



# St Agnes Catholic High School

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## Diary Dates

**15 - 18 May**

Year 7 & 9 Naplan

**28 - 1<sup>st</sup> June**

7 - 10 Assessment Block

**4 June**

Senior School  
Information Night 6.30pm

**6 June**

Year 10 Vietnam  
Veterans Incursion

**8 June**

Pupil Free Day

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CALENDAR**

11 May 2018

Welcome back!

We began the term with a commemorative **ANZAC service** - a solemn and reverent reminder of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The Lone Pine, which sits proudly at the front of the school is a daily reminder of the ANZAC spirit.

The **Year 10 Retreat** last week provided an opportunity for personal reflection and spiritual growth as the students focused on Jesus and "Who do you say I am". We are grateful to Mrs Reyes, Mr Chavez and the teams of teachers who accompanied the students.

A reminder to parents that **NAPLAN testing** for Year 7 and 9 students is May 15-17. Information regarding the tests will be sent home separately.

We are very excited to be inviting Year 10 parents and students to the Year 11 **Information Night** on June 4. It is at 6:30pm in the San Damiano Centre. Information on senior schooling at St Agnes and the process for subject selection will be outlined on this evening. Additional information is available on our website.

I will be on leave for the next few weeks, during this time Ken Wolffe will be Acting Principal and Liz Gale will be Acting Assistant Principal.

**Lisa-Maree Browning**  
*Principal*



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**High School**  
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## *From the Assistant Principal*

### NAPLAN Information for Parents and Carers

The NAPLAN exams are part of the National Assessment Program developed by ACARA. NAPLAN Tests are set for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and have been used since 2008.

NAPLAN tests will occur nationally on Tuesday 15th May through to Thursday 17th May with catch up exams running on Friday 18th May for any students who miss the exam due to illness.

NAPLAN is made up of four areas or domains consisting of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

NAPLAN tests the skills that are developed in these areas over the years of schooling to show the growth of your child. The data collected from NAPLAN is used by School systems and governments to support and inform good teaching and learning. It gives teachers the opportunity to measure student's abilities across National standards to ensure that all students are challenged at their appropriate level.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the NAPLAN testing for 2018 you can contact Mr Hilder at St Agnes via email or phone on: [ghilder@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ghilder@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
Ph: 8882 0700

#### **Survey**

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Agnes. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

[www.tellthemfromme.com](http://www.tellthemfromme.com)

#### **Staff Professional Learning**

Friday June 8 will be a Professional Learning Day for St Agnes. As such there will be no formal classes on this day and students will not be required to attend school. The staff will be engaged with preparing for our first intake of Stage 6 (Year 11) students in 2019. There are many items that are required to be in place to cater for our senior students and the work completed on this day will be instrumental in our preparation.

**Ken Wolffe**  
**Assistant Principal**

# From the Religious Education Coordinator

## Year 10 Retreat

### **"Who do you say I am?" (Mark 8:29)**

The Year 10 Retreat theme for 2018 is "Who do you say I am?" (*Mk 8:29*), a question Jesus asked his disciples, in order for him to see if they had truly come to understand who He was. Peter responded, "You are the Christ"; echoing Jesus' burning question to his disciples with a hopes of igniting the start of a deeper understanding of self and their relationship with God. How many times have we been asked this question about not just who Jesus is, but also who we are?



A *retreat* for our Year 10 students in Term 2 was carefully timed to give students the opportunity for them to stop and take a deep look at their life with the hopes of re-directing themselves to a path most fulfilling for them. In this Year of Youth, the retreat aspired to bring this very question to our young people as they discern the next stage in their lives.

In the middle of the beautiful Hawkesbury, the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre was the perfect location for reflection, discernment and fellowship. Blessed with delicious food, a variety of sporting activities, and a serene chapel, the inability to connect to Wifi was a blessing in disguise. Surprisingly for students, they had come to enjoy the peaceful surroundings and nature escape in being disconnected from social media and taking a step back to be in the present moment many have come to deeply appreciate.

The retreat was comprised of five sessions that focused on identity, trust, family, love and friendship that encouraged the students to think of the question "Who do you say I am?". With team building activities throughout the day, the retreat was brought together with a special guest session by Fr Benedict from the Friars of St. Francis, the newest friend to St Agnes. Fr Benedict generously gave us his time to talk about Vocations and how this is a search for each and every one of us to find that one thing that brings our heart full of joy. The famous passage from St. Augustine's Confessions states ***"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you"*** is the very nature of our journey towards our Vocation and requires us knowing God and His unending love. We were also very blessed to have Fr Alan Layt and Fr Pat Mullins SJ celebrate the Eucharist with us as no retreat is complete without the presence of Christ.

