

Newsletter

St Patrick's Primary School
Parramatta



21st February Term 1 Week 4

2019 Dates to Remember Term 1.

Week 4

Friday 22nd Feb

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Week 5

Monday 25th Feb

Triskills

Tuesday 26th Feb

Triskills

Friday 1st March

Assembly Year 2 at 2:15pm

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF GRADE—
Apologies for any inconvenience**

Week 6

Tuesday 5th March

Triskills

Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday

Friday 8th March

Assembly Year 3 at 2:00pm (whole school)

Week 7

Monday 11th March

Triskills

Tuesday 12th March

Triskills

Friday 15th

St Patrick's Day celebrations TBC

No assembly

Week 8

Monday 18th

Triskills

Tuesday 19th

Triskills

Thursday 21st

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday I had the pleasure to present the leadership badges for the children voted, by their classmates, as Semester One's Student Representative Council Members. Our special guests this year were Father Bob and Father Chris from the Cathedral. Every year I like to share with the children some of my thoughts on leadership. For those who were unable to make it here are some of the key points of my speech.

- Not everyone is voted leadership when they are young. Some of us grow into our leadership as we get older - so don't lose heart if you yearn for leadership; it may still come.
- Leadership is an honour that is gifted to you by your community - class or group
- Leadership is about service to others using your gifts.
- Leadership takes courage!
- When in leadership one is called to make numerous decisions; decisions that need to be informed by what is right and not what is popular. These decisions are about the common good for the community and not for self interest.
- Children will be asked to make decisions every day such as; do I let this student play even though my friends don't want them to play, do I tell the truth even though I may disappoint my parents or teachers, do I speak up when I hear someone saying mean and unkind things about another student.
- Deciding what is right is not too hard - most of the time.
- Knowing what is right and saying what is right is easy; the hard part is DOING what is right.
- Knowing Jesus and listening to scripture helps to lead us to know, say and do the right thing.
- Children can look at their parents to learn what is right. Parents are the most influential role model for behaviours

May we continue to work together to model for our children the values of respect, compassion, forgiveness, gratitude, loyalty, service and humility.

May God bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal

Opening school mass Homily by Daniel Pinto

Good morning Father Bob, Miss Fabri, teachers, parents and students. Today I would like to talk to you about the significance of modelling kindness, respect, resilience, tolerance, gentleness and patience, and how through modelling these we wear the cloak of Jesus in our daily lives. What would happen if we all did this?

We know that Jesus calls us to be his disciples on earth and show others how He wants us to follow Him. By displaying these virtues in our daily lives, we can do God's will.

Kindness; a virtue that Jesus displayed and preached about throughout His life on earth. One of the very many examples of this brings us back to Luke 8: 40-56, where Jesus demonstrates kindness to 2 individuals. The first being Jairus' daughter, dying sorrowfully. Jesus took pity on her and healed her at a time where she was thought to be dead. Jesus really showed his kindness and love to go all the way to a stranger's house to heal the sick child.

Respect; we sometimes find very hard to do, especially when we are upset or annoyed. It emphasizes many times in the Holy Bible how we should be courteous and respectful to everybody, as stated in Romans 12:10, "Love one another as warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another." We can do this by TRULY listening and respecting what others have to say by encouraging them in what they do, being positive, being grateful and thankful for what one has in their life.

Resilience; another of the virtues which is mentioned in the Bible, which we need in order to succeed. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 states - "We are often troubled, but not crushed; sometimes in doubt, but never in despair; there are many enemies, but we are never without a friend; and though badly hurt at times, we are not destroyed." This tells us how we, as Christians, are human and we have our bad days, but we need to know that we must have faith and trust in God and that HE is always with us to guide and bless us always.

Tolerance and patience; two similar virtues that come in handy, interacting with others. John 20:25-26 educates us, about how Jesus was patient and tolerated Thomas' disbelief about his resurrection. Thomas had no faith and believed only because he touched the wound of Jesus. In our lives, we need to have strong Faith and accept whatever happens, knowing that God has a Plan for us and that HE does things in HIS time and not ours.

