



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 7 Term 3

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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God, and, therefore, the grandparents of Jesus. They were the parents of Mary who nurtured Mary, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe.

Such parents can be examples and models for all parents and grandparents.

On Monday we held our annual celebration of the gift of Grandparents. It was wonderful to be able to gather in our new church for the celebration of the Eucharist.

It was a perfect opportunity to have the parish's new assistant priest, Fr John Rizzo, celebrate with us. I thank everyone who was involved in making this celebration a great success, despite the challenges that came with the poor weather.



### *Prayer for Grandparents*

*Dear God, Please bless my grandparents.*

*Thank you for the life they gave my parents*

*And for the life they give to me.*

*For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.*

*For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.*

*For the ways they have paved the road*

*That leads me here, I am grateful.*

*Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.*

*Let them find peace and rest from their work.*

*Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.*

*And let them see with their own eyes*

*The glory of your Son, Jesus,*

*In the love of their children and grandchildren.*

*Amen*

### **Playground**

The progress on the playground has meant a lot of excited children! There is much discussion over the pros and cons, safety issues etc. At OLA, we take all measures to ensure the safety of the students at this school. A roster will be drawn around which grade has access and when, under teacher supervision.

Meanwhile, I came across this article which might be of interest

[\(http://www.childrenandnature.org/2015/05/06/the-unsafe-child-less-outdoor-play-is-causing-more-harm-than-good/\)](http://www.childrenandnature.org/2015/05/06/the-unsafe-child-less-outdoor-play-is-causing-more-harm-than-good/) Ignore 'sledding'. I don't think that's an option at Rouse Hill.

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **Daily class Masses as normal in Week 8**

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** Fathers' day Stall; Year 6 class Liturgy

**Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept:** Yr 1,2,3 Eisteddfod

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Fathers' Day Breakfast from 7.30am **followed by a Liturgy at 8.50am (please note this change)**

Yr 4,5,6 Eisteddfod

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Sept:** a3 Captivate Performance



## GOSPEL REFLECTION 'Create in me a clean heart'

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August- Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round him, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, keep the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances, which have been handed down to them to keep, concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So the Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'How rightly Isaiah prophesied about you hypocrites in the passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. Their reverence of me is worthless; the lessons they teach are nothing but human commandments. You put aside the commandment of God to observe human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into someone from outside can make that person unclean; it is the things that come out of someone that make that person unclean. For it is from within, from the heart, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, and folly. All these evil things come from within and make a person unclean.'

In Sunday's Gospel, Mark provides detailed information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. In the scripture passage there is a legal dispute about ritual purity between Jesus, the Pharisees and some of the scribes or teachers of law. Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This question was significant in communities where there were Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity.

Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is dishonoured by their words and actions, not by the food they eat. In other readings even Jesus' disciples questioned Him for what he had taught. In the Gospels, Jesus' words would challenge the Pharisees, would send a hidden message to the crowd and His words would provide further explanation to His disciples to offer more about His message and meaning.

What does this mean for us? Through The Word we are also challenged by Jesus' words. With our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much weight to rules without truly thinking about why the rules exist and the intention behind them. We are reminded in the Gospel, to not make ourselves holy by our actions, but rather let the Holy Spirit change us to become holy. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

*Mrs Katrina Byrne*  
*Acting Religious Education Coordinator*

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST-FEAST DAY 29<sup>th</sup> August

St. John the Baptist was a cousin of Jesus. His mother was St. Elizabeth and his father was Zechariah. Elizabeth was related to Mary and visited Elizabeth after the Angel Gabriel had told her that her cousin was also an expectant mother.



John preached a baptism of repentance, preparing people for the Messiah. He baptized Jesus in the Jordan River and watched with quiet joy as the Lord's public ministry began. John encouraged his own disciples to follow Jesus. He knew that Jesus' fame would grow, while his would fade away.

In the first chapter of the Gospel of John, St. John the Baptist calls himself a voice crying in the desert to make straight the path of the Lord. He invited people to get ready, to prepare themselves to recognize the Messiah. His message is the same to each of us today.

King Herod and his wife refused to obey God. They wanted to make their own rules for their lives. So St. John the Baptist told them what they were doing was wrong. Because he was honest and would not agree to do wrong, it made Herod's wife angry and she asked her husband for the head of John the Baptist.

Yet John would have had it no other way. He would not remain silent while sin and injustice were happening. He asked people to be sorry for their sins, obey God and be His friend as true happiness comes only from God.

