Newsletter

17th November, 2022 Term 4 Week 6



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Of late the staff are noticing an increase in the use of wearable devices by students at school. They are also noticing that children are often getting distracted by these devices and there have even been reports where the children are recording other students and staff without permission. This is a serious breach of privacy and highly inappropriate.

Whilst some of these wearables have the capacity for children and parents to communicate with each other during the school day this function must be disabled. For safety ALL communication, outside the school, must come through the school office so that school staff are fully aware of what is happening with regard to students whilst at school.

To mitigate against potential hazards, due to these wearables, all mobile phones need to be logged into the office every morning and collected in the afternoons. There is absolutely no need for students to access their phones during the day. **Mobile phones are only permitted at school for safety reasons regarding communicating with parents on their way to and from school**. Please do not send a mobile phone with your child for any other reason. This procedure was in place prior to COVID restrictions and had to be suspended for safety reasons.

NB: If the school finds that wearables continue to become a distraction and or are used inappropriately the school will consider banning them from use at school or will require them to be logged into the office also. We will keep you updated.

Thanking you as always for your support and cooperation.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

Esafety Gift Guide

Wearable devices or wearable tech such as smart watches, fitness trackers, GPS locators and body-mounted action cameras are designed to be worn and track personal data. There are several wearables available for kids and even pets — some just for fun and some that allow you to keep track of them.

Wearables often link to apps which collect information. Many have sensors to collect physical and biological information, as well as location tracking. Fitness trackers or 'smart collars' for pets are examples of where a location tracker is used to map where you or your pets go.

Age guide

Wearables have traditionally been marketed to adults, however there is now a range of products specifically designed for children and pets. For kids, these are typically variations of adult devices like a Go Pro or FitBit.

What to look out for

- Most wearables are linked to apps or software programs that collect tracking data. This may be personal information such as steps taken, or GPS data that pinpoints your location.
- Some apps collect information for marketing purposes, and you may agree to this when you agree to the app's terms and conditions.
- Any data that is collected and stored in the Cloud may not be stored securely.
- If the information storage is inadequately secured, the data may be accessed by other people and shared without consent, and may allow outsiders to contact your child online without you knowing.

How to stay safe

- Keep track of your devices and associated accounts. Losing a device can allow third-party access to any information stored on it.
- Secure your device, accounts and apps with strong passcodes and passwords.
- Only pair via Bluetooth with another device you are aware of and can control.
- Manage your device even when it is not in use store it in a safe place, where someone else cannot access it, whenever you take it off.
- Limit the amount of information that is shared with the software and third parties.
- Be mindful about oversharing. Most fitness trackers and smart watches allow users to link with friends, giving them access to sleep patterns, exercise times and locations, and other health information.

Upcoming Events..

We have a very busy term coming please find links for upcoming excursions/events to complete permission or interest that have been sent through Compass.

Event	Location	Date	Google form Link	To be completed by
Year 1 - Western Sydney Parklands	Bungarribee	18th November	All permissions received	
Year 2 - Hambledon Cottage Museum	Parramatta	18th November	All permissions received	
2023 Kindergarten Orientation	Kindy Classrooms	21st Nov 22nd Nov 23rd Nov 9.15 am - 10.30am	Our 2023 Kindergarten Students will attend one session to introduce them to St Patrick's Primary.	N/A
Year 4 - Incursion with Ranger Jamie	At school	24th November	Year 4 will be participating in an incursion with Ranger Jamie - The Force be with you	N/A
School Disco	Playground	25th Nov 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm		
Year 5 & 6 Personal Dev Night	School Hall	28th November - 7 pm	https://forms.gle/mpSPS1vtJqnB2htPA	25th Nov
Year 6 - Powerhouse Museum	Sydney	1st December	https://forms.gle/S4pXo3guQmp7n76b9	18th Nov
Staff Development Day		2nd December	Children do not attend school	
Staff Devlopment Day		5th December	Children do not attend school	
Christmas Concert	OLMC Hall	7th December	N/A	N/A
Kindy - Lizard Log	Western Sydney Parklands	8th December	https://forms.gle/g5YBGPs2iDTbqHcZ6	2nd December
Year 6 - Reflection Camp	Katoomba Christian Convention	8th & 9th December	https://forms.gle/awWLtm1gfeqqqxAGA	2nd December

Event	Location	Date	Google form Link	To be completed by
Year 6 Graduation and Thanksgiving Mass	St Patrick's Cathedral	Thursday 15th December		
Last Day of 2022		Friday 16th December		
Return to school 2023			Friday - 27th January - Staff Development Day Monday - 30th January - Staff Development Day Tuesday - 31st January - Years -6 Return to school Thursday - 2nd February - 2023 Kindy commence	

Please refer to the Compass Notifications for further information on each event.

