



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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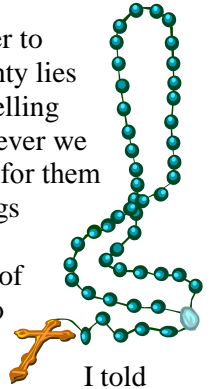
Week 2 Term 4

17<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

The power of prayer never ceases to amaze me. In reality, my faith should be stronger to have no doubt about God's ability to make anything possible. I suppose my uncertainty lies in whether what I am asking for is what God knows is best for me. When I was travelling recently, it became a bit of a running joke with my travelling companions that, whenever we were talking about the things we hoped to see, I would say, 'No problem. I will pray for them and it will happen'. (Fr Warren tells me this regularly). As the days unfolded, feelings went from delight to something akin to dismay as, one by one, our wishes (and my prayers) came true – from perfect weather every day (unheard of in Alaska), a touch of snow on one evening, to seeing the Northern Lights and even bears (mamma and two babies within 5 metres). Indeed, these are God's little spoils and there are far more important intentions for which to pray. My husband suggested I pray to win Lotto. I told him God doesn't work that way. God will, however, always provide what we need and more if we ask and have faith.



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October is the month of the Rosary, the greatest prayer of all. According to pious tradition, the concept of the rosary was given to Saint Dominic in an apparition of the Virgin Mary in the year 1214 in the church of Prouille. This Marian apparition received the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. In the 15th century it was promoted by a Dominican priest and theologian, who established the "15 rosary promises" and started many rosary confraternities. Many good



outcomes are attributed to the praying of the Rosary. I can recall in 1995 when Catholic women all over the world were called to pray the Rosary during May for the specific intention of bringing peace to the Balkans. After numerous unsuccessful attempts by world leaders in the years prior, this finally came about in December of that year.

On Monday, the school celebrated Rosary Day where all the school children gathered in the shape of Rosary beads and prayed the Glorious Mysteries together. Each child

received their own set of Rosary beads blessed by Fr Joby. Our thanks go to Mr Baker for organising this day and to Fr Joby for leading us in prayer together. Remember to pray, in particular the Rosary, for your special intentions and God will provide.

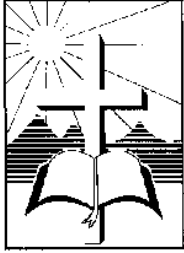
*Roxy and Mitchell with their Rosary beads.*



This weekend with your family pray the St. Francis prayer together. This month is World Mission month, together we need to remember what St. Francis did for those people living in poverty and ask ourselves what we can do in today to make a difference to those people in need.

### Dates to Remember

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Yr 1 Excursion to Bondi Marine Centre
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Silly Sock Day – Gold coin donation
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pupil Free Day – No school for students on this day
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kindy 2015 Orientation Morning 9.15am – 11.00am
	Yr 6 Parent Information Night for Personal Development 6pm



## Gospel Reflection

### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-21

*The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'*

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. **Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?**

#### At home this weekend...

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us of the necessity of giving things their proper importance. Jesus reminds the people that loving and honouring God is of greater importance. In family life we do many important things, but we remember that God is of the greatest importance in our lives. Pray together that your family will learn to keep things in proper perspective, remembering to keep God first in your lives.

(Sourced and modified from: <http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm>)

Remember to celebrate the important things this weekend!

Mr Andrew Baker ☺

### SOCK IT TO POVERTY DAY!!!! FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER will be SILLY SOCK DAY ☺

*Students will wear normal school uniform but with crazy socks. Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission Australia and a way in which OLA can fundraise and engage in advocacy and formation activities during World Mission Month. All money raised will go towards Catholic Mission and to help those people living in poverty. Children will need to bring in a donation for Catholic Mission on the day.*



### TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE will be renamed ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC COLLEGE

from 1 January, 2015  
to honour the canonisation of Pope John Paul II

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[www.terrasanctasqh.catholic.edu.au](http://www.terrasanctasqh.catholic.edu.au)

#### Family Sacred Space.

Thank you to the **Joseph Family** for sponsoring this week.  
Next week the sponsor family will be the **Cleary Family**



