally called Agnes Bojaxhiu. By the age of 18 she was in Ireland where she joined a convent of the Sisters of our Lady Loretto. She changed her name to Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa trained as a teacher and became a principal of a high school in Calcutta in India. While she was there she was horrified seeing so many sick and dying people on the streets. Mother Teresa felt a need to help these people but didn't know what to do. It was in 1946 when Mother Teresa was travelling to Darjeeling by train when she heard the voice of God. She was certain she had heard God's voice and He was calling her to give her a message. God's message she felt was clear and was telling her to leave the convent and help the needy and poor by living among them.



Literacy News

Vocabulary building tips

A rhyming game is always fun, particularly for young children because they can say any “word,” nonsense or sense. Start with things the child knows, such as parts of his body, and say, “I’m thinking of something on your face that rhymes with (sounds like) rose.” From this point, once your child gets the idea, you can play it just by saying words, such as “what’s a word that rhymes with car?” (jar, bar, star, far, et cetera) “How about a word that rhymes with junk?” (bunk, skunk, trunk-but even runk, lunk, zunk as nonsense words). Not only does this quick little game build vocabulary, but it also teaches the child some fine-tuning for the sounds of words.

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

Book Fair

We had a fabulous response to our Book Fair last week. The fair total was \$5200. We will receive a small commission to purchase some more books for our library. Thank you for all your support.



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- maximum

Primary-potential

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

NEATNESS AND TIDINESS

Paying attention to one's appearance and personal cleanliness from an early age encourages students to take pride in the way they present themselves, not only at school, but at all times. Hair is to be neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of the styles that are unacceptable include: ridges, undercuts, steps, any excessive shaping with products, and any shaving cuts. Hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face and eyes. Ribbons, hair clips etc should be school colours.

In the interest of safety, stud earrings only are permitted. (2016 Parent Handbook p 19)

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

On Friday the 26th August, Our Lady of the Angels had 10 students represent the Hills Zone at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. OLA student faced tough competition, but showed lots of determination and pride in each event. I would like to congratulate our students with their positive attitude and willingness to support and cheer the OLA team. Thank you to all the parents who came to support OLA students and cheer them on throughout the day.



Congratulations to the following students who will represent the Parramatta Diocesan team at the NSW CPS Mackillop Track and Field Championships on the 19th September.

- Jade R competing in the 11 Year girls 200 metres race
- Sebastian C competing in the 13 Year Boys 100 metres race
- Tyler S competing in the Senior Boys Discus

Year 4's excursion to Lane Cove National Park

On Monday 29th of August Year 4 went to Lane Cove National Park by a bus. On the excursion we learnt a lot about plants and native Australian animals (flora and fauna). We were split into class groups and completed different activities. We did a couple of different activities such as bug hunts and we had to build a mini aboriginal or animal's habitat or a national park. We went on lots of walks and by the end of the day we were very tired. On the bus ride back to school lots of us had our eyes closed and were asleep. We had an exciting day and learnt a lot.

Afterwards, we had some time on the play equipment which was a lot of fun. We thank Miss Grima, Mrs Cannavo, the parent helpers, Wendy and Nicole our tour guides.

By Ella Owen and Gabriella Bond



a3 Captivate

A reminder for the Year 5 and 6 children that the a3 Captivate performance will be held next **Monday 5th September** at St Dominic's High School, Kingswood. They will be leaving school by bus at 2.00pm and stay at St Dominic's until the performance at 7.00pm. The children **MUST** be collected by a parent at the conclusion of the performance.

Tickets can be purchased by parents online at www.trybooking.com/JMUZ. Adult \$15, Concession \$10, Family \$40 (2A + 2C)

Uniform Shop - Important Notice

The uniform shop is going to be temporarily unavailable whilst renovations are taking place from Wednesday 14th September until late October/early November.

Please check whether you are going to need any summer uniform prior to 14th September 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

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

A note was emailed home on Wednesday with instructions on making your interview time for week 9, ie Monday 12th September. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the **code 6saff** to make your interview time. This site will close on Thursday 8th September at 2.00pm so please make your interview time prior to this.

