



Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week I would like to share with you a very beautiful reflection that the principals used at a recent meeting. It is called Easter Blessing and since we are still in the season of Easter it is one that is most relevant. It calls us to take this opportunity to appreciate the gift of our lives and to share the light of Easter with others. God Bless you and your families.

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

Easter Blessing

During this Easter Season, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry -- old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling -- and let us have the courage to begin again.

Life is very short, and we are no sooner here than it is time to depart again, and we should use to the full the time that we still have.

We don't realise all the good we can do.
A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through dark valleys in their lives.

We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously.

The dawn that is rising commencing Easter morning is a gift to our hearts and we are meant to celebrate it and to carry away from this holy, ancient place the gifts of healing and light and the courage of a new beginning.

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Patron Saint of Australia

Pray for Us

And let us always remember to

Pray for one another

Adapted from a prayer by John O'Donohue

John O'Donohue

Dawn Mass Reflections at Corcomroe Abbey

WALKING ON THE PASTURES OF WONDER

John O'Donohue in conversation with John Quinn

STOP: Please Read - SAFETY MESSAGE FOR THOSE USING CAR PICK UP



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Since returning to Term 2 the staff have noticed a number of concerning safety issues involving drivers when picking up children on Drive Thru. The safety of our children is paramount at all times especially when cars are involved.

Can I ask you to seriously consider and follow the pointers below:

- Please ensure that all children are safely strapped up with their seat belts before driving off.
- Please be mindful that children sometimes misinterpret the correct time to enter the car and may be holding on to the door when moving forward. Whilst there is always a lineup there is no need to rush as safety is more important.
- No U - Turns are permitted
- Reinforce with the children that they must not walk too close to the kerb as they may be injured.
- For safety reasons, if the doors of your car cannot be easily opened by the children please park and pick up by walk.
- When picking up children by walk please use the designated crossings. I know that this may take a few more minutes however it not only models to the children the correct and safe way to cross the road but more importantly can avoid a serious accident - God forbid!
- A reminder please follow all traffic signs and parking restrictions, in particular on Grose St.

These messages will be reinforced by the teachers next week.

I thank you for your cooperation and support.

Bernadette Fabri

WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY DAY - 20TH MAY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J48aKmZJOzU>

Cricket

Over the next five weeks Years 5 and 6 will be attending Cricket skills sessions. A coach from Cricket NSW will be running these sessions, at school, and will begin on Tuesday 17th May and end on Tuesday 14th June. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform on these days.



School Photos – Wednesday 1st June

School photography day will be on **Wednesday 1st June 2022**. Below is information on how to order online. However, if you are unable to order online and would like an ordering envelope, please ask your child to collect from the school office.



SIBLING PHOTOS

This year the sibling photos will be taken before school starts from 8:00am to 9:00pm in the school hall. If you are wanting to have a whole family school photo taken please ensure your child is at school by 8:45am. It's ok if you are unable to have your children at school by this time, their sibling photos will be taken during lunch time.

UNIFORM- Students are to wear full winter school uniform. **(NO SPORTS UNIFORMS)**

Please complete payment 24hrs prior to photo day.

If you have any questions about the photos please phone the school office. Thank you.

Kind regards
Mrs Fiona Mitterer

school photographs are coming up soon

Please enter the class or group of the person whose photo you are ordering. If you are ordering a sibling photo, you can also order a photo of your child to be included in the package. A fee for the sibling photo will be added to the package price.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over the phone using our 24hr helpline.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code: **MKW JIF KMD** in the form and download box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.

STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and selections. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available.

cash/envelope ordering

Your school orders online for the photos. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package ordered. If ordering for more than one child, please ensure that the name of the child is clearly visible on the envelope of the child's package and this should be included on the envelope of the other child's package (the envelope that does not have a name on it).

STEP 2

Return a cash payment in one envelope for the package you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope, with correct cash payment, to our photo point on the day.