Gentleness; a virtue which we sometimes never follow. When we are upset, we do not show this virtue, instead we violate it. Jesus shows his gentleness in John 8:1-11, where He shows His gentleness and compassion towards an accused 'sinful' woman about to be stoned by forgiving her and also having patience with the crowd who condemned her. Jesus did not show any anger towards anybody but remained gentle. We should also do this by empathising with others and being willing to care for them when required, or assist when help is needed.

These are the six virtues we are called to show, wearing the cloak of Jesus in our lives. As we have seen in the Holy Bible, God calls us to follow His word and modelling through Jesus by following these virtues through the many ways I have stated.

But why is it important? And what will happen if we do wear the cloak of Jesus and His virtues everyday? Well, as Jesus says "Do for others just what you want them to do for you." This tells us that if we model these virtues for others everyday, we too will be shown these courteous acts from others, and from God. WE will have a happier community and will all live in harmony with one another.

Thankyou.

LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION

Congratulations to all the students who received their Student Representative Council and House Captain badges at last Friday's assembly. Congratulations to the following students:

SRC - Semester 1, 2019

Class	SRC Names	Class	SRC Names
KA	Boy: Xavier Bayssari Girl: Alyssa Vella	KM	Boy: Elias Kazzaz Girl: Melinda Malkoun
1C	Boy: Vincent Camenzuli Girl: Lourdes Saleh	1S	Boy: Zachariah McPherson Girl: Georgia-Rose Rizk
2M	Boy: Hunter Morson Girl: Fleur Perrett	2Y	Boy: Lawrence Wahbe Girl: Bailey Grohs
3L	Boy: Zavier Moujalli Girl: Mia Wehbe	3T	Boy: Phillip Ayoub Girl: Abbey Matta
4B	Boy: Emmanuel Missak Girl: Ysabel Daelo	4G	Boy: Max Barakat Girl: Maria Khoury
5C	Boy: Brian Chen Girl: Olivia Wehbe	5T	Boy: Malcolm Nasr Girl: Aoife Mitchell

Sports Captains:

Melaleuca: Zachary Khatter and Jazmyne Grech

Waratah: Lorenzo de Guzman and Evelyn Gereige

Wattle: Mark Abraham and Katerina Yannakis

Boronia: Ryan Day and Dunya Grudic

MORNING DROP OFF GUIDELINES

Dear Parents,

We have had a number of reports that parents are leaving their cars during morning drop off period. We know that our parking and traffic conditions are already under strain and this just adds to driver frustration and stress. Can I ask all drivers to be mindful of the road rules and signage.

Thank you
Bernadette Fabri

100% ATTENDANCE 2018

Congratulations to the following students for the outstanding achievement of 100% attendance in 2018. This meant that the children did not miss one day of school, that is: leave, partial absence, sick days or holiday time. Whilst the school fully understands that children will get sick and in this case they are best resting at home, to achieve 100% attendance is worth noting and celebrating.



Congratulations to:
Josh Blanquera Pangan
Angelina Bounassif
Crista-Nicole Gahdmar
Sophie Gahdmar

Condolences



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Jones and her family on the passing of her Father.

Please keep Mrs Jones and her family in your prayers.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020 KINDERGARTEN

Sibling enrolments forms are due back no later than Friday 29th of March 2019.