Each evening, Mr Sadsad, our ultimate games master, hosted the annual St Agnes Trivia Night and Minute-to-win competitions! It was a very competitive evening and required much bravery to win the final points during the karaoke round that required students to sing for their team and finish the chorus of famous songs. What talented singers we have amongst this group! It was safe to say, we may have lost our voices due to all the laughter but we all had a wonderful time.

Gratitude and trust was a very important element of the retreat and this was not possible without the amazing teachers we have at St Agnes. A very special thank you to the Year 10 Retreat Team - Mr Sadsad, Ms Raad, Ms Libri, Mr Azzopardi, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Shyam, Mr Jadrijevic, Mr Scarpin, Ms Hicks and Mr Chavez for their generosity of time, spirit, friendship and guidance to ensure this retreat was a wonderful experience for all! These teachers shared their own life experiences as a gift for students to understand that family, friendships, love, faith and the search for our Vocation are deeply important parts of life and it is all possible with faith and the grace of God. We look forward to sharing meaningful experiences with this group in the near future as we continue to provide opportunities for students to reconnect and rediscover themselves in light of Christ.







## Harmony Day Celebrations & Hero Day - Project Compassion

St Agnes could not let this national day pass without celebrating exactly what our school stands for, that everyone belongs and everyone is welcome. St Agnes is a multicultural and diverse community that welcomes, accepts and celebrates all that is unique about every person, but what better way to celebrate this day than with a multicultural concert and food stalls. The concert showcased the many musical talents at St Agnes but also the cultural spirit that makeup our school community. A big thank you goes out to the Year 10 House Leaders for hosting four food stalls that aimed to raise money for the last time for our Project Compassion GOAT Challenge. An impressive amount raised by each House all due to the generosity of students and parents for donating food items to sell. St Agnes, you continue to inspire others with our House spirit and dedication to come together for a great cause!

**Congratulations St Agnes for raising \$4427.95 for Project Compassion 2018!!!!**







## ***World Youth Day - Panama 2019 Raffle***

***"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to Your Word" (Lk 1:38)***

This term, the WYD St Agnes Pilgrims will be organising a WYD raffle that gives our community a chance to win amazing prizes and also assist us financially in attending World Youth Day Panama in 2019!

A WYD raffle will be distributed to all St Agnes students that includes 10 tickets for \$2 each (\$20 a book). Buy the entire raffle booklet and you could win the prizes displayed in the advertisement overleaf.

This term, the WYD team will be hosting a fundraising day and disco so please support our staff and students as they represent St Agnes.

I wish you all a blessed Mother's Day this weekend and for all women who have shown the great depths of sacrifice and love as we celebrate their life-giving presence in our lives.

***Pace e bene,  
Mary Reyes***







## BUY YOUR WYD RAFFLE TICKETS ONLINE

**STEP 1:**  
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## FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019

**1st Prize:** Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered  
Supplied by Penrith Mazda (02) 4732 2777

**2nd Prize:** COSMOS \$2000 Gift Card  
Donated by Cosmos - can be used on any Cosmos coach tour for travel in 2019. This value prize cannot be used towards any WYD 2019 pilgrimage. The value cannot be transferred to cash

**4th Prize:** New iPhone X  
**5th Prize:** New iPhone X  
**6th Prize:** New iPhone X  
Donated by Secure Agility

**7th Prize:** Apple iPad Mini  
Donated by Campion College Australia

**8th Prize:** Cash Prize of \$500  
Donated by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

**9th Prize:** Apple Watch  
Donated by Catholic Church Insurance

**10th Prize:** \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card  
Donated by The Catholic Foundation

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## Junior Boys Basketball Report

On Thursday 3rd May 2018 the St Agnes Junior Boys Basketball team played St Clares in the final of the Junior Boys Basketball Competition.

The two teams had met once before with St Clares coming up victorious in a closely fought game. The final was to be played at Kevin Betts Stadium with all of the boys ready to show their best.