Please note: You must complete cash payment as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned to your school 4-6 weeks after the day of photography

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have indicated your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed. Their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY SPECIALISTS

St Patrick's Award



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

| | | |
|----|----------------------|-----------------|
| KA | Elise Dahrie | James Malkoun |
| KM | Angelina Zhang | Adam Perram |
| 1C | Danny Fayad | Albie Soh |
| 1S | Bianca Abdou | Athena Valencia |
| 2M | Lucia Reyes-Mangabat | Olivia Saab |
| 2Y | Sierra Usman | Emilie Blazek |



Honour Award

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

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|----|---------------|-------------------|
| KA | Arin Joseph | Mary Kate Karam |
| KM | Amelia Naudi | Joseph Azzi |
| 1C | Grace Wehbe | Liam Buenaventura |
| 1S | Oscar Do | Marylyn Lahoud |
| 2M | Rebecca Black | Jamie Chiha |
| 2Y | Jacob Assaf | Nathanael Jaitani |



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| 3L | Olivia Rizk | Scarlett Eid |
| 3T | Sophia Khoury | Aaliya Ebrahim |
| 4B | Ava Boutros | Liza Navasardyan |
| 4G | Elaine Xue | Molly Moses |
| 5C | Timana Gutierrez Caceres | Marcus Moses |
| 5T | Sonia Sitoa | Isaac Wehbe |
| 6P | Lucas Pavlovic | Donnacha Ryan |
| 6W | Joshua Manago | Mia Wehbe |



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| 3L | Espie Thompson | George Rizk |
| 3T | Faith Daniel | Marcella Abboud |
| 4B | Charbela Chedid | Patrick Katar |
| 4G | Audrey El-Bayeh | Anton Bayssari |
| 5C | Edan-Grace El-Chaar | Elijah Skaf |
| 5T | Hunter Morson | Isaiah Abu-Ali |
| 6P | Joshua Nasr | Aiden Ebrahim |
| 6W | James Morson | Julia Vytingco |



CONVERSATION STARTERS ABOUT CYBER SAFETY (link)

These questions are designed to be used in a family to start everyday conversations about online safety. The questions cover topics such as identifying online risks, using technology safely and reporting unsafe behaviour. Use them together with the information at eSafety kids, and empower kids to take control of their online experiences.

5 tips to keep your family safe online

Week 3 - Set up parental controls Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. Taming the technology can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on devices and accounts or in social media, games and apps.

TIPS FOR Writing

What parents and carers can do (writing)

PETAA

- **Give children opportunities to read their stories aloud (while you sit back and listen). Listen with a focus on the message they express. Comment on what they have done well, for example: 'I enjoyed how you used interesting words such as X, Y, Z.' 'The character you created seems so real. I can imagine how he looks.' Leave comments about spelling, punctuation, and grammar to another time – they are important if and when it is to be published.**



CHANGE OF SPORTS DAYS YRS 4/5/6 WEEK 4

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please note the change in sports days for Week 4, due to some school events.

Year 6 - Wear sports uniform on:

Tuesday (Cricket activities with Cricket Australia)

Friday (swapped PE lesson)

Year 5 - Wear sports uniform on:

Tuesday (Cricket activities with Cricket Australia)

Wednesday (as normal)

Year 4 - Wear sports uniform on:

Thursday (swapped PE lesson)

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation,
Leanda Standring (Assistant Principal)

PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY 2022

Congratulations to the 36 St Patrick's Cross Country team members who qualified and completed in the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek last Tuesday. We were blessed with beautiful weather for running and a group of enthusiastic supporters.



Thank you to our teacher and parent helpers for aiding in making this event run smoothly and supporting our team. Mrs Elly Benkovich and Mrs Mary Lahood made countless trips up and down the stairs of the grandstand, ferrying students to events, toilets and canteens and not losing anyone. Also I need to thank Mr David Younis, our Team Official on the course, and Mrs Jaslyn Shehadie and Mr Leba Bounassif for manning checkpoints on the course.

The students had a wonderful day from riding on the bus, to walking the course and competing in their events. The smiles on their faces said it all. Throughout the day I heard many students encouraging competitors and congratulating each other on the completion of their run. It was a pleasure to take them to this event, and hopefully next year we have just as many keen runners entered.