NAPLAN NEWS

Students in Year 3, 5 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN online next year from **March 15 - 27 March**.

Year 3 complete Reading, Conventions of Language and Mathematics online. Year 3 complete Reading, Conventions of Language and Mathematics online. Year 3 complete writing with pen and paper.

Year 5 complete Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Mathematics online. All students are required to use headphones during the test so they can hear verbal instructions without disrupting other students.

All students in **Year 3 and 5** will need to send a **pair of headphones** to the school before **Term 1, Week 6, 2023** to ensure all students are ready to participate in the NAPLAN test window.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

"The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia supports refugees in our community and people seeking asylum. They need our support to help them continue to feed 200 families each week! The pandemic has had a lasting effect on their clients and has meant the level of complexities in people's

circumstances have intensified. With no government financial support available, charities like JRS have been their only hope. Many families have had to choose between having enough food for dinner or being able to turn heaters on when it's cold."

This Year, as in previous years, our St Patrick's School community is seeking to put our faith in action and assist the JRS in supporting these vulnerable families within our community by donating essential food, toiletry and hygiene products. Let's help them make sure that everyone gets a special meal this holiday season by donating to the Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Please refer to the list below for items that are greatly needed for donation. We will be asking for donations to come in between Monday Week 5 (7th November) and Tuesday Week 9 (6th December). We will then arrange for the donated items to be transported to the JRS headquarters so that they can be distributed to the families in need asap.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please only donate what you can as times have been hard for many families during the last two years especially. The JRS appreciate anything we can provide to support their mission, even prayers.

The students are to store their donations in their classroom and then the Faith In Action Team will organise for the donations to be transported.

Thank you and God Bless. Faith In Action Team

Donations List - JRS Foodbank

ES1- Kindy

- biscuits and snacks
- Christmas pudding
- Christmas cake
- salt and pepper
- sugar (500g and 1kg)
- teabags

Stage 1 - Years 1 & 2

- basmati rice (1kg) basmati rice (5kg)
- long life full cream milk, 1 litre
- cornflakes pasta
- canned tuna in oil (not flavoured), (190g and 425g)
- canned tomatoes, 400g

Stage 3 - Years 5 & 6

- dry chickpeas (1kg and 375g) dry green lentils (1kg and 375g)
- dry red lentils (1kg and 375g) canned chickpeas, 400g
- canned red kidney beans, 400g canned lentils, 400g
- -cooking oil (750ml/1 litre) pasta sauce
- -coffee

Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4

- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Soap
- Deodorant (men's and women's)
- Toothbrushes / Toothpaste
- Sanitary pads
- Size 4, 5 & 6 nappies
- Clothes washing detergent (at Aldi for \$1.50 or any brand you can)
- Dishwashing detergent (at Aldi for \$1.50 or any brand you can)
- -Razors

Please NO soup or baked beans as they have an excess amount of these products. Thank you

STUDENT CHARTER FOCUS

You may wish to highlight our focus area at home this week as we work together to reinforce safe and appropriate behaviour at St Patrick's Parramatta Primary School.

This week we are focusing on:

Feel proud of our school

This means we have the responsibility to;

- Ensure that my words and actions do not discredit the school
- Wear my uniform with pride

St. Patrick's Primary School, Parramatta:

STUDENT CHARTER

"My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love which shous itself to action".

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Library Helpers Needed

We have quite a few home readers, novels and picture books that require contacting. If there are any parents who would like to help cover books in our our library, could you please come:

TIME: 9.00am - 10.30am or 1.30pm - 3pm.

DATE: Tuesday 22nd November (Week 7)

Any help would be very appreciated.

Thank you. Mrs O'Dwyer and Mrs Baaini PLACE: Library



All things Disco..