In an almost perfect first half, the St Agnes boys amassed a first half lead of 19-4. Cheered on by a big crowd of students and teachers, they attacked the frantic St Clare defence constantly and continued to get offensive rebounds to keep the pressure on. At the other end of the court, the boys worked hard to force their opposition into tough shots and made sure they were not given any free baskets.

At half time the boys were instructed to up the ante particularly in defense and that is exactly what they did. They muscled up in the middle and continued to pressure whoever had the ball. Although St Clare played well in the second half and made a number of big three point plays, St Agnes continued to score at the other end and never lost their composure. In the end St Agnes always seemed to be in control of the game.

St Agnes went on to win 29-20 with all boys contributing strongly on the day. Congratulations boys on a great season and a win in the final was just reward for your efforts all year.

### St Agnes Junior Boys Basketball Team 2018

Gabriel Crisostomo	Christian Ramos
Samuel Suarez	Lyndon Romana
Uriel Allarey	Dwayne Tukala
Aaron Vicedas	Chris Bishop
Rodney Patterson	Sean Ashby
	Christian Calleja

**Gavin Hilder**  
Coach

# ST AGNES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



## ANZAC SERVICE



On the 30th April, students and teachers commemorated Anzac Day. St Agnes remembered the soldiers who served in the war. Lest we forget.



Caitlin Carriglio, Micah Fernandez, Angelene Concepcion, Vaituloto Mauia, Jonathan Israel, Crystal-Rose Marsh, Jastej Pabla, Kathleen Sikuea, Olivia Lucia Solis, Helenia Tavares, Vansh Thakker, Lachlan Watson, Dilara Alsan, Claudia Estrada, Emalie Mackay, Vanie Barcelon and Alyssa Willis, helped with setting up the service. The Digital Media students (Priyanshi Sharma, Shazim Siddique Evan Tecson, and Nathan Luk Bugler) and the school IT helped with taking photos and live streams. The choir (Kathleen Sikuea, Kayecy Pacheco, Aleksandra Favor, Emily Moyse, Crystal-Rose Marsh, Mikhaila Ladines, Hayley Olives and Alexi Bonete) displayed a wonderful performance during the service.

*Priyanshi Sharma*  
*Digital Media and Communication*  
*Portfolio Leader.*





# Student Attendance

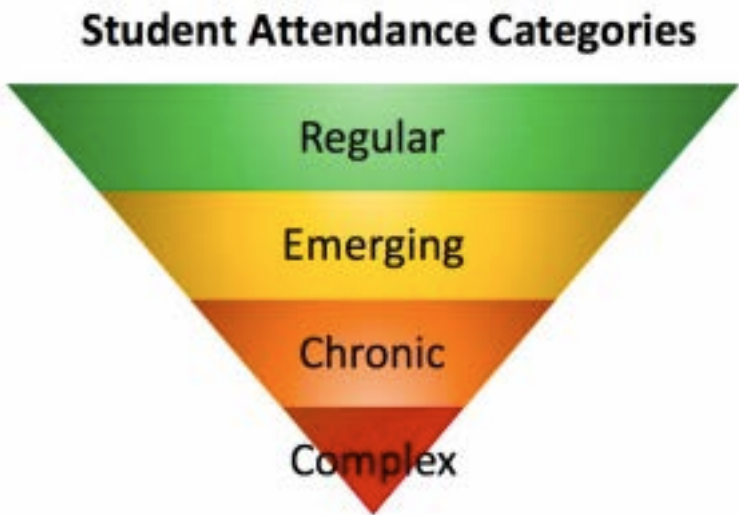
During Term 2 we will continue to work closely with our students to encourage and maximise their attendance at school.

The target for all students is to attend as much as possible. While we recognise that children fall sick from time to time, and have unavoidable commitments, we strongly encourage parents to maximise the number of days at school.

A couple of days here and there add up very quickly and are very difficult to catch up. We will be meeting with many of our students throughout this term to share with them, on an individual basis, their attendance at school so far this year. In this way we hope to highlight each student's attendance for this year, and for him or her to understand the value of being at school every day.

The categories of attendance described by the Parramatta Catholic Education office are shown in the attached diagram. The target is to have all students in the green, regular category. We will be working with students and parents, especially where a child is in either the chronic or complex category, to target term 2 for regular attendance: that is, attending every day possible.

If you would like information about or support for attendance issues please contact your child's Learning Advisor in the first instance.