Verse Speaking

On Thursday the 1st of September we visited Windsor function centre for the Verse Speaking Eisteddfod run by the Hawkesbury City Council. We had to get on stage and perform two different styles of poems and competed against many schools. It was very nerve racking experience getting on stage and performing our poems to lots of parents, judges and students. Even though it was a challenge, it is a very good experience as we learnt how to present poems using expression to deliver our poems and standing up in front a large group of people.

Congratulation to Year 1 for their Highly Commended, Year 2 for 2nd Place, Year 3 for 1st Place and Year 4 for 4th Place.

By Eoin Trainor, Austin Turner and Charli Molloy



Congratulations also to our two choirs that performed at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod today on the Choral Section. The competition wasn't big and both our choirs – Mrs Reid's School Choir and the Stage 3 combined choir.- earned 2nd place. Congratulations to them and their teachers on their sensational performances. We are very proud of you. ☺



From the Classroom....

3G

This term 3G have been learning about Mary the Mother of Jesus. One of our art pieces for Mary was of Mary holding baby Jesus. Here is our fantastic artworks of Mary and Jesus. We hope you enjoy them.





P&F NEWS



Thank you to everyone who helped out bright and early this morning for the Fathers' Day Breakfast! We hope all the fathers and special people in our children's lives have a very special weekend.

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – Sept 9nd : Kellie Owen, Melissa Mileto, Kylie Ross, Sarah Cleary, Joanne Zahorsky

Friends and families of OLA, you are invited to the OLA 'Bargain Buyers Shopping Tour' on Sunday, November 6th, 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)

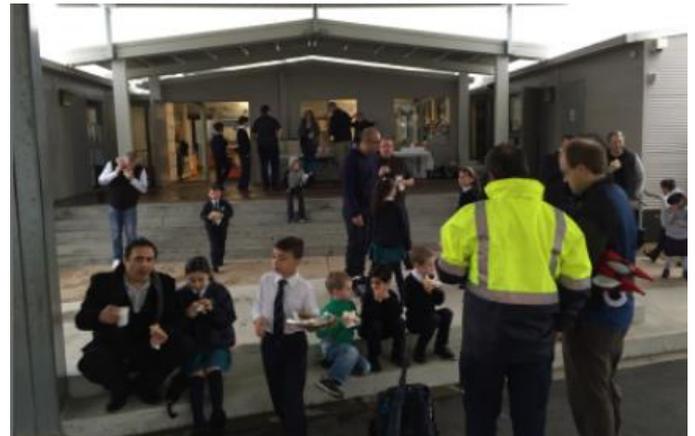
COST: \$55

BOOK EARLY AS TICKETS ARE LIMITED



*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



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

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Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

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NSW State Softball Championship

This week, Tyler Spiteri has been playing for the Mackillop Softball team at the NSW State Championships in Wagga Wagga with Miss Marchant as the team coach. The team played extremely well and came second overall.

Tyler has been selected for the NSW State team to compete in the Australian School Sport Championships for softball in November at Melbourne.

Congratulations Tyler, we are extremely proud of you.



Watch this space next week for the Year 6 article on their three day Canberra/Snow excursion

Until next week, God bless and stay safe.

Eva La Rocca,

Term 3 Week 7	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Sienna Mooney	Isabel Williams	Joshua Steater
Year 3 G	Zane Boatwalla	Noah Ribeiro	Denzel Chang
Year 3 W	Marissa Farrugia	Anneliese Gutwenger	Marcus Castellan
Year 4 B	Alannah Lock	Lara Caraos	Zac Signorelli
Year 4 W	Georgia Domars	Julian Vargas	Gabriella Bond
Year 5 B	Carys fitzgerald	Charlotte Garcia	Connor Knowles
Year 5 G	Jack Bowden	Isabella Masters	Tyra Abdallah
Year 5W	Coby Clements	John Stafford	Jessica Bollard
Year 6 B	Aidan Williams	Marc Zammit	Brock Crook
Year 6 W	Claudia Pacella	Jacob Garofano	Claudia Coombes