

St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park

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16th August 2017 **NEWSLETTER** Term 3 Week 5

From the Principal

Enrolments

We are steadily working through our perspective enrolments for 2018. Kindergarten enrolments are going well with additional enrolments across the school. We have some events coming up which are being advertised in the wider community through a mail drop and invites to preschool.

During Book Week we are inviting families interested in enrolling their children at St Bernadette's to come and have a look at our wonderful school. If you know families interested in our school encourage them to attend. The details are;

- Preschool children and their families are invited to dress up and attend our book parade on Tuesday the 29th of August at 9.30
- Interested families are invited to tour the school on Thursday the 31st at 9.15 or 3.30

NAPLAN

This week NAPLAN results will be made available for all Year 3 and 5 children who sat the assessment. The school has just received access to the results and we will work our way through them to complete an analysis and response to learning. Using the data that NAPLAN provides to improve learning and ensure any individual gaps in learning are addressed will be a focus for the Stage 2 and 3 teaching teams.

I encourage parents to view NAPLAN as an important test, but to remember it is one test that was held at a particular point in time. Every student's learning has progressed since NAPLAN was sat and the results may not reflect how a particular child is doing at this point of time.

I would encourage parents who have concerns regarding NAPLAN results to make contact with their child's class teacher to discuss the results in light of current progress.

Prayers

As a school community we currently have a number of students who are not at school due to ongoing illness. School staff are working with these families to maintain relationships and learning are maintained. I ask that you take the time with your children to pray for the sick children at St Bernadette's. Their families will all appreciate your prayers as they navigate this challenging time.

Facebook

We are making a big effort to communicate more regularly to the school community via Facebook. If you aren't already following our page i would encourage you to so. This is where we will be sharing our most up to date articles on student learning, school activities and aspects of interest. Have a look and don't forget to 'like' our posts.

Project Based Learning

Project Based Learning (PBL