



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Family Mass
Children's Liturgy every 9am Mass
except in school holidays

P & F Meeting
Wednesday 2 June 7pm

St Patrick's Hall
Enquires and bookings please call the
school office

Outside School Hours Care
E: eastgosford.oshc@dbb.org.au
or phone 0408 165 671
or visit the school website

The Uniform Shop
phone 0412 087 696
opening hours during school terms
Tuesday
8.30am – 10.30am
Also 1st Friday of every month
2.00pm – 4.00pm
The uniform shop can be contacted
outside of business hours by email
stpatrickprimary@alinta.com.au
payments can be made direct to
Alinta Apparel in the form of cash,
credit card, or debit credit card
NO CHEQUES
uniform price list & online shopping
available at
<http://www.alintaapparel.com.au/alinta/>

2nd Hand Uniform Shop
Fortnightly Friday 2pm
or as advised.
Contact Louise 0407 100 433

Canteen
Infants: Wednesday & Friday
Primary: Wednesday & Friday
Rostered volunteers please give
24 hours' notice if you are unable to
attend

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this will be our last newsletter for the term, I hope that you are all travelling reasonably well considering our current circumstances.

With the news yesterday that the lockdown restrictions for the Central Coast will remain in place as the restrictions for Greater Sydney, we will be following the same guidelines for returning to school next term.

School resumes on Tuesday 5th October and will continue to be open only for those children of essential workers. While school is open for parents who need the service, can I remind you that all families are strongly encouraged to keep their children at home where possible, and to restrict movement as requested by the NSW Government. Parents will be asked to continue to complete the google form for attendance next term.

Returning to School

At present the roadmap for schools to return starts on Monday 25th October for Kindergarten and Year 1 students only. Years 2 and 6 students are due to return on 1st November and Years 3, 4 and 5 on 8th November. At present we do not know exactly what this will look like. Whether all students will return on the dates indicated or if this will be a staggered re-entry to school. Once we have this information, I will pass it on.

Symptoms

Can I please remind everyone, that if your child is displaying and COVID like symptoms (fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat etc), that they should be tested and remain at home until a negative result is sent through. This result needs to be emailed to the school before returning. The same applies to any immediate family members (parents or sibling), children should be kept at home until a negative result is returned.

If family member who is classified as a close contact, all family members should be tested and not return to school until negative results are returned. All close contacts do have to remain in isolation for 14 days. Close contacts need to have another COVID test. Casual contacts need to be tested and should not return until a negative result is returned. You do not have to isolate for 14 days.

Uniforms

Term 4 is usually the term we begin to return in our Summer Uniforms. Can I suggest that parents begin contact [ALINTA](http://www.alinta.com.au) now, to ensure that any uniform items needed, will arrive to you in time for the beginning of the school term. By the time we begin to return to school all students should be in their full summer uniform.

Thank you to Mrs Kerry Power

Mrs Power will be returning to her usual position in CSBB at the end of this term. It has been wonderful having Mrs Power as part of our staff this term as the Acting REC while Ms Bolton has been at OLR Wyoming as the Acting AP. Thank you Mrs Power for helping us this term and for your contributions to our school and parish community.

We also welcome back Ms Fiona Bolton to school and while we hope she enjoyed her stay at OLR Wyoming, we are looking forward to her returning to St Patrick's next term as our REC and co-Yr 4 teacher.

I hope that all our families can have a restful back over the up-coming holidays. Thank you for your continued support during this very difficult term, especially to all those families who kept their children at home when they could.

I know that all of us at school are exhausted so you must all be too. Last day of term is Friday 17 September.