[http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/o829\\_johnthebaptist.asp](http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/o829_johnthebaptist.asp)

## Uniform

When my son was in Yr 5, he attended a Boys' College. A Brother pulled him off the school bus in the afternoon because his top button was undone - against uniform rules. The 10 year old had to find his own way home. This is not atypical of many schools. However, I DO NOT condone this sort of treatment

This week we conducted a 'uniform inspection' something we have never done before and something that may appear somewhat 'militant'. Regardless, Mrs Hey and I were very pleased with Monday's results with very few issues, these mostly being around girls' head wear. A reminder that there are the head bands or scrunchies provided with the uniform or PLAIN navy, teal or white ribbon/band. A reminder that the correct school shoes are black leather/leatherlike lace-ups, NOT BLACK JOGGERS.

Tuesday was the sports uniform check and the main issue, with around 40% of the students is the footwear. This has always been stipulated as white or predominantly so with some blue. The fluro that many students are wearing is not appropriate. I appreciate the expense involved and only ask that, when the time comes for a new pair of joggers for your child, that you purchase the ones suitable to be worn for school.

We will be following up later in the term. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

## NUT AWARENESS

*Upon enrolment, it is stipulated that OLA is a 'NUT AWARE' school and, as there are numerous students with serious nut allergies, parents are asked to avoid sending any food to school containing nuts. It has become apparent that some students are having NUT BARS/ MUESLI with nuts to eat as a snack. Please be considerate of others and provide some alternative snack for your children.*

*Thank you.*

## Road Safety

Once again a parent has come forward voicing concerns over the potential dangers in our car park, especially on Fridays after assembly. While I think we do a great job in clearing so much traffic in a short space, I understand these concerns. The main issue is small children weaving in and out of cars. PLEASE HOLD YOUR CHILD'S HAND and keep them close. A small child at the front of a big 4WD cannot be seen by the driver!!!

There have also been a number of concerns about the parking outside the school. Please be mindful of the road rules and parking rules. Please do not park in 'no parking' or 'no stopping' zones. The council has been notified of the illegal parking. Remember that there is plenty of parking over at Bruce Purser Reserve or Centenary Oval and you will be able to get home quicker than trying to park at school.

Thank you for taking care for all our children's sake.

Dear OLA,

I am writing to you as I'd love you to make a donation to my Step-a-thon page to raise funds for seriously ill babies and children who are being assisted by the researchers at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. Through Step-a-thon I am learning that there are many children in our community experiencing serious illness. I have been inspired by how medical research can help and I hope you can help too. My aim is to take 70,000 steps between 31 August to 06 September 2015 and raise \$500. Please help me make a difference

<http://stepathon.everydayhero.com/au/lachlan-84>

Lachlan Hollier 2B





# P&F NEWS

## FATHER'S DAY STALL - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2

Are you able to help at the Father's Day stall? We will need help from 8am to set up ready for the children to select their gifts until 11am. Please let us know via our P&F email address.

## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 7.30AM

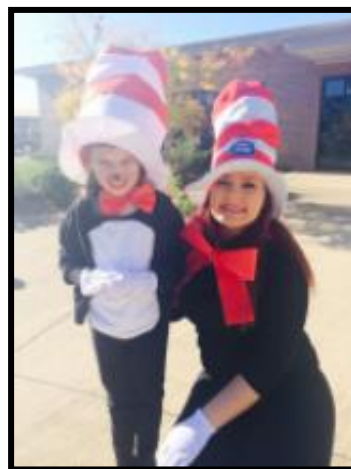
## FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 7PM – SOCIAL BINGO and GAMES NIGHT!!



\*\*\* 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)

*Thank you and have a lovely weekend ☺*

## Book Parade



## From the Classroom.....Year 2B

This week we have celebrated Book Week. We read 'A House of Her Own', a picture book shortlisted for an award. We created a display and wrote a review about the story. We are creating our own dream houses this term and reading the 52 Storey Tree House.

Today we got to dress up as our favourite book character. We love reading books in Year 2.

**Books Light Up Our World!!!**







This story about a little girl named Audrey and her dad. Together they try to find a good house for Audrey. They build a tree house in the backyard. After it was complete, Audrey felt lonely and worried that there might be a flood or take the leaves off the tree with her sneezing.  
**Rachael**



This story is about a dad and a girl named Audrey. One day Audrey said, "I am going to move out! I'm too big for this house. I want to live somewhere else."  
**Mia-Bella**



This story is about a little girl named Audrey and her dad. One morning Audrey woke up and said, "This house is getting too small for me!" But it actually wasn't!! Together they looked for a place to build a house for Audrey. They decided to build a tree house in the backyard. When it was night, Audrey got scared and her dad invited her in for soup.  
**Amelia**



This story was about a little girl who thought she had outgrown her house. She went outside to look for a different place to live.  
**Lucas B**



This story was about a little called Audrey and she thought she was too big to live in her father's house. Together they tried to find a house for Audrey to live in. Then Audrey found a tall tree and she asked her dad to build a tree house. Audrey felt lonely and she missed her dad.  
**Bella**



Audrey is a little girl that has a very special dad. One day Audrey told her dad she was too big for her house. She went outside to find a good place to build. Dad and her found a tree.  
**Levi**

### From the Bishop's Office

If you or someone close to you has suffered any abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options. You can contact us tel (02) 9933 0233, email [safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au) or write to Safeguarding Response, PO Box 3066, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. For more information please visit: [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au) For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police tel 1800 333 000.