The St Patrick's Primary School Disco is on Friday 25 November - Gates Open at 5.00 pm

this will be a fundraiser to purchase equipment to be used to enhance creativity and teamwork through play. The aim would be to re-engage students to play together without needing to use devices.



Cash and Eftpos are available on the night for purchases of food, drinks and glow sticks. Please help us out by not bringing any large denominations

Volunteers

Thank you to our Disco committee who have been working very hard behind the scenes to make this a great family fun night.

We are now seeking the help of other parents for a 1 hour timeslot. If you are able to help out on the night for 1 hour, we would be very grateful. We will have different areas such as bbq, drinks, canteen and donuts, that will all require help on the night.

The timeslots will be:

5.00pm - 6.00pm, 6.00pm - 7.00pm, 7.00pm - 8.00pm, 8.00pm - 9.00pm

Please complete the google form to indicate your offer of help and we will be in contact to advise your allocated timeslot.

https://forms.gle/7EQQq7SkMoSuaCBN7

As we have been unable to have a disco for the past couple of years due to Covid it has been decided that the tickets for our upcoming Disco will be **free** for this year.

We encourage our families to come together to celebrate this community event with dancing and food stalls.

Please remember that **no alcohol is to be consumed on the premises**, **the school site is a smoke free zone and parents are required to supervise their children for the duration of the event.**

As you could imagine an event like this takes lots of planning, so we are asking for assistance in completing the below google form so we have an idea of how many children are attending.

https://forms.gle/3ZKCSp6jquVdN3kt8

Thank you once again for your support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Samantha Baaini

Congratulations!

As part of *Electrical Safety Week 2022* in Term 3, Year 6 participated in a series of learning experiences, organised by *Endeavour Energy*, educating the students on how to be safe and avoid hazards and dangers when around or using electricity.

After completing the series of learning experiences, the students were asked to transfer their learning and design a comic strip to promote a safety rule and safe behaviours being near electricity. The students created a superhero to advertise a scenario involving the use of electricity and what we should do when faced with a hazard or danger in order to stay safe and avoid being electrocuted. The comics were then sent to Endeavour Energy and entered in a competition.

On Monday 7th November, the Year 6 teachers received notification that out of all of the entries the winner of the Electrical Safety competition was none other than our very own **Shavene Perera**.

On Thursday 17th November, members from the Endeavour Energy team attended St Patrick's to present the school and Shavene with their prizes. Congratulations Shavene!!!! What an amazing accomplishment. We are all very proud of you and your great achievement. Hopefully your informative and creative comic strip will help to educate others on how to be safe when around or using electricity.







HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate their birthdays this week. We hope you have a great birthday - Clara Badr, Vittorio Lo Surdo, George Dardas, Ethan Sivashanmugam, Daniella Fayad, Abbey Matta

St Patrick's Award

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

KA	Paul Daher	Arin Joseph
KM	Amelia Daher	Adam Saman
1C	William Elias	Maroun Mourad
15	Charles Nasr	Yves Rizkallah
2M	Mahalia Jackson	Lucas Karam
2Y	Sebastian Malek	Irene Tony





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

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3L	Ava Khouri	Scarlett Eid
3T	Sandra Nehme	Jude Hudson
4B	Patrick Katar	Ethan Sivashanmugam
4G	Jacinta Malkoun	Jimmy Sahyoun
5C	Annabelle Johnson	Levi Jaitani
5T	Gabriella St Rosa	Erick Granados-Gavito
6P	Kevin Zheng	Roselle Ghostine
6W	Isaiah Johnston	Gabriella Volante









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	3L	Hanah Nasr
	3T	Erika Talbot
	4B	Joshua Day
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	3L	Hanah Nasr	Serena Semaan	
	3T	Erika Talbot	Elias Kazzaz	
	4B	Joshua Day	Charbela Chedid	
	4G	Sofia Bousimon	Scarlett Jaitani	
	5C	Gwyna Palmos	Eimear Mitchell	
	5T	Joseph Norman	Alessandra De Guzman	
	6P	Phillip Boutros	Benjamin Maroon	

Mary Thomas



April Soh





Term 4 Week 6 Spotlight

Ms Fabri:

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you like to go and why?