A graphic featuring a green speech bubble on a blue background. Inside the bubble, text reads: "A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up 2 days a month adds up to 4 weeks a year / 20 days a year which is over one year of lost learning. EVERY DAY COUNTS". To the left of the bubble are illustrations of a clock, a pencil holder with pens and pencils, and a pair of scissors. At the bottom right, there are logos for "every learner every day" and "Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta".

Did you know			
Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but			
He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years



# PDSSSC Swimming Carnival

On Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March the annual PDSSSC Swimming carnival was held at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush Bay. The carnival was attended by all of the Secondary Catholic Schools within the Parramatta Diocesan and there were hundreds of students participating.

St Agnes were represented by 2 students, Amira Osborne and Joel Lack. Amira competed in the 13 years 50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and the 50m Backstroke. Joel competed in the 14 years 50m Freestyle (finishing 7<sup>th</sup>), 50m Butterfly (finishing 6<sup>th</sup>), 50m Breaststroke (finishing 8<sup>th</sup>), 100m Freestyle (finishing 4<sup>th</sup>) and 50m Backstroke (finishing 7<sup>th</sup>). Both Amira and Joel achieved some fantastic results and swimming many personal best times on the day.

It was a great day and wonderful experience for our young swimmers and I would like to congratulate them both on their outstanding achievements. I would also like to thank their parents for taking time away from work to support our swimmers.

*Claire Ely*  
Sport Coordinator



## QUESTIONS ON YEAR 11 2019?

YOU WILL FIND FAQ ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

<http://www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au/>

### **Student Led Parent/Teacher Interviews**

23 July 2018 8am – 5.00pm

There will be no formal lessons held. Students must attend in full winter uniform with parents.

# Save our Students Health...Say NO to Incinerators

You may/may not be aware 'The Next Generation', a company that believes the way to create energy from waste is to burn it, has proposed to build an **incinerator 3kms from our school**.

If approved, the incinerator will burn through 552,000 tonnes of waste per year, which could be doubled to over 1 million tonnes per year if all stages are approved. **Students will be breathing in toxic fumes emitted from this facility.** We would like you to join in the fight to **stop** this facility from being approved. Have your say at <http://ipcn.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say?project=ff64f94d-b525-4cf7-964e-074e89fcb56e>.

The Environmental Protection Authority, The NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), NSW Health, the NSW Labor Government and Blacktown City Council oppose this proposal as they believe residents in Western Sydney will be exposed to potentially deadly pollution from this plant if the proposal.

Now the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) NSW is preparing to make its determination and the Commission wants to hear what you think about this project. Naturally, the level of community concern is extremely high and it is important this is reinforced to the IPC by a strong response by you.

The Commission is holding a public meeting at **Rooty Hill RSL**, 55 Sherbrooke Street Rooty Hill NSW 2766, on Monday, **14 May 2018, at 11:00am**. Please attend and show your objection to this company poisoning our students'.

You can make a written submission to the Commission about this project by email or post.

Email: [ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au)

Post: Independent Planning Commission NSW

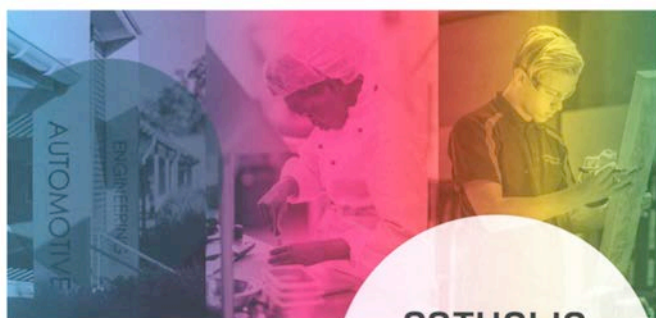
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The Commission as part of the decision-making will carefully consider all written submissions.



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## How to Install The Skoolbag App

Instructions for parents installing Skoolbag.



### For Apple Users

1. From your iPhone/iPad, click on the "Download on the App Store" button above or open the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag"
2. Download the free SkoolBag app
3. Opening the app, and add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

### For Google Android Users

1. From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store
2. Click on the "Get it on Google play" button above or go to the Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag"
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*a diverse  
community  
learning  
together*

CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

## media release



1 May 2018  
For immediate release

### The need to transform education unquestionable, says Catholic education leader

Greg Whitby AM, Executive Director Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, said today that the significant shift in the model of schools proposed in yesterday's 'Gonski 2.0' report: *Through Growth to Achievement*, should be seen as just the start of what is needed to make education meaningful for millions of young Australians.

"I am delighted that the Federal Government has strongly supported the recommendations in this report," Mr Whitby said. "The dire need to transform education for the wellbeing of future generations and kids at school today is unquestionable."

"It's terrific to see an energetic national discussion about education with a serious focus on learning. This acknowledgement that the world has changed is long overdue."

"Let's hope this leads to a coherent policy framework that supports and funds our education system from end to end. That is the next step. Learning needs to be seen as a continuum. Segmenting funding into early education, primary, secondary and post-school education just doesn't make sense any more."

Mr Whitby said that if we've learnt anything from years of the failed industrial model of education, it's that structural change must be driven by the needs of the learner.

"Educators like to talk about 'teachable moments' - real-world opportunities for lasting learning. I just hope this new report from David Gonski proves to be a teachable moment for our political and education leaders."

#ends

For media opportunities, contact Vanessa Bradbury on 0477 244 202 or email [vbradbury@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vbradbury@parra.catholic.edu.au).



**NAIDOC Week Celebrations**  
are held across Australia each July  
to celebrate the history, culture  
and achievements of Aboriginal  
and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

## ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

Entry is open  
to all students  
in Years 10-12

"Discuss justice initiatives in Australia and how they have  
impacted on Aboriginal people over the last ten years."

Maximum words 1500

(entries will be judged on knowledge of subject and quality of essay)

### INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS TO ASPIRE TO



**Jessica Mauboy**  
Indigenous Recording Artist



**Jonathan Thurston**  
Indigenous Rugby League Player

\*\*Please ensure name  
grade are clearly included  
on both your work and on  
the official NAIDOC School  
Initiatives entry form.

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All competitions: Entries must be received by close of business on Friday 22 June 2018 at the co-ordination centre, GPO Box 454, Sydney NSW 2001. Judging will take place on Thursday 28th June 2018. Winners will be notified through principals, presentations will take place at school assemblies with your local Mayor, Elders and other dignitaries.

## CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Entry is open  
to all students  
in Years 7-9

"Choose an Aboriginal song or film and explain  
what it means to you and why you have chosen  
this particular song or film."

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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9 Adelaide Street  
Rooty Hill  
Ph: 02 9625 8404

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23 Nelson Street  
Mt Druitt South  
Ph: 02 9625 8847

*Holy Family*  
254 Luxford Road  
Emerton  
Ph: 02 9628 7272

*St John Vianney's*  
17 Cameron Street  
Doonside  
Ph: 02 9622 3426

### Catholic Outlook Survey

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about CatholicOutlook. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here [www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook)

### CatholicCare has a new website

Remaining committed to their core mission to be the compassionate face of Christ and be a strong and visible provider of care for all in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains with a special concern for the poor, CatholicCare now also has a new website to help them on their journey. Visit the new website at [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)

### Volunteers Required

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, are looking for volunteers to support our clients in the Blacktown area who are over 65 and living in their own home. You may be able to spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight to take a client out shopping or to a medical appointment or just stop by for a cuppa and a chat. We also require drivers who are able to drive a 12 seater Hiace bus. If this interests you, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 8843 2541, 0418 114 055 or via email on [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

### We want to hear YOUR voice!

The Council for Australian Catholic Women, an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and will be holding a consultation session with women in the Diocese of Parramatta on the evening of 21 June 2019. Share your thoughts with us and/or let us know if you would like to be part of that consultation event on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen>

### Formation 2018

Formation 2018 presented by 'Live Christ Share Christ' at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta have been holding monthly formation talks for the past eighteen months. Topics have included: Sacraments, An Introduction & Overview of the Gospel of Mark, The Temptation of Jesus (Mark) and weekly Lenten reflections. Our speakers are clergy from the Diocese of Parramatta and other special guests. Sessions alternate from Friday nights to Saturday afternoons in the Cathedral Hall. If you would like to be included on our mailing list for upcoming talks, please email Pat, Parish Secretary on [secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au).

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*Join us for a*  
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*Evening to Prepare for Pentecost*

<b>The Institute for Mission</b> 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown 2148 (corner of Flushcombe Rd)	<b>Monday, May 14</b> 6:45pm Refreshments and Nibbles 7:00pm Start
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*"Receive the Power when the Holy Spirit  
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A biblical look at the Pentecost readings*

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