Greetings,

Welcome back to school for Term 4! I hope you had a great holiday and are ready for all that is to come.

Sunday’s Gospel Reflection

A man asks Jesus what he has to do to enter the Kingdom of God

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires absolute commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious to us. The rich man who approached Jesus was genuine in his desire to fulfil all the requirements of the Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to him all the commandments that deal with right relationships with others. The man is able to tick these off and assure Jesus that he has been doing this since childhood – a pretty big claim in the first place! Then Jesus ‘looked steadily at him and loved him’ – he looked on him with the eyes of love; the eyes that see to the heart of a person, and in that look knew what was most important to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress no doubt that the man was wealthy and so it is this aspect of the man’s life that Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This gospel shouldn’t necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth – rather, it is the man’s inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He’s sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.

Do you have a question about Church or our faith?

If you have a question about the Church or our Catholic faith, please don’t hesitate to email me and I will include both your question and a response in our fortnightly newsletters. Please direct your questions to me via jacquifletcher77@gmail.com. Be rest assured that you will remain anonymous! There is no such thing as a silly question and the chances are that others in our community might also be thinking the same.

First Eucharist: Parent Education Evening

Information and enrolment forms went out in Term 3 to all students in Year 3 and older who are now ready to meet Christ and be transformed by him through the Sacrament of First Eucharist. A reminder that the Parent Education Evening for this is on Wednesday the 21st October 2015 in Week 3.

Lord God,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love

At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for those in need so that You are honoured and glorified.

Amen

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FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL
Welcome back from the holidays! I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for busy term 4. Check the ‘coming up…” dates to see some of the events for this term.

Next Thursday is School Photo Day. Please ensure your child is wearing the full summer uniform with hair below collar length tied back and black leather school shoes polished. Children are required to bring their photo order form with money on the day.

DINNER DANCE
The Dinner Dance is only ‘15 sleeps’ away. Please ensure you’ve got your tickets by Thursday as final numbers go to the caterers on Friday. This is always a great night, so much fun, if you don’t have a table of friends then join another table. Last social function of the year. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE
St Patricks students have been invited to a special performance by the St Joseph's and St Edward's Combined Band and the St Joseph's Choir. The high schools will perform two mini concerts for our students this coming Wednesday and the following Wednesday. The combined schools band works with the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music and will provide a great opportunity to see orchestra instruments that we learn about in our music classes in action performing. The St Joseph’s Choir recently won the Under 19 Years Championship at the National Choral Eisteddfod in Canberra. We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to see these high school students performing live and all within walking distance! Looking forward to sharing our experience with you in the coming weeks.

KINDER ORIENTATION
Kinder Orientation is Thursday 22nd October at 9am. A reminder that all our new 2016 Kinders need to be here as well as their parents. I know the Year 5 Buddies are looking forward to meeting their little Kinders.

Michelle Perry
## Coming up….

### Term 4

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### Return to School Dates—2016

- **Mathematical Assessment Interviews**: Thurs 28 & Fri 29 January 2016
- **Year 1—6**: Monday 1 February
- **Kindergarten**: Tuesday 2 February

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**PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE:**

- **OBEY THE ROAD RULES**
- **PARK IN CORRECT AREAS**
- **NO U TURNS OUTSIDE OUR SCHOOL**
- **DO NOT DROP OFF IN THE DRIVEWAY**
- **PLEASE SLOW DOWN**
- **PLEASE STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BE AWARE OF CHILDREN CROSSING**

Police and Parking Rangers are often at our school.
The annual school dinner dance on Saturday October 24th is fast approaching! If you haven't booked your tickets yet, please pop into the office as soon as possible, as we need to confirm catering numbers. The menu is attached - it's great value at $35pp and always a fun night! Thank you to everyone who has booked and paid for tickets already.

**Courtesy Bus Too!**
If you would like a lift home after the dinner dance on the courtesy bus, please give your name and address to the school office asap. The times are:

- **11.45pm** - Early bird free bus, East Gosford only
- **Midnight** - East Gosford/Springfield/Erina/Green Point. $3pp to be paid to the driver
- **12.30am** - North/West Gosford/Pt Clare/Tascott/Kariong direction $3pp to be paid to the driver.

**Dinner Dance Prize Donations**

If you have a business and would like to donate a prize for the Dinner Dance please call Maria or drop off a voucher/prize at the office. Your business will be promoted on the evening and in our newsletter.