When you return the enrolment you will need to bring your child's original Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Passports (parent's and child's if born overseas), Immunization Certificates and proof of address (council rates, drivers licence). We will photo copy these and return them to you at this time.

st patrick's award



The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in Action

3L	April Soh	Stephanie Jabbour
3T	Marie Rahme	James Agostino
4B	Elie Wehbe	Alisha Katafono
4G	Alexander Markovic	Matthew Draybi
5C	Maria Wahbe	Ethan Bechara
5T	Gabriel Rahme	Andrew Doumit
6P	Anthony Khouri	Dunya Grudic
6W	Olivia Sicurella	Aidan Kalathil



Honour Award

The Honour Award is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding behaviour shown in the Student Charter

3L	Noah Younan	Troy Daniel
3T	Lara Samar	Isaac Loulach
4B	Dylan Amaral	Amelia Coles
4G	Lauren Polintan	Amelia Coles
5C	Ava Salloum	Shanelle Wambeek
5T	Talia Lahoud	Sienna Golossian
6P	Brooklyn Munro	Ryan Day
6W	Kalim Azar	Joetta Maria Khoury



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week: Josh Blaquera Pangan, Georgia-Rose Rizk, Callum Donaldson, Ysabel Daelo, Estelle Perrett, Vincent Camenzuli, Elijah Skaf, Ava Salloum

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This year from 3-9 March St Patrick's Parramatta will join with Catholic Schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW). Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between our school community - students, staff, priests, parishioners, and parents- showcasing our activities and actions.

During Catholic Schools Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens every day.

For that reason, we invite you and your family to join us at St Patrick's Parramatta on Monday 4th March and Wednesday 6th March to celebrate with our school and parish community during Catholic Schools Week.

Our school will celebrate by participating in a **'Welcoming Ceremony'** at **9.15am on Monday 4th March**. This special event will take place in the amphitheatre and is great way to join together and welcome any members to our community. It is a great way to make new friends or meet up with long standing friends and celebrate the wonderful community to which we belong. A special **morning tea** will be held, in the school hall, **for all parents** attending the Welcoming Ceremony and this will be followed by **open classrooms**. Open classrooms will be followed by a joint **recess** where **parents** are invited to **spend time with their child** on the playground.

On **6 March** students from Yr 1-6 will celebrate **Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.15am** . This is a wonderful to remember the importance of the Season of Lent to our faith. Parents are most welcome to attend this Mass.

Catholic Schools Week will conclude on **Friday 8 March** with a **whole school assembly** at **2pm** where our roving student reporters will give you a glimpse of life at St Patrick's Parramatta with a special presentation of our feature documentary - **Learning together as a community**.

These events provide an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed staff and the crea-

Dear Parents & Carers,



From Term 2, this year, Tuckshop2U will cease providing the recess and lunch service to schools. This is due to a change in business direction. It has been a pleasure servicing your school and we sincerely thank everyone for their support over the years.

Tuckshop2U Team

Sacramental News

Luke 22:19 - Do this in remembrance of me

At baptism we were welcomed into the Catholic Faith, a community of believers, invited to engage with others who also believe in Jesus. As part of this community we are reminded that the Eucharist calls us into communion with one another. We cannot be a church on our own, as we are many parts that make up one body – the church. The Sacrament of Eucharist is a wonderful opportunity for us to deepen our union with Christ.

This term students from our school have been invited to continue their preparation of the Sacrament of Eucharist. The dates of the sessions are listed below:

Remembering Baptism 2	7.30 Tuesday 19 February	Parents
Remembering Baptism 3	4.30pm Saturday 9 March	Parents and children
Ritual to Remember Baptism	4 pm Saturday 23 March	Parents and children. Please note: This session involves a liturgy and the children are invited to bring their baptismal photo and gown or a photo reminding them of this special time.
Sacrament of Eucharist 1	7.30pm Tuesday 30 April	Parents
Sacrament of Eucharist 2	7.30pm Tuesday 14 May	Parents
Sacrament of Eucharist 3	4.30pm Saturday 25 May	Parents and children
Practice for First Eucharist	4pm Saturday 15 June	Parents and children. Please note: This session will be followed by Mass with Presentation of Lord's Prayer and Mass Book.
First Eucharist	9.30am Sunday Mass 23 June (Corpus Christi)	

If you are unable to attend any of the sessions please contact Ms M Gale - sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au and she will advise you on possible dates for make up sessions.