I would like to go back to where I was born, *Malta*, to see my family. I would also like to go to *Egypt* to see the pyramids because I like ancient history.

What is your biggest fear and why?
I don't have a big fear but the safety and happiness of children is very important to me.

What do you like to do in your free time? Lots of things: Gardening, reading, any craft, water colour, watching football, going to concerts, musicals and being with family and friends.

What is your greatest achievement in life so far?

One of my greatest achievements is **becoming principal of St Patrick's Parramatta**.

If you could be granted any superpower, what would you choose and why?

The superpower I would wish for would be to *heal people*.

Mrs Mitterer:

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you like to go and why?

If I could travel anywhere I would go to *Malta* because I would like to see where my ancestors are from.

What is your biggest fear and why?

My biggest fear is **snakes** because they are very scary to me and I always have bad dreams about them

What do you like to do in your free time? In my free time I like to have coffee with my friends and meditate.

What is your greatest achievement in life so far?

My greatest achievement in life so far is *raising my* two children, getting them to adulthood and seeing them grow up.

If you could be granted any superpower, what would you choose and why? The superpower I would choose is a superpower that would *make* everyone have a positive attitude.

Mrs Jones:

If you won a million dollars, what would you do with the money?

If I won a million dollars I would **escape to the country.**

What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal would be **a BBQ**.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you like to go and why?

If I could travel anywhere it would be to **England to** take my husband to a Liverpool game.

What do you like to do in your free time? What I do in my free time is *clean after my husband and children* (I don't like it.)

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

If I could meet anyone in the world it would be *Keith Urban*, so he could serenade me.

Henry Clemson:

enjoy it.

If you won a million dollars, what would you do with the money?

I would choose to *invest* and get maximum return.

What is your favourite meal?

My favorite meal would be *pizza* that tastes really good.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you like to go and why?

I would go to **England** because I really like the history and that's where I'm from.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I like to *play video games* because they're fun and I

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

I would like to meet *Harison Ford* because I like him as an actor.

Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day



On Friday Stage 3 boys and girls participated in the Football Gala Day. They started the day strong, with a positive attitude and a mini training session.

The boys had a wonderful win to start the day and had fantastic teamwork the entire day with four wins and only one loss.

The girls' start was a little bit shaky but finished with four wins and only one loss. The girls finished the day in second place and the boys ended in equal second. Both teams should be very proud of their fantastic performance and effort!

The teams were well supported by many parents. A special thanks to those who coached or referred on behalf of the school, and to Ms Stephenson who was the Team Manager for the day.

CHOIR Notice - This is only for children who are part of our choir

St Patrick's School Choir has been invited to perform at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 10 December 2022 between 7:00pm - 8:00pm. We will be performing Christmas Carols along with other groups. Santa will visit with a barbeque afterwards.



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The students are asked to wear Christmas colors and arrive at 6:45pm. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

Kindly fill in the google form below by 28 November.

https://forms.gle/9Y2N68tsd8uHdD387

Thank You for your continued support of our school and its mission.

Mrs F. Bonserio Mrs V. Rodricks

Religious Education Coordinator Music Coordinator



Book Club
orders are due:
30th November

Christmas Concert 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is fast approaching Christmas and the children have been preparing a concert which narrates the story of Jesus' birth and all the excitement and wonder which surrounds this special time. The Concert is titled 'Christmas Star' and will involve each grade performing a part of the story using drama, movement, singing and dancing.



Presently, all the children are busily learning their assigned songs and actions, as our celebration will involve song, music, narration and movement.

We have kept costumes simple for your ease and convenience.

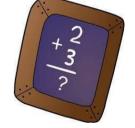
Next week we will share the outfit that your child will be wearing for our annual Christmas concert. Please do not feel you need to go out and buy anything new. A reminder that shoes need to be safe and appropriate (no thongs). The children will come to school dressed in their Christmas mufti clothes so that they are ready for the concert.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on 7th December 1pm as we celebrate the joy of Christmas.

Helping your child with all strands of Primary school Mathematics **Length and area**

Learning how to measure can be great fun for young kids when it's combined with rolling playdough or wrapping presents.

At a glance



- Kids learn about length and area through trial and error playing with things such as blocks.
- Kids need to be encouraged to explore and manipulate objects and talk about the things they are discovering.
- Kids initially develop an understanding of measurement through comparing objects.
- Before using a ruler, kids can learn to measure the length of a table (for example) using pegs, spoons, books or hand spans.
- Children learn when they play. They can learn about length and area through trial and error playing with things such as blocks, ribbon, modelling clay and toys.
- As they play, children begin to take notice of the size and shape of objects; how things fit together, how they can be stacked, and the length and width of objects. Kids need to be encouraged to explore and manipulate objects and talk about the things they are discovering.

How children learn to measure length and area

Kids develop an understanding of measurement through comparing objects. They may hold up two blocks and say one is longer or shorter than the other. Soon after, they begin to compare more than two objects. Kids need to play and experiment with a variety of materials and objects to measure things with, before they can move to using formal units such as metres or centimetres. Before using a ruler, they need to measure the length of a table (for example) using pegs, spoons, books or hand spans.



As the onsite provider of outside school hours care, we invite all children to enjoy our programs

St Patrick's Parramatta

Villiers Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

Ambrose School Age Care supports working families needing childcare outside of school hours

Our program includes games, activities, and free-time facilitated by Ambrose Educators experienced in the Nationally approved learning framework My Time Our Place has a variety of activities each day according to the children interests and ideas.

They're also a great way to make friends and most importantly – have fun!



Before School Care: 6.30am - 8.30am

School Care: 2:30pm – 6.00pm

Pupil Free Day: 6.30am - 6.00pm

Our fees Government subsidy (CCS) available depending on each family's eligibility.

Session	Time	After 85% Child Care Subsidy*	After 50% Child Care Subsidy*	Advertised Fee No Crid Care Subsidy
Morning	6.30am = 8.30am	\$4.23	\$11.55	\$22 per session
Afternoon	2.30pm = 6.00pm	\$6.06	\$16.54	\$31.50 per session
Pupil Free Day - Standard Fee - Early 'Bee' Special	6.30am – 6.00pm	\$14.43 \$ 12.51	\$39.17 \$34.12	\$75 \$65

*Child Care Subsidy (CCS) can provide up to 85% of the cost of your childcare fees. External party charges for in-service workshops and excursions may apply.

All educators working directly with the children hold a valid working with children check and there is always an educator rostered who is qualified in first aid, asthma, anaphylaxis and CPR.

ENROL NOW, VISIT:

To register your interest please complete the form here

Email: stpatrickspa@ambrose.org.au





Sunday 13 Nov 2022

Gospel

Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Reflection

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.' Greg Sunter Excerpt taken from Liturgy Help

Changing Schools in 2023?

Are you thinking of or needing to change schools in 2023? Whatever the reason, we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as you can. This will assist us in preparing for 2023 with class lists and staffing. It would be appreciated if you could notify the school in writing that your child will be leaving St Patrick's Primary, Parramatta at the end of the year. This is not required for Year 6 children.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees for 2022 are due to be finalised by 16th November 2022.

Please contact Fiona Mitterer at <u>pats-parrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au</u> if you have any questions.



OZ Fashions - The Uniform Specialists

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Phone: (02) 9897 3121 **Fax:** (02) 9897 3222

Web: www.ozfashions.com.au

It is getting closer to that time of year where families must start planning their school uniform purchases for the commencement of the school year. January is one of our busiest shopping periods and we encourage our families to finalise their purchases this year to avoid lengthy queues, crowds and heat. Should families choose to shop in January we ask for their patience as we work around the clock to service everyone.

As we approach the holiday season, we wish to advise our store closing and opening dates for the Christmas and New Year period.

Last Working date: Saturday, 24th December 2022 **Re-opening date:** Monday, 9th January 2023

OZ Fashions Trading Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9am - 5:30pm Saturday: 9am – 4pm

Sunday/Public Holiday: CLOSED

Our passion for our service is nothing without our valuable customers. We wish you and your families a happy holiday season and a new year filled with health and prosperity.

Thank you!

Best regards

Jess - School Wear Department



'The essential trait of the Heart of Christ is **mercy**, **compassion**, **tenderness**. This should not be forgotten.'

Pope Francis



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

Office Hours: 9.00am to 4.00pm