Mrs Caroll
Sports Coordinator

Term Dates

Term 1 - Friday 28th January to Friday 8th April

Term 2 - Tuesday 26th April - Friday 1st July

Term 3 - Monday 18th July - Friday 23rd September

Term 4 - Monday 10th October - Tuesday 20th December

** Please note: Every year the NSW Government allocates 6 days to each school to be used for Staff Professional Development. These can be used for the gathering of essential data on students

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY DATES

Day 1 Friday 28th January 2022

Day 2 Monday 30th January 2022

Day 3 Friday 10th June - Writing (Before the long weekend)

Day 4 Friday 23rd September - Formation (Last day of TM 3)

Day 5 TBC

Day 6 Tuesday 20th December 2022

SDD's will be communicated to you as soon as possible when confirmed

MOTHERS' DAY MASS/PICNIC

Thank you to all the visitors who were able to join us at the Mother's Day Picnic last Friday after mass. All one has to do it to look at the gorgeous photos; lots of smiles, hugs and glorious sunshine. Thank you God!



CHECKING CLOTHING FOR NAMES

As the weather turns colder in the mornings children often take jackets/jumpers off during the day, to ensure the return of your child's clothing it is recommended to label all items of clothing with your child's name and class.

Please spend some time to check any items of clothing as we have had a few reports of lost items, especially from Kindergarten students. Any items with incorrect labelling can be sent to the school office and we will ensure they are returned to their rightful owners.

NB: If you are seeking a spare piece of uniform and are happy with a second hand item please **email the office**, as the school has a surplus of spare uniforms donated for use in case of emergencies. Especially jackets/jumpers.

Thanks for your help with this

Winter Uniform Changeover

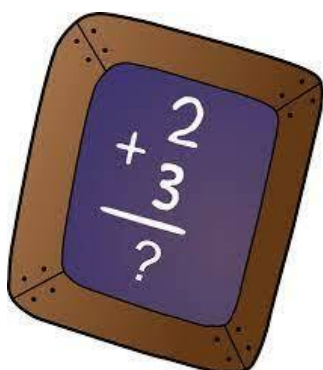
The children will be changing to winter uniform
Monday 16th May, (Week 4)

| Winter Uniform | |
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| GIRLS | BOYS |
| Tartan Pinafore White Long Sleeve Blouse (Peter Pan collar) Tartan School Tie Green above ankle Socks or Tights Black Shoes Green School Jumper Green Jacket with Emblem Green School Hat | Grey Long Trousers Grey Long Sleeve Shirt Green Tie Grey above ankle Socks Black Shoes Grey School Jumper Green Jacket with Emblem Green School Hat |

| Sports Uniform | |
|--|--|
| GIRLS | BOYS |
| Green Shorts Sport Shirt with School Emblem White above ankle Socks White Sports Shoes Track Suit with School Emblem | Green Sports Shorts Sports Shirt with School Emblem White above ankle Socks White Sports Shoes Track Suit with School Emblem |

NAPLAN CALENDAR

| Week 1 | | | | |
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| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 |
| Monday 9/5 | Tuesday 10/5 | Wednesday 11/5 | Thursday 12/5 | Friday 13/5 |
| No Testing Scheduled today | Writing (online - 42 mins) | Reading (online - 50 mins) | Language Conventions (online - 45 mins) | Numeracy (online - 50 mins) |
| No Testing Scheduled today | Writing (paper - 40 mins) | Reading (online - 45 mins) | Language Conventions (online - 45 mins) | Numeracy (online - 45 mins) |
| | | Catch Up for Writing as needed | | |
| Week 2 | | | | |
| Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 7 | Day 8 | Day 9 |
| Monday 16/5 | Tuesday 17/5 | Wednesday 18/5 | Thursday 19/5 | Friday 20/5 |
| Catch up Sessions for Reading, Conventions and Mathematics as needed | | | | |
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Helping your Kindergarten child at home with Mathematics

This guide from the new K-2 Mathematics syllabus can help you support your Kindergarten children at home.

Statistics and probability

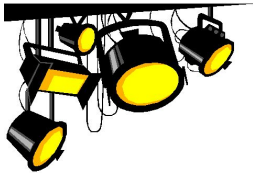
Data

Data focuses on:

- collecting data and making meaning from a data display.