This is a special time in the lives of our students and I ask the whole community to keep them in our prayers.

God Bless,
Leanda Standring
(Religious Education Coordinator)

ROAD SAFETY – KEEPING KIDS SAFE AT YOUR SCHOOL

After School 'Drive Through'

In order for our afternoon "Drive Through" to run as efficiently as possible we need your assistance by following these guidelines. Please:

- have a clear label displayed in your front windscreen in **bold black text** (*highlighter and biro are impossible to read*)
- have children enter the car from the footpath **only**
- avoid having children put **bags in the boot** (*if another car accidentally accelerated your child could be crushed*). *Drive through is not like a car park!*
- remain in your car as it is **illegal to leave your vehicle** in this area.
- make sure that your child/ren can fasten their own seatbelts (this is a requirement if using the 'drive through' service).
- use the designated crossings around the school rather than crossing in between the traffic.

MESSAGE FROM PARRAMATTA COUNCIL

City of Parramatta understands that drop off and pick up times around schools are particularly busy. As the new school year starts, City of Parramatta would like to ask all schools to remind their school community that road safety around schools is the responsibility of all road users and pedestrians. For the safety of all, Council's Community Safety Officers regularly patrol every school within the LGA. While logistically Community Safety Officers can't patrol every school, every day, should your school have a concern, please call Council on 9806-5050 to request a patrol.

Families that drive to school may wish to utilize the City of Parramatta Car Parking Finder through the following link <https://parramatta.schoolparking.com.au/schools>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING NAPLAN ONLINE 2019

Dear Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students,

This year 2019 your child will be sitting for the NAPLAN Online. Children at St Patrick's Parramatta will be joining other students in Australia in doing NAPLAN online. Up to this point students in Year 3 and 5 have completed NAPLAN testing using paper tests.

To optimize success it is suggested that all parents visit the NAPLAN link below and allow their child to 'play' using the practice tests. You do not need a code but only to follow the link provided. <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Whilst the teachers will be spending a short time familiarizing them to the formatting of these tests the more comfortable the children are in using arrows, tabs, drop down menu for example the more relaxed and confident they will be.

What children will need:

Devices: (All children will be using school provided chrome books)

Headphones: (Each child will need to bring their own headphone.

It is recommended that they have headphones with soft caps covering the ear rather than earbuds ones. See below they can be purchased from K Mart, Target or Big w and range from \$6.00 to \$13.00. Practice: It is recommended that all students practice using the format provided in the tests by completing the practice tests especially numeracy. This test requires the students to use a digital ruler (found on the upper right hand corner, click once and drag) for example. It is important that children know how to use this feature.

NB: Yr 3 will not be doing the writing assessment online.



KINDERGARTEN BUDDIES

My buddy is Anthony El-Sabbagh. I felt happy when I met him because he wasn't shy to meet me. My buddy's favourite book is Pig the Pug. I had an enjoyable time meeting Anthony and reading to him. **John Paul Wehbe 6P**

My buddy is John Paul. I felt happy meeting him because I knew someone older than me who could help me in my first year. I was excited to meet my buddy. I like sport like John Paul. **Anthony El-Sabbagh KA**

My buddy's name is James Said. He is very funny. His favourite colour is green. He loves to read the book Spot. I find him to be very entertaining because he makes me laugh. I had a great time with my buddy. **Christian Sarkis 6W**

I was happy when I met Christian. I love having Christian as my buddy. Christian said he loves talking to me. **James Said KM**

My buddy's name is Aaliya. When I met her she was very funny and talkative. She told me her favourite food is noodles. I was very excited and enjoyed meeting her. I read her a few books and Aaliya tried to read along. **Lucy Parkes 6P**

I was excited to meet my buddy Lucy. I liked the book she read me. I showed her some cards. I hope I see Lucy again soon. **Aaliya Ebrahim KA**