Take care and God Bless

Cheryl

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

September 12, 2021

'You are the Christ!'**Commentary:**

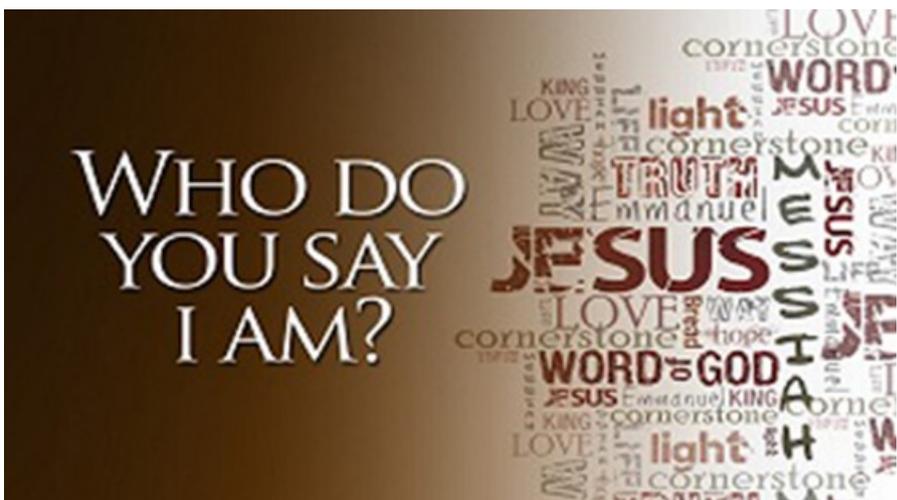
Today's gospel reading comes from a pivotal point in the Gospel of Mark ([Mark 8:27-35](#)). Up until this point, we have seen Jesus perform many miracles and heard Him teach many things.

All along, the people have been amazed and sometimes scandalized by what Jesus was doing. But the question remained, who is He? In today's reading, Jesus confronted His followers about this very question. He

first asked them what people thought of Him. Their response indicates that the popular opinion about Jesus was that He was a prophet, but nothing more. This is not too different from the popular opinion about Jesus today. Most people in our society think that Jesus was a good man who taught many good things and is a good example to follow. But they would not go beyond that. Jesus, to most people, is just another religious figure who we can learn from, in a line of many other good people throughout history. But Jesus' identity is not determined by popular opinion. And Jesus did not leave it at that with His followers. He then asked, "But who do you say that I am?" He is also asking each of us this question. It is, in fact, the most important question.

The identity of Jesus is the hinge on which our lives pivot. Will you open the door of faith and acknowledge Jesus as Lord? Or will you close the door and choose to live contrary to His plan for you? If Jesus is merely another good man with some good moral and religious teachings, then to reject Him and His teachings doesn't really matter. But if Jesus is who He said He is—that is, if He is God in the flesh—then to reject Him is to reject God, who created and sustains us. Jesus invites us to believe in Him and then put that faith into action. To follow Jesus does not mean our lives will be easy or comfortable, for Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." But the way of the cross, of following Jesus as the Messiah and Lord of our lives, is truly the most fulfilling way to live. And, best of all, it leads us to salvation and eternal life.

Taking it Home: How would you respond to the question, "Who do you say that I am?" if Jesus asked you that today? How does that response affect the way you live your life? [Source](#)



Prayer:

Jesus, You are Christ!

You came to Earth aware of the end, you wanted your disciples to understand the monumental nature of 'the call' and what it could mean for them.

Would've I understood if I had walked along the road with you?

Help me to surrender myself to discipleship and as I greet each day help me to be, the very best I can be to those whom I serve.

Amen



Each year on Social Justice Sunday, the Bishops of Australia release a statement. This year, the statement "To Live life to the full: Mental Health in Australia Today" focuses on the church's role to remove stigmatisation associated with mental ill-health. [This link](#) will take you to a presentation by Bishop Vincent Long outlining the Australian Bishops' annual Social Justice Statement.

Appropriately, the topic about which a great deal of helpful reflection is given, is: **Mental Health in Australia**. There is so much healing and strength we can assist each other and many others to welcome, if we can normalise our ability to be able to share about these very human issues. Let's give thanks for this great initiative of the bishops – and in an extra way because our own Bishop Vincent of Parramatta Diocese is the leader of the very committed group that oversees responsibility for our official Catholic Social Justice focus in Australia.

This corresponds beautifully to the message of R U OK? Conversations that can save lives.

Broken Bay News

The latest edition of Broken Bay News is now available online. This issue features Bishop Anthony's message about looking after your spiritual wellbeing, the new Pastoral Discernment Project on the Central Coast, online parenting help in lockdown, Bishop David Walker's 25th anniversary and so much more. Read it online here:

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_september_2021_issue_211

Please see below communique from Bishop Anthony.

Dear Fathers, Deacons and friends

With great sadness, I share with you that Fr James Duck, a much loved member of the presbyterate of our Diocese of Broken Bay passed away on Thursday, 9 September at his home.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Paul, Fr Jim's brother who is resident at St Catherine's, Marsfield and to his wider family. Fr Jim was a remarkable presence in our Diocese, participating with great generosity in the life of the presbyterate right through to his death and maintaining an active ministry throughout his retirement supporting our priests by his gracious availability for supply.