Any parents who would like to donate a personal prize (Wine Chocolates Holiday rental etc..) please contact Maria at the school office 4325 1159.

We thank those who have already generously donated a prize.

- Prazauskas Family—2 x bottles of spirits
- Australian Reptile Park - Entry for 1 x adult and 1 x child
- U-Nique Beauty Spot - 2 x $30 vouchers
- IGA—Vouchers
- La Bonita - 2 x facials and 1 x massage
- Bill & Al’s Painting - $100 restaurant voucher
- Century 21 Property Connect Erina- $100 restaurant voucher
- Magnolia - $50 voucher & a gift pack

This is our last function for the year, it would be great to see as many families as possible there. Rush in and get your tickets before Thursday!
SCHOOL BANKING
PLEASE SEND YOUR BANK BOOK IN ON WEDNESDAY
School banking award winners for this week:

Charlotte Gott & Andrew Stephenson
Sam Cormack & Reece Tredwell
Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at St Patricks!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
will be open on Tuesday 17th November instead of Tuesday 10th November.
SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2015

FAMILY SYNOD Update

In response to the 2015 Family Synod of Rome (24–25 October 2015) in its various dioceses in Guadalajara, Mexico, 19–20 July 2015, Pope Francis said, “(t)he main theme of the Synod is how to respond to the pastoral needs of the family. Only if we listen to the family and interested parties will we be able to understand what is needed to support the family in its life.”

We, the Catholic community, are conscious of the importance of the Synod’s theme. (The) Synod’s primary goal is that every (family) will be able to participate in the Synod’s deliberations and express their needs and hopes.

REDEFINITION of Marriage Debate

With the Synod in mind, the St. Patrick Synod is preparing to host a family meeting on 19–20 October. The purpose of these meetings is to listen to the families and their needs.

THOUGHT FROM Pope Francis

“Let us not lose the freedom to take risks, the freedom to make mistakes, the freedom to wonder and to learn. The freedom not to be afraid, not to be ashamed of being wrong, which is the freedom of the family.”

MARRIAGE WEEK

August 2015

Celebrating, honoring, valuing and cherishing marriage.

The theme for Marriage Week 2015 is “Marriage: The Foundation for Life.”

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT Opportunities

World Wide Marriage Encounter

Visit the website www.marriage-en.org

Couples Retreats

Call 1300 420 684

Smart Loving Marriage

Marriage and Parenting

Visit the website www.smartloving.org

RESPECT LIFE Sunday

Sunday 19 October

A worldwide prayer day dedicated to the pro-life movement.

Grandparents’ Day NSW

November 11

A day to celebrate grandparents and their contributions.

Your support is needed to promote the traditional family, to promote marriage and to promote respect for life.
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We NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS TERM!!!!
We need Volunteers to ensure canteen will remain open during the year.
Contact Adrienne on 0414 509547 or mrspraz@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.
Mrs P is contactable anytime, so check your 2015 calendar and if you have a date in mind, even if its months away, let her know your availability.

If you have dates in mind for TERM (4), please contact Adrienne on mrspraz@gmail.com or 0414 509547

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If for any reason you are unable to do canteen on the day you have volunteered please contact Adrienne on 0414 509547 asap so she can arrange a replacement if possible.
St Patrick’s Annual Dinner Dance
Spring Carnival
DJ and dance floor
Saturday 24th October 2015 at 7pm
Book tables or individual tickets at the school office!
$35pp

Menu

Glass of sparkling wine on arrival

Entrée - Mixed platters
- Selection of sliced cold meats, marinated Mediterranean roasted vegetables & olives
- Selection of specialty cheese & handmade dips
- Bruschetta: diced tomato, Spanish onion, fresh basil, drizzled with seasoned garlic olive oil
- Baskets of fresh assorted breads

Main - Served alternate
- Roast sliced chicken breast in a creamy white wine & shallot sauce
- Roast sliced lamb in a rosemary, roasted garlic & shallot jus
All mains are served with a home-style potato hash cake & steamed bowls of seasonal vegetables for each table

Dessert platters
- Individual chocolate mousse cake: layered chocolate mousse, chocolate sponge, topped with chocolate ganache, sprinkled with choc shaves
- Individual pavlovas served with whipped cream & fresh seasonal fruit
- Red velvet cupcakes topped with whipped cream cheese frosting

Tea and coffee

BYO Alcohol – glasses provided

Please advise any special dietary requirements when booking.