Meeting my buddy was an exciting and nervous experience for me. I learnt a lot about my buddy Melissa Black. She is quiet, has two sisters, loves learning and her favourite colour is pink. I read her a book called Imagination. It had no words but lots of pictures of different animals. When I asked Melissa what animals she thought they were she knew most of them. I can't wait to find out more about Melissa and spend more time with her. **Scarlett Khoury 6P**

I felt excited and happy when I met Scarlett. I liked the books she read me and want to see her again soon for some more reading and play time. **Melissa Black KA**

My buddy's name is Serena Semaan. When I first met her I was very excited and I really enjoyed spending time with her. Her favourite food is spaghetti and rice and she likes Minnie Mouse. Serena liked me reading to her. We had a good time together. **Crystella Geagea 6W**

I really like school. I liked the book Spot that Crystella read to me. I was happy and had fun with my buddy. I hope Crystella comes again to read me another book soon. **Serena Semaan KM**

When I first met my buddy Michael I felt overjoyed and entertained. My buddy likes playing soccer like me and he also likes playing with his toy cars. We had a brilliant time together. Michael made me laugh a lot. **Justin Makhoul 6P**

My buddy's name is Justin. I was excited to meet Justin. I think school is fun because I have lots of friends and I like to learn new things. I like to run and have fun outside. I hope I can play soccer with Justin soon. **Michael Remaili KA**

My buddy is George Rizk. I felt proud when I first met him because I enjoy having the responsibility of looking after him and guiding him. I read George the book Grandpa and he told me he plays cards with his grandmother. What a great connection George. He is very entertaining and makes me laugh with his jokes and stories. **Jeremy Saliba 6W**

I felt excited meeting Jeremy. I like speaking to him and I thought the book he read me was funny, I think Jeremy and I will be buddies forever. I'm glad Jeremy is my buddy. **George Rizk KM**

My buddy's name is Melinda Malkoun. She told me about what she was going to have for dinner and asked me to put the head back on her doll. I felt excited meeting her but I was worried about whether she would like me or not. I was happy because we ended up having a great time. I read her a book and Melinda read me a book also. I was proud of her. **Emily Hamilton 6W**

I really like my buddy Emily. She has very nice hair and nice things. I liked her reading to me. I hope I can see her again soon. **Melinda Malkoun KM**





Free
books
FOR KIDS*

One new book released weekly in store.
*While stocks last. 1 book per child.

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BOOKS TO
COLLECT

IN STORE ONLY

Free books for kids

One new book released weekly in store.

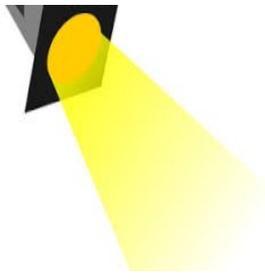
BIG W is committed to making books more accessible to all Australian families by giving every child the chance to take home a classic storybook for free when they visit their local BIG W store. A new title will be given away each week for 12 weeks starting Thursday 21 February.

Meredith Drake, BIG W's Category Manager for Books and passionate advocate for reading to kids, says

The connection between access to books and the child's future success and wellbeing is very well established. Research indicates that just 10 minutes of reading time a day can expose a young child to over 600,000 words in just one year, positively impacting childhood literacy.

Publishers of the 12-book titles, Scholastic Australia, also revealed in its 2015 Australian Kids & Family Reading Report* that 86% of Aussie kids enjoy being read books aloud at home, with the main reason being because it is a special time shared with parents.

Collect all 12 books in store, no purchase necessary. Available nationally. While stocks last.



Spotlight on... School Captains and Vice Captain

Welcome to our first leader's newsletter article for 2019. Over the next few instalments you will have an opportunity to hear from our school leaders for 2019. Today we are focusing on our School Captains - Daniel Pinto and Crista-Nicole Gahdmar and our Vice Captains - Joetta Khoury and Elias

Nakhle.

Crista-Nicole Gahdmar

Name 5 words describing you.