Fr Jim was born on 15 December 1933 in Junee, NSW to Francis George Duck and Linda Josephine Duck. He attended primary school at both St Joseph's Convent, Junee (1939 - 1940) and Our Lady of Lourdes Convent, Eastwood (1940 - 1942) and secondary school at De La Salle College, Marrickville (1943 - 1948) and St Columba's Springwood (1949 - 1950).

Fr Jim's seminary studies were at St Columba's College, Springwood (1951 - 1952) and then St Patrick's College, Manly (1953 - 1957). He was ordained on 20 July 1957 at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney by Cardinal Gilroy.

Prior to the establishment of our Diocese of Broken Bay in 1986, Fr Jim served in the following appointments:

Assistant Priest	Panania Parish	19 December 1957 to 20 December 1960
Assistant Priest On Loan	Wollongong Diocese	21 December 1960 to 9 January 1963
Assistant Priest	Woollahra Parish	10 January 1963 to 30 June 1963
Assistant Priest	Ryde Parish	1 July 1963 to 12 April 1967

In July of 1963 Fr James was appointed as the Chaplain to the Medical Students at Sydney University

Assistant Priest	Gosford Parish	13 April 1967 to 30 December 1970
Assistant Priest	North Ryde Parish	31 December 1970 to 29 December 1971
Assistant Priest	Marayong Parish	30 December 1971 to 28 December 1972
Assistant Priest	Rozelle Parish	29 December 1972 to 29 April 1975
Administrator	Leura Parish	30 April 1975 to 1 July 1975
Administrator	Merrylands Parish	1 July 1975 to 29 September 1975
Assistant Priest	Gymea Parish	30 September 1975 to 30 January 1976
Assistant Priest	Rozelle Parish	31 January 1976 to 7 February 1977

Fr James' first appointment as a Parish Priest was to Gosford Parish on 8 February 1977, a position he held when the Diocese of Broken Bay was established in 1986 until 29 February 1988. He then became the Chaplain to the Military Ordinariate being posted to Moorebank, Kapooka and Puckapunyal between April 1988 to December 1993. Upon Fr James' return to the Diocese he was appointed the Parish Priest of Narrabeen Parish on 1 February 1994 and remained there until his retirement from active ministry on 3 November 1999. In retirement, Fr James lived independently at his home in North Ryde.

Fr James celebrated his 87th Birthday in December 2020 and on the 20 July 2021 celebrated his 64th Anniversary of Ordination to Catholic priesthood.

We give God thanks for Fr James Duck's long and fruitful ministry as a priest, and now commend him to Almighty God, "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

I ask that all our priests offer Mass for the repose of the soul of Fr James and that we all remember him and his family in their prayers.

Details of Fr Jim's funeral arrangements will be shared early next week.

Fraternally yours,

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo

St Patrick's Boredom Buster Scavenger Hunt

With the advent of another lockdown holiday and not being able to go anywhere or see anyone, we at St Patrick's thought it might be fun to host the St Patrick's Boredom Buster Scavenger Hunt.

We have created a platform where your family can complete some COVID safe activities and log photos of them for your family. Different activities will be worth different points. For example, a clean bedroom may be worth 2000 points whereas a photo of a flower might be worth 100 points.

It is a real time scavenger hunt, so as you log your photos and activities, the Leaderboard is updated. This way, you can see how other families are faring and maybe even bribe the kids to have a clean bedroom. There are no prizes, just the joy of being involved and bragging rights, and maybe happier kids

If you and your family are keen to participate, please complete the Google Form below, no later than Thursday the 16th of September.

[Register here](#)

From the Library and LARC (Learning and Resource Centre)

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now CLOSED for 2021. In a dash to the finish line we had all of year 1 complete the challenge with library stories and shared reading books from lockdown literacy lessons.