Congratulations to  
the Vilathgamuwa family  
on the arrival of baby  
Ari born 10th September,  
a new baby brother for  
Aidan (KB) and Asher. ☺



## Saint of the Week: ST. MARGARET MARY

Feast Day: October 16; Born: 1647 - Died: 1690



Margaret Mary was born in Burgundy in France. As a child, she was a happy little girl who loved the nuns at school. But when she was eleven, she became very sick. It was four years before she was well again after she saw a vision of the Virgin Mary. Her father had died, and an aunt had moved into their home. This aunt and her husband made Margaret Mary and her mother suffer very much. Almost every day, Margaret would hide in the garden to cry and pray. What hurt her most was seeing her mother get hurt. Her mother wanted her to marry and so did her relatives. They were worried about her, especially when she brought beggar children into the garden to try to teach them.

Margaret Mary hesitated a while, neither marrying nor entering the convent. At last she decided on the convent and joined the Visitation sisters. She was kind and

humble but often made others impatient since she was slow and clumsy.

But she was dear to Jesus. Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary and showed her his sacred heart. His heart was encircled by a crown of thorns that was a symbol of his great sacrifice. Jesus told her how much he loves each one of us and wanted her to spread devotion to his Sacred Heart.

It was a very hard thing to do as not many people believed she had really seen Jesus. Some were angry with her for trying to spread the new devotion. This brought her lots of suffering. Yet she did her best to carry out the Lord's wish. Jesus blessed her hard work and pain. Today, this wonderful devotion to the Sacred Heart is practiced all over the world.

Our Lord made twelve great promises to St. Margaret Mary for those who are devoted to his most Sacred Heart. They are:

1. I will give them all the graces they need in life.
2. I will create peace in their families.
3. I will comfort them in all their troubles.
4. They shall surely find in My Heart protection during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will shower them with blessings in everything that they do.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Weak souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who spread this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be erased.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine continuous months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall surely be their protection at that last hour.

From St. Margaret Mary we can learn to trust in the Heart of Jesus, which as she wrote, is filled with "love to meet our every need."

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### *From the P&F*

#### **Melbourne Cup Trifecta Guessing Competition**

This week a note went home about the Melbourne Cup Trifecta Guessing Competition that we are holding this year, and hoping that all families will support. Tickets are \$1 each and the winner of the trifecta will receive \$2,000.00 and the winners of the boxed trifecta will receive \$500.00. Due to the new privacy laws, we are unable to send tickets home without prior permission, so it is important that you forward the note back to school requesting the tickets, so that we can send some home to you.

We thank you once again for your support and look forward to many notes being returned.

*P&F Committee*

#### **Year 6 Parent Information Night**

Please note that we will be holding a year 6 parent information night on the personal development program that will be taught later in the year on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm** (just prior to the P&F meeting).

Thank you



Congratulations to all students who participated in the ICAS Maths competition last term.

**Distinction** – Giaan Lee, Mikayla Muscat

**Credit** – Harry Taylor, Eoin Trainor, Jessica Bollard, Charlie Cutroni, Isaac Sultana, Anthony Cutuk, Joshua Palmer-Burton, Melissa Preston

**Merit** – Manessha Gunasekara

### **Social skill**

The new social skill for this fortnight is "Responding to teasing."

- stop – count to 5- ignore the teasing- say, "STOP IT. I don't like it" – walk away – tell an adult if it doesn't stop.

### **CLUBS IN TERM 4**

This term our lunch time clubs include: garden club, chess club, lego club, google club, prayer club (adoration and rosary), games club, choir, golf club, sewing club and boot camp. We thank the teachers for generosity in providing these extra-curricular activities.

On Wednesday I was lucky to represent the MacKillop Team in Discus at the State Athletes Carnival. At the beginning of the day, I got to hold the MacKillop flag and walk around the track. I came 32 out of 40. I threw 22m but my personal best is 27m. It was very cold out there. The child that came first threw 40m. I was very proud of myself but I was devastated after it. My mum and dad were very proud of me too, so that made me feel better of myself.

By Tyler Spiteri



### **School attendance.**

This is a reminder that it is legislated for all children of school age to attend school for the appropriate years and for the legislated hours of the school day. Please, if possible, make all appointments outside school hours.