You can help your Kindergarten child at home by:

- collecting data together about something that you both find interesting. For example, what kinds of pets are most popular with your extended family or friends?
- designing a simple data display from blocks, pegs or counters to represent the data gathered. For example, 5 blocks mean there are 5 dogs, 3 blocks for 3 cats, 1 block for a rabbit and 6 blocks for 6 birds
- asking questions to understand and make meaning from your data display. For example, *What pet was the most popular?* and *What pet was the least popular?*



Term 2 Week 3 Spotlight

Sophia Semaan:

What is your ideal job?

When I grow up I would like to be a **cardiologist** so I can help people and save lives as without a heart we can't live.

What is your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is **Star Wars** because I like the action and find the movie intriguing and interesting to watch with all of the movement and sound effects.

What is your least favourite meal?

My least favourite meal would have to be any meal that has any type of **beans** in it. I don't like the look of them and they don't go well with my taste buds.

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would you like to meet and why?

I would like to meet a variety of authors as I am very passionate about reading and writing and would like to speak to various authors to get ideas and tips to eventually write my own book.

Who is your favourite celebrity and why? My favourite celebrity would be **Emma Watson** because I admire her acting skills.

Gabriella Vella:

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is **spiders** because they look creepy and they crawl up to you and I find them terrifying.

What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is **Caesar Salad** because it's refreshing and I like the combination of flavours.

What are you most looking forward to in High School?

I am most looking forward to challenging myself in different subjects.

If you could spend \$1 000 000 what would you spend it on?

I would spend it on supporting different people in need and charities to make sure there is human dignity and all people have their needs met. Money doesn't buy happiness but it ensures a healthy lifestyle and education.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to hang out with my family, be active and play sports.

Lachlan Moore:

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is **snakes** because they are predators and inject venom and they can be hiding anywhere.

What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is **ALL FOOD !!!!** I love eating.

What are you most looking forward to in High School?

I am most looking forward to engaging in the different subjects they have to offer and the variety of students and making new friends.

If you could spend \$1 000 000 what would you spend it on?

I would spend it on charity (half of it) and the other half I would contribute to organisations that research to cure various diseases.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to play soccer, read and play video games.

Marie Rahme:

What is your ideal job?

My ideal job would be to be a **doctor** because I like to help others and it may even help me get over my fear of blood.

What is your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is **Spider Man- No Way Home** because it is intriguing and keeps you engaged.

What is your least favourite meal?

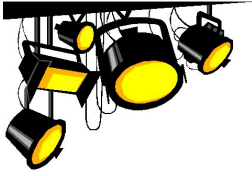
My least favourite meal would probably be **lasagna** because I find it to be too cheesy and I don't like the burnt edges.

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would you like to meet and why?

I would love to meet the **Pope** because he is Holy and helps many people around the world.

Who is your favourite celebrity and why?

My favourite celebrity is **Tom Holland** (actor in Spider Man No Way Home) because I think he has great acting skills.



Term 2 Week 3 Spotlight

Zavier Moujalli:

What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is to be a world class **soccer player** or to work with my dad in **construction**.

What is your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is **Sonic 2** because I really like the new characters and I play this game on my ipad. It is a lot of fun.

What is your least favourite meal?

My least favourite meal would have to be **lasagna** because I don't like the meat texture inside.

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would you like to meet and why?

I would love to meet **Ronaldo** (soccer player for Manchester United) because he has been my idol my whole life because he is a brilliant soccer player and I would like to meet him to talk about soccer and hopefully have him teach me some skills to help me improve.

What is your favourite animal and why?

My favourite animal is a **dog** because I have always wanted one because my cousin has one and I really love playing with her dog. I always have a lot of fun.

Mary Thomas:

What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is to be a **fashion designer** because I like art and designing fashion that people can be proud to wear.

What is your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is **Harry Potter: Deathly Hallows Part 1** because I like fantasy novels and movies.

What is your least favourite meal?

My least favourite meal is eggs because I don't like the taste and texture.

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would you like to meet and why?

I would most like to meet **Emma Watson** because she acted as one of my favourite characters in Harry Potter.

What is your favourite animal and why?

My favourite animal is dogs because they are a good companion when you are lonely.

Gabriel Kalouche:

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is the **dark** because I'm scared that something or someone will be there or around the corner when I am sleeping and I can't see them.