We congratulate Lucie, Jonah, Edan, Faith, Kyrie, Tyler, Gabriel, Talia, Isaac, Jessica, Amisha, Benjamin, Lucy, Serah, Jimmy, Laine, James, Cooper, Helerin, Arisa, Samson, Hayden, Fallon, Antonio, and Celina in 1B; Jezebel, Aurelio, Samuel, Rhett, Violet, Abigail, Aleena, Hudson, Amber, Zoey, Jackson, Maceo, Vivienne, Anna, Soren, Riley, Georgie, Pashtana, Billie, Marcus, Byron, Harrison, Zac, Elayna, Annlia and Jayden in 1G; also Abigail and Stella in 3G, Isabelle in 3B, Jessica in 4G and Narthana in 5G. Fantastic effort from all these children.

We had a total of 183 children undertake the challenge this year, congratulations to all these wonderful readers.



NSW Department of Education

2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens Monday March 1

Challenge closes for student entries Friday August 20

Artwork by Dr Bronwyn Bancroft

Book Week Colouring Competition

Congratulations to Neysa in KG, Annlia in 1G, Evelyn in 2G, Chloe in 3G, Jonah in 4G, Ann in 5G and Joseph in 6G for winning the Book Week Colouring in Competition.

Your prize is a \$10 voucher to spend at our Book Fair which will be in December, I will issue the voucher when we return to school

Carmen Hartz, Teacher Librarian

STORYTIME FOR OUR ST PATRICK'S KINDERGARTEN 2022

We hope your children enjoyed last week's **St Patrick's Storytime** based on the classic book 'Where The Wild Things Are'.

St Patrick's celebrated Book Week last week so we thought we would do something a little different for this week's Storytime!

We hope you and your children enjoy the video and the fun activity booklet.

Please find a link to the video

<https://vimeo.com/598572000/cd7bd428b4>

Let us know if you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the booklet and we can post one out to you.

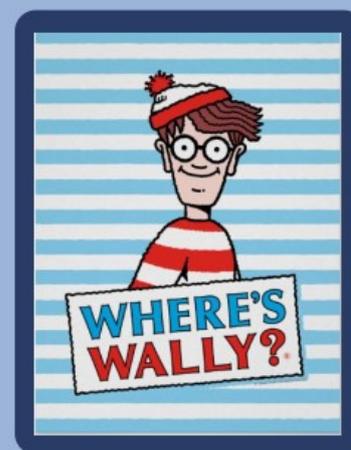
Please feel free to send photos to us via email of your children working on the activity booklet and we can share these with our school community on Facebook!

Our St Patrick's Spoonville community continues to grow! You are welcome to make a wooden spoon and add it to our garden at the entrance to the school office.

Please reach out to us if you need any assistance or support.

Take care and stay safe.

Storytime with
St Patrick's



"WHERE'S WALLY?"
By Illustrator
Martin Handford



Scan QR code to watch the video

Remember September

This month our favourite 'Nanna' – **Lorraine Hughes** has signed up to 'Move it' and aim to walk 63km over the month of September to raise funds for PanKind, The Australian Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, the only charity exclusively dedicated to pancreatic cancer.

Just about every child at St Patrick's would know Nanna from the school canteen, where she volunteers her time just about every week.

Lorraine, her daughter Emma and Blake who is in Year 4, lost their beloved 'Gazza' to pancreatic cancer in 2019 after a short battle with the disease. Gary was a remarkable man, much loved Father and Husband, taken far too early by this disease.

St Patrick's P&F committee have donated \$150 to this worthy cause.

Here is the [link to Lorraine's Page](#)

You can read more about 'Remember September' at

[Remember September : Home](#)



Hi Everyone,

Some of you may have heard that some of us are walking between 100 and 200km during September to raise money for children and families who are fighting cancer.

We'd love your support if you're willing. (Remember all donations are tax deductible).

We're currently sitting at \$4,917... go team St. Pat's!!

Thank you in advance for supporting us and our fellow furry friends while walking. And a big thankyou to the families who have already generously supported us.

To donate please use this link:

<https://fundraise.campquality.org.au/fundraisers/SaintPatricksTeam>

Thank you in advance,

Maria, Nat, Mark, Lee, Cheryl V-T, Ange, Chris, Clare, Jade, Donna & Isobel



Busways

8 September 2021

**St Edward's College
St Joseph's Catholic College
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School**

SCHOOL BUS 2222 - AM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Previous notification advised that the below changes would commence Tuesday 5th October 2021, unfortunately the changes have been delayed and will **instead commence Monday 25th October 2021**, we apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

School Bus 2222 will operate 5 minutes later throughout the entire journey. There will be no changes to the route.