### Gospel concert 'Spirit of Joy': 5 September

Gospel Concert 'Spirit of Joy' is presented in association with the Sydney Sacred Music Festival. It will be held on Saturday 5 September 2015 from 3pm-5.30pm at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre. It aims to bring together people of all religious traditions to feel the joy of God, through spiritually uplifting/upbeat music and song. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 school-age children, \$35 family – two adults with up to four school-age children, children under five free. Bookings <http://www.trybooking.com/144537> For further information please contact Ann-Maree Timmings tel (02) 4773 8338 ext 236 or send an email to [manager@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:manager@schoenstatt.org.au)

### Diocesan Housing Affordability Table Talks

Affordable housing in Sydney is a major issue for people of all ages especially for young adults, families and the elderly. This event will involve reflection and discussion on how people experience this issue and the moral and social justice implications around housing affordability. The event will also explore possible next steps to turn the talking into action. Join the Family & Life Office and Social Justice Office for an evening of "Table Talks."

Date: WEDNESDAY, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm (Followed by supper)

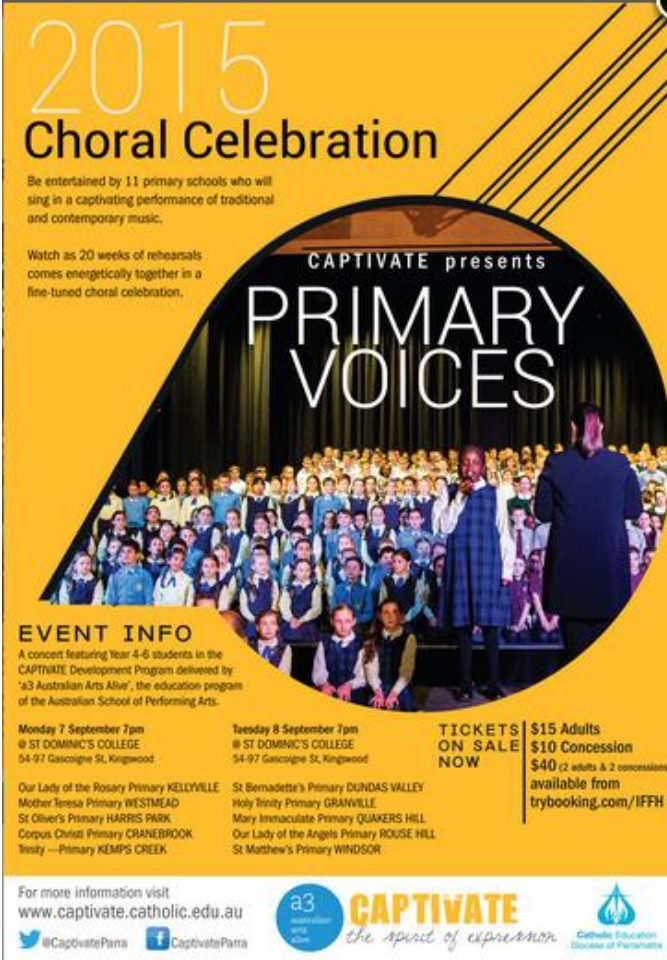
Venue: IFM, 1 – 5 Marion St Blacktown (Enter down stairs past car park)

RSVP Family and Life Office

Ben Smith: [BSmith@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:BSmith@parra.catholic.org.au)

Or Social Justice Office

Sr Louise McKeogh: [lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au)



**2015 Choral Celebration**

Be entertained by 11 primary schools who will sing in a captivating performance of traditional and contemporary music.

Watch as 20 weeks of rehearsals comes energetically together in a fine-tuned choral celebration.

**CAPTIVATE presents**



# PRIMARY VOICES

**EVENT INFO**

A concert featuring Year 4-6 students in the CAPTIVATE Development Program delivered by 'a3 Australian Arts Alive', the education program of the Australian School of Performing Arts.

<b>Monday 7 September 7pm</b> @ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE 54-97 Gascogne St, Kingwood	<b>Tuesday 8 September 7pm</b> @ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE 54-97 Gascogne St, Kingwood	<b>TICKETS ON SALE NOW</b>
Our Lady of the Rosary Primary KELLYVILLE Mother Teresa Primary WESTMEAD St Oliver's Primary HARRIS PARK Corpus Christi Primary CRANE BROOK Trinity -- Primary KEMPS CREEK	St Bernadette's Primary DUNDAS VALLEY Holy Trinity Primary GRANVILLE Mary Immaculate Primary QUAKERS HILL Our Lady of the Angels Primary ROUSE HILL St Matthew's Primary WINDSOR	<b>\$15 Adults</b> <b>\$10 Concession</b> <b>\$40 (2 adults &amp; 2 concessions)</b> available from <a href="http://trybooking.com/IFFH">trybooking.com/IFFH</a>

For more information visit [www.captivate.catholic.edu.au](http://www.captivate.catholic.edu.au)

 **CAPTIVATE** the spirit of expression 

### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair this year. Through your generosity we have received a commission of \$2,500.00. This money will be spent to purchase new resources and books for our library. Any children whose books have been placed on backorder, should receive them within about 10 days.

### Maths Club

There is NO maths club next Thursday morning. Please make a note of this.

### Supervision

Please remember that morning supervision does not start until 8.20am. Please do not drop your child at school prior to this time. Afternoon supervision finishes at 3.40pm. If in the rare event that you will be late, please contact the office. If this is a regular occurrence then your child will need to be enrolled in KTOOSH 0423 420 605.

### Change of Details

Please remember to advise the school of any change of your details, ie address or phone number as we need to keep our records updated at all times. Please send an email with any changes.

Thanks.

## From the Parish Office...

### Confirmation

Retreat day for children will be held on Sunday, 30 August. Commencing with Mass at 10am followed by the retreat. Don't forget to bring your books and your saints name! Concluding at 3.00pm.

### Youth Night

Tonight will be a fun night with an August Birthday Celebration party 7pm-9pm. Don't forget there is also Youth Choir practice if you are interested - in the Church from 5.45pm-7pm. See you there.

### World Youth Day 2016 - Krakow

An Information Evening will be held on Thursday, 3 September for any youth aged 18 and older who might be interested in travelling with the Parish to WYD'16. For further information, please see Faith or Fr Warren.

### Bingo!!

Need some practice for the School Bingo Night?? Come along to the Parish Bingo Night on Saturday, Saturday 19th September at 7pm. RSVP to the Parish office by Thurs. 17th Sept.

### R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We are presently inviting any adults who would like to become a Catholic to participate in our formation program leading up to being baptised and received into the Church at Easter.

There will be an **ENQUIRY NIGHT** on **Tuesday, 15 September at 7.30pm** at the Church.

Please inform those that may be interested to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact Shelly on 0421 610 826 or the Parish office at parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

**Assistant Priest:** Fr John Rizzo

### Mass times:

**Sat vigil:** 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm.

**Weekdays:** Mon -Sat: 9 am

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### Numeracy Hint -



Discuss different shapes in the environment. Talk about the number of sides and corners a shape has.

### Sickness

Please be aware that we have had a lot of sickness throughout the school over the last few weeks (students and staff). If your child is not feeling well, has a headache or upset tummy, please keep them at home.

*Have a lovely weekend  
and stay safe.*

*God bless.*

*Eva La Rocca,  
Principal*

Term 3 Week 7			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Kobe Coombes	Billy Bowen	Natalia Zahorsky
Kinder G	Thomas Gutwenger	Amber Kim	Lucious Cappello
Kinder W	Luke Smyth	Addyson Stoddard	Charlie Mileto
Year 1B	Georgia McQuaid	Sahara Knipler	Madison Zahra
Year 1 G	Olivia Sims	Amalia-Rose Trifiro	Daniel Knowles
Year 1W	Lily Trimboli	Sienna Jeffriess	Harrison McQuaid
Year 2 B	Peter Giovas	Parker Galvin	Sienna Fallone
Year 2 G	Luke Shelly	Madison Mihalic	Michael Eyles
Year 2 W	Chanel Johnston	Akeesha Gunasekara	Lucy Taylor
Year 3 B	Pierre-Antoine La	Alicia Dersch	Liam Doyle
Year 3 W	Sienna Achis	Brandee Yeow	Lucy Finch
Year 4 B	John Stafford	Carys Fitzgerald	Alyssia Salib
Year 4 G	Beatrice Espejo	Jesse Eldred	Jessica Bollard
Year 4 W	Anthony Kamber	Dylan Stacey	Charlie Hallal
Year 5/6 B	Caleb McGrady	Ella Sievwright	Tiarne McLuskey
Year 5/6 G	Caleb Martinez	Nicholas Sweeney	Maneesha Gunasekara
Year 5/6 W	Angelina Cutuk	Bethany Webb	Aaron Rebultan