Five words that would describe me are, quirky, shy, funny, positive, bubbly

If you had a superpower what would it be? Why?

If I had a superpower it would be to be invisible as I am really shy and sometimes I become an introvert in front of other people and worry a lot about what others think of me, so sometimes I like to think no one can see me. This helps me calm down and stop worrying.

If you had 1 000 000 to spend in a day, what would you spend it on?

If I had one million dollars to spend in a day I would spend it on books, as I love reading all sorts of books, then I would donate some books to a charity so children in the world can enjoy reading books just like I do.

Which three people (in the whole world) would you invite to dinner? Why?

If I had to invite three people in the whole world to dinner, I would invite Jungkook and my two grandfathers. I would invite Jungkook because I enjoy listening to bts and he is my bias and has his own solo songs in both Korean and English, also in my opinion he sings better than most singers like Shawn Mendes, etc. I would invite my two grandfathers as I have never met them and have heard so many positive things about them and would love to meet them in real life and get to know them.

Who is your biggest inspiration? Why?

Lennon Stella is my biggest inspiration, as her song 'la di da' has helped me with many situations and problems I have had to face in the past.

Daniel Pinto

Name 5 words describing you

Five words describing me would be brave, shy, caring, polite and smart.

What's your favourite line from a book or movie?

My favorite line would be from the book "Gangsta Granny" - 'You aren't that boring after all!'

What's your least favourite dish?

My least favourite dish would be boiled cabbage and eggplant. I don't like the taste and look of it.

What is your ideal job? Why?

My ideal job would be to become a specialist doctor, a physiotherapist maybe, because I love learning about the human body and the parts of it and how amazing it is and the way it works.

Which famous person can you relate to the most?

I can relate to Shane Watson, because I like cricket, I am good at it and am good at captaining and lead-

Elias Nakhle

If there was an emergency, apart from being with your family what would be the thing you grab first?

I would grab my dog, Eli, because he is the second most important thing in my life, other than my HUMAN family.

Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My biggest inspiration are my parents, because they are the best people in the world, and even though I could write down any celebrity, to me, they are heroes. They do so many things that I underestimate, and they still have time for family.

How do you want to help the world become a better place?

If I could help the world become a better place, I would make a cure for as many diseases as I can, because many people in the world are dying everyday, and lots of diseases run in my family, so I want to stop these tragedies from ever happening.

When you leave this earth how do you want people to remember you by?

When I pass, I want people to remember me as a person who could always be trusted, and a loving person who treated everyone equally and fairly.

What one country would you like to travel to most and why?

The country I want to travel to most is Japan, because it looks like a place where no one is judged by how they look, and there are places there that look amazing and so fun. In Winter it snows and there is a Disneyland in Japan that (from what I've heard), is better than America's.

Joetta Khoury

Favourite Book?

My favourite book is Good night stories for rebel girls because each page is a different story and it was small so I didn't need to take long to finish it.

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is clowns because they smile all the time, and no one smiles that much, their hats are too big and their cars are too small.

Which famous person can you relate to the most?

The person I can relate to the most is Emma watson because she wanted to be an actress at a very young age and she never gave up on that dream and I want to be like her when I grow up.

What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is to be an actress or tennis player because I want to work all over the world and I want to meet new people and have fun experiences whether in a movie or in a competition.

Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

Is my mum and dad because they have helped me all my life overcome my fears and challenges

St Patrick's Day Festival

Rides, Food, Stalls, Book Stall
White Elephant Stall, Entertainment etc

17 | MARCH | 2019
12PM - 5PM

GROUNDS OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
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ALL WELCOME



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praesidium*

Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –

Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all Experience belonging.

Opportunity for all

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

Weekend Masses

Saturday	8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am (Family) 11.00am (Solemn), 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri	6.30am, 12.30pm
Public Hol	8.00am

Pastoral Team

Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev.

Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV

Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini

Fr Michael Gitau Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary) Donna Missio (Receptionist)