The revised operating times will be as follows: -

- 8:15am – Gosford Station
- 8:23am – St Edward's College & St Joseph's College
- 8:25am – St Patrick's Primary School

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **1300 69 2929**.

Alternatively you can view all of your schools timetabled services at: <https://www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables> and select the link adjacent to your schools name; "New timetable | 25 October 2021".

Yours sincerely,

BUSWAYS
(3192) SB 2222 145K

Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit St Patrick's Primary School, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, St Patrick's will receive 0.5%* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms> Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our school.

You can download the Apps by searching for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.



VACATION CARE SEPTEMBER 2021

St Patrick's Catholic School, East Gosford

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

7.30am – 6.00pm

P: 0408 165 671 | E: oshc.eastgosford@catholiccaredbb.org.au

 <p>MONDAY 20 SEPT</p> <p>BOARD GAME MANIA</p> <p>Bring your favourite board games in and challenge the educators and your friends. We will also pull out some of the favourite OSHC board games for a whirl!</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$59.00</p>	 <p>TUESDAY 21 SEPT</p> <p>WHEELY DAY</p> <p>If it rolls you can bring it ... bike, scooter or skates. Please remember you need a helmet to ride!</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$59.00</p>	 <p>WEDNESDAY 22 SEPT</p> <p>MOVIE, PJ & PIZZA PARTY</p> <p>Today we will make our own pizza and kick back and watch a movie. And the best part, don't forget to wear your PJs!</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$59.00</p>	 <p>THURSDAY 23 SEPT</p> <p>OOSHYMPICS</p> <p>Join us for a fun take on the modern day Olympics. Dress in favourite sports jersey and participate in a range of sports and games!</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$59.00</p>	 <p>FRIDAY 24 SEPT</p> <p>ME DAY</p> <p>Face paint, nail polish, temporary tattoos – lots of fun activities planned for today!</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$59.00</p>
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 <p>MONDAY 27 SEPT</p> <p>GOTTA CATCH THEM ALL</p> <p>Children create their own personalised Pokémon cards, we watch Pokémon movies, and we even make Pokémon balls!</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$59.00</p>	 <p>TUESDAY 28 SEPT</p> <p>HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?</p> <p>Let's get our green thumbs out today. We will create some seed heads to take home as well as work on our outdoor garden.</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$59.00</p>	 <p>WEDNESDAY 29 SEPT</p> <p>NEON DANCE PARTY</p> <p>Today we will dress up in neon or fluoro and dance the day away!</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$59.00</p>	 <p>THURSDAY 30 SEPT</p> <p>SUPERHERO DAY</p> <p>Is it a bird, or is it a plane? No it's us OSHC kids. Let's do some superhero craft and be sure to dress up as your favourite hero.</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$59.00</p>	 <p>FRIDAY 1 OCT</p> <p>TECHNOLOGY DAY</p> <p>What a way to finish off the holidays with a super chill day. Bring your iPad, Nintendo switch etc. Please note we have no WIFI and please do not bring chargers.</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$59.00</p>
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Tween and Teen Life:

Transitions and Connections Webinar Series



Preparing for transitioning into high school, through adolescence and out of high school brings a new set of experiences and challenges for young people with a disability.

Lifestart is offering a free interactive webinar series to assist young people and their parents/carers to have the skills and confidence to navigate these new experiences together. Join the webinars live for an opportunity to ask questions or listen to a recording later. This series will be presented by Lifestart staff and guests experienced in working with young people and with lived experience.

[Click here](#) to see a list of all events or click on the webinars you are interested in below and follow the prompts on Eventbrite.



Getting it Right with School Meetings
Achieving Greater Outcomes

11 October 2021 at 7.30pm

Hear first-hand – a parent's experience and their tips.



Choosing a high school
Advice from parents and young people

18 October 2021 at 7.30pm

A Tik Tok sensation – Ash Magic – and a parent share their journey.



What comes next?
Hear real stories of post-school outcomes

25 October 2021 at 7.30pm

Fashion designer, Radio announcer and a public speaker/small business owner – so many opportunities.



Keeping Connected
Creating possibilities post high school

1 November 2021 at 7.30pm

Young people share with us what worked for them.

Contact us

If you would like more information on our Webinar Series please contact the BelongINC team:

info@belonginc.org.au

1800 317 030