What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is a **nice, juicy steak** (well done) served with mashed potatoes and mushroom sauce.

What are you most looking forward to in High School?

I am most looking forward to experiencing more challenging work and a greater variety of subjects.

If you could spend \$1 000 000 what would you spend it on?

I would save it for my future so then I could buy a nice house and car.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to play video games or watch things on youtube. Sometimes I also like to just go outside and kick the ball around.

Cynthia Daher:

What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is to be a nurse because I would love to help people in need and to help those who are suffering.

What is your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is the **Greatest Showman** because I love watching the circus and seeing what happens behind the scenes in the circus.

What is your least favourite meal?

My least favourite meal is oats because I don't like eating whole grain types of foods.

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would you like to meet and why?

If I could meet anyone in the world I would like to meet **Isaac Newton** because I would like to gain some more knowledge of how gravity works and to have the knowledge that he has.

Who is your favourite celebrity and why? My favourite celebrity would be **Leonardo De Caprio** because he stars in my all time favourite movie **Titanic** and he is also a very talented and interesting actor.



Term 2 Week 3 Spotlight

Isabelle Tannous:

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is losing my parents. That would be the worst thing in the world as I love my parents so much and couldn't imagine them not in my life.

What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is home cooked cheeseburgers and chips. My mum makes the best burgers. I love her cooking. Her burgers are tastier than anywhere you can buy burgers and they are much healthier for you.

What are you most looking forward to in High School?

I am most looking forward to the subject '**Food Technology**' because I am very passionate about cooking and I can't wait to experiment with new recipes and cooking techniques.

If you could spend \$1 000 000 what would you spend it on?

I would spend this money on a nicer and bigger house for my family with all new appliances and furniture.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time I love to write stories and watch movies and series on netflix.

Barbie Koima:

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is birds. I am especially afraid of magpies. I have a fear of them because they can sneak up on you and swoop you.

What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is waffles. I love them because they have a variety of textures, and they can pair well with fruits and syrup. No matter what temperature or time of day you eat them, they will always taste delicious.

What are you most looking forward to in High School?

I am definitely looking forward to meeting new people, and having a variety of teachers. This is because, right now we are in a school with a small variety of people but in high school, there are many more people and a canteen is always open.

If you could spend \$1 000 000 what would you spend it on?

If I had \$1 000 000, I would give around half to my family and friends and donate the rest to a charity of my choice. The charity I would donate to would probably be Vinnies, or the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time, I like to talk to my friends, siblings and parents. I like to tell them about my day, and joke with them. I also like to read and watch netflix.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate over the next week. We hope you have a great birthday -



Nadia Maroon, Rose Wehbe, John-Paul Wahbe, Abigail Eid, William Gebrael, Owen Abraham, Anyce Ibrahim, Olivier Touche, Chloe Vella



LAST DAY FOR BOOKCLUB ORDERS TODAY

We do not accept any cash and all orders must be placed through the LOOP platform. If you need help ordering books please come into the office and see Mrs Jones



Our Lady also helps us to understand God and Jesus well, to understand Jesus' life well and God's life, and to understand properly what the Lord is, what the Lord is like and, God is.

Pope Francis

SCHOOL WELL-BEING COUNSELLING SERVICE

The wellbeing of children and young people in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools is of paramount importance. A sense of well-being and connectedness in schools promotes optimal development of the person and contributes to academic success.

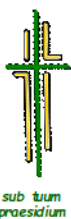
Access to counselling services can be made by contacting your child's classroom teacher or Ms Fabri, who will then put forward a referral. Mrs Ricketts will then contact you for further information. Further details can be found in previous newsletters.

FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS

St Patrick's Parramatta staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Standring (behaviour) or Miss Fabri through the school office (8832 4600), school email address stpatsricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au, or through Skoolbag App. The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central>

For the telecast of Weekend mass follow this link:
[St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta - Facebook](#)



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, 7.15pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses

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

Pastoral Team

Dean & Administrator:

Very Rev Fr Robert Riedling

Assistant Priests:

Rev Chris del Rosario

Parish Secretary:

Pat Preca

Sacramental Coordinator:

Meg Gale

Office Hours: 9.00am to 4.00pm