If it is necessary to pick up your child during school hours, do not ring the school ahead. In the interest of minimising lost learning time, your child will be called upon your arrival. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Morning Drop Off**

A reminder that morning supervision begins at 8.20am. Children should not be left at school prior to this time.

### **Student Data Validation Forms**

All families (except for year 6) should have received the Student Data Validation Form during the holidays. All forms need to be returned to school as soon as possible, with any changes made in red for ease of identification by the office. It is important that these forms are returned, as we need to make any alterations on our system. We will need to chase families that do not return the forms, so your assistance in returning them straight away would be greatly appreciated.

### **Boot Campers of the Week**

Congratulations to Kylan Ewer & Brock Bailey.

Each week we will be looking for two students who show enthusiasm and determination during the boot camp session. They will be rewarded with a certificate and a \$10 gift voucher kindly sponsored by Woolworths IT.



# ***Boys shed trip to Masters.***

*On Thursday the 9th of October 2014, six year 4,5,6 boys from OLA boys shed left school at 12:00 to go to Masters Warehouse at St Mary's. The boys shed has a massive landscaping project under way and needed to purchase tools for the bush garden which we are currently building.*

*Firstly we took a tour around Masters with David Williams, an IT specialist. We learnt about self-service machines, pricing and products. We also learnt about the best tools to use for our bush garden job. David Williams gave us advice and helped us choose the right tools.*

*The boys selected many items including tools, plants and timber. Mr Williams and Masters generously paid for the items and gave us a \$150 gift card for our other projects. Mr Williams also helped deliver the items to our school.*

*We thought it was a great educational trip that helped us learn about landscaping.*

**THANK YOU MASTERS!!**

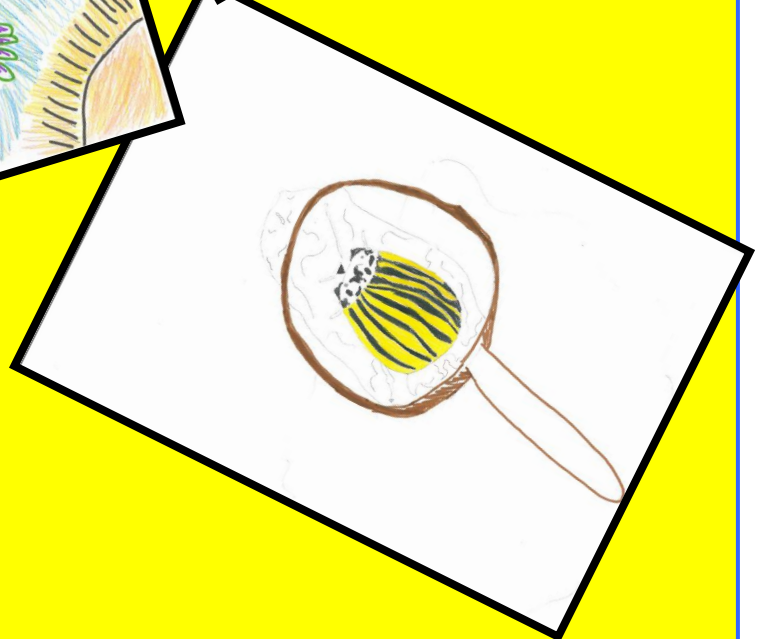
**Brady, Ashton, Brock, Bailey, Bryan and Luke**



## From the Classroom of 4W...

*This term year 4 is learning about Mini Beasts in their Science unit. As a focus in art students were asked to choose an insect and to examine its characteristics.*

*We looked at the head, thorax and abdomen, as well as the amount of legs the insect has. Students then drew a magnified version of their insect within their natural habitat. 4W had a lot of fun doing this, here are some of a delightful artworks:-*





# The Challenge of Disciplining your Child

**Assists parents with constructive techniques in disciplining and encouraging their children**

**Topics include:**

- Understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
- Use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
- Use tips and hints on different discipline techniques

**Date:** Monday 24 November  
6pm – 9pm

**Venue:** Interrelate Family Centre  
Suite 423, Level 4  
14 Lexington Drive  
BELLA VISTA

**Cost:** \$25 / \$15 concession

**To Register:** **Call 8882 7850**

**\*\* BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL \*\***



[www.interrelate.org.au](http://www.interrelate.org.au)  
**1300 736 966**



## **Skoolbag App**

Thank you to all the parents who have downloaded the Skoolbag for Our Lady of the Angels. Some of the benefits of using this app is you can select to receive instant messages specifically for your child's grade about assembly cancellation, delays when excursions are occurring and other important information.

Another feature of this app is that it will allow you to send an absentee note online. The information is sent directly to the office. If you have not yet downloaded the app you can still download it.

*Please be aware that due to the new IOS8 software updates there may be some glitches in the system. We have been advised that it may take a week or so to fix these glitches.*

## From the Parish Office...

### Reconciliation

To all children who will be doing their Reconciliation this year, you are reminded that at any Mass this weekend, you will be with your first prayer card.

There will be a Parent **AND** Child session on Tuesday, 21 October at 7.30pm. Please note that these sessions are compulsory.

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

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

There will be an **ENQUIRY NIGHT** on **Wednesday, 29 October at 7.30pm** at the Church. Please inform those that may be interested to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact Fr Joby on 8883 4063.

### All Souls Day Mass

A special mass will be held on All Souls Day, Sunday, 2 November at 5.30pm. If anyone has had a relative recently deceased and would like to be included in the All Souls Day mass offering, please give the details of the deceased (date of birth and death) to Fr Warren by Fri. 24 October and we will have a special candle lit for that soul during the mass.

### Can you help?

*Dear Parents*

*If you are a parent who has half an hour on a Wednesday to spare and is willing to use it in a way that builds up the Church community? Then do we have a job for you!! Our Lady of the Angels Parish is looking for parents, like yourself, who are willing to give a little time in parish in helping educate our public school kids in the faith. You don't need to be teacher trained as all training is provided for free; along with resources and classroom ideas. There is also the possibility of having child care services available for those with little ones, provided for free, during class times in 2015. It is open to both men and women of all ages. Classes are usually held on a Wednesday at 9:10am, 9:40am at Beaumont Hills, 11:30am at Ironbark Ridge and between the hours of 12:25pm-1:20pm at Rouse Hill Public schools. Classes only go for half an hour. If this works for you and you think you can help (even if you can just assist in class and not lead the class) then call Anthony in the parish on 88834063 or drop him an email at [sacramental@ourladyoftheangels.org.au](mailto:sacramental@ourladyoftheangels.org.au). A big thank you to those parents from OLA who this year were able to assist - you've been a great asset to the Parish. God bless!*

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Joby Kadambattuparambil Ittira

### Mass times:

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

**Weekdays:** Mon -Sat: 9 am Wed -7pm Novena Mass to St Joseph for special intercessions for the Building of our Church.

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Term 4 Week 2			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Lily Trimboli	Milla Price	Alivia Turner
Kinder G	Evie Blount	Macy Owen	Marcus Farrugia
Kinder W	Harrison McQuaid	Ryanna Roman	Anthony Gomez
Year 1B	Ante Topic	Jared Cleland	Sal Colosimo
Year 1 G	Jonathon Fuda	Caitlyn Palmer-Burton	Christian Vargas
Year 1W	Marus Billyard	Chloe Hill	Bryce McDonald
Year 2 B	Nathan Cook	Ella Owen	Gabriella Bond
Year 2 W	Ava Bennett	Matthew Geoghegan	Ethan Graham
Year 3 B	Carys Fitzgerald	Mikayla Muscat	Chiara Fallone
Year 3 G	Amber-Lilly Baker	Joel Webb	Sienna Farrugia
Year 3 W	Jayden Ormsby	Sascha Strykowski	Nadia Gruca
Year 4 B	Caleb McGrady	Corey Brooke	Riley Price
Year 4 W	Maneesha Gunasekara	Nicholas Sweeney	Tyler Spiteri
Year 5/6 B	Jack Hudson	Joseph Awadalla	Mirabai Rangan
Year 5/6 W	Sebastian Kurcubic	Jacob Domars	Luca Dolahenty