

# St MONICA'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

## Term 1 2019

*At St Monica's Everyone is welcome and everyone belongs*

### Student learning

The students began their topics of Lent on Ash Wednesday. It is a time for the students to think about making a Sacrifice and the Sacrifice Jesus made for us. Students have been looking at different forms of prayer and how they can improve their prayer life especially at this time. The celebration of the season of Lent challenges and invites us to be reconciled with God and others. Stage 2 and 3 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at school in Week 10.



### Staff Learning

The term 1 REC meeting I attended focused on the informative encyclical by Pope Francis. It is appropriate timing for us to consider the importance of protecting our world as the students have started with Waste Free Wednesday and are realising that our waste has a negative effect on our world. It is our responsibility as Christians to protect this world that God has given us.



### Upcoming events to celebrate:




PARENTS ARE WARMLY WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR HOLY WEEK LITURGY. IT WILL BE AT 11.15 FOLLOWING RECESS OUTSIDE ON THURSDAY 11TH APRIL IN WEEK 11.


ST MONICA'S FIAT TEAM with assistance from myself and Miss Shaw, have started a prayer group with interested students from K-6 at the beginning of lunch time on Wednesdays. Year 6 leaders and Stage 2 helpers have been organising the prayer experiences. It has included students writing their own prayers, singing or silent reflective time together.



# FORMATION FOR PARENTS TO CONSIDER:




Life, Love and the  
Theology of the Body



6 WEEK  
COURSE

*"This course was a life changing experience! It has allowed me to understand God's purpose for my own sexuality and the true meaning of love." - Matt Frijo, 19*

Presented by  
Simon and Madeleine Carrington



ST MONICAS PARISH  
CNR CHURCH ST & NORTH ROCKS RD  
NORTH PARRAMATTA  
7:30PM EVERY TUESDAY, 30TH APRIL - 4TH JUNE

REGISTRATION: \$130 (INCLUDES WORKBOOK)  
"EARLY BIRD": \$115 (OFFER ENDS 15TH APRIL)  
TO REGISTER: EMAIL [SIMON@FIREUPMINISTRIES.COM](mailto:simon@fireupministries.com)



INTO THE DEEP  
LEADING FOR MISSION

**Parent  
Retreat  
Day**

"Do not  
be afraid"  
LUKE 9:10

DATE  
MAY 1 2019

TIME  
9.30 - 2.30

VENUE  
ST JOSEPHS  
RETREAT  
CENTRE

33 BARINA  
DOWNS RD,  
BAULKHAM  
HILLS

Join parents from the Parramatta Diocese in a day of personal TRANSFORMATION as you nurture faith through reflection, small group discussion and creative activities.

Explore the concept of WITNESS as you interact with Scripture, God, Self and Others.

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Don't forget the Parish Bingo night which has been changed to **Friday 3rd May**



On Palm Sunday (14th April) please join others from all around the country to walk or rally for justice for refugees.

[You can find your nearest event by clicking here](#)

The federal election is around the corner and we want to make sure the government knows the Catholic community stands for compassion and fair and humane treatment for people seeking asylum in Australia. Our nearest location is at Belmore Oval Haymarket.

## HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

**March 20**



*Thank you to the parents who brought the delicious lunch we had on the day and to the parents that helped out. It was a fabulous day.*



*The visit from the Jarrara team was a great way to start the week of harmony and tolerance. They talked to the students about the traditional Aboriginal ways of being stewards of creation and protecting this land.*





# IMPORTANT DATES FOR PEOPLE WITH CHILDREN MAKING THEIR SACRAMENTS

THIS YEAR: **Communion**

The child has received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and is in Year 4 or above he/she is eligible

| EVENT   | WHERE                      | DATE                        | TIME  |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Registration  | St Monica's Church         | 1/2 June                    | Saturday 5pm or Sunday 9am  |
| <b>Parents who do not attend the Compulsory Parent Meeting will have a home visit from Father Lam before commencement of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson.</b> |                            |                             |   |
| Compulsory Parents Lesson (no children)   | St Monica's Community Room | 11 June                     | Tuesday 7.00pm  |
| Lesson 1/7 & Commitment Mass  | tba/ St Monica's Church    | 15/16 June                  | Lesson - Saturday 4pm or Sunday 8 am<br>Mass - Saturday 5pm or Sunday 9am |
| Lesson 2/7  | tba                        | 22/23 June                  | Sat 4pm or Sun 8am  |
| Lesson 3/7  | tba                        | 29/30 June                  | Sat 4pm or Sun 8am  |
| <b>School Holiday Saturday 06th July to Sunday 21st July 2019</b>   |                            |                             |   |
| Lesson 4/7  | tba                        | 27/28 July                  | Sat 4pm or Sun 8am  |
| Lesson 5/7  | tba                        | 3/4 August                  | Sat 4pm or Sun 8am  |
| Lesson 6/7  | tba                        | 10/11 August                | Sat 4pm or Sun 8am  |
| Lesson 7/7 Reconciliation & Rehearsal   | tba                        | 17th August                 | Sat 2.30 pm   |
| <b>Communion</b>  | St Monica's Church         | <b>Saturday 24th August</b> | Sat 10.30 am for 11.00 am Start.  |

*Here is PART TWO of Miss Shaw's experiences of World Youth Day:*



25th February was the catechesis and stations of the cross



26th February the Sleep Out



And finishing on the 27th with the final Mass before heading back to Houston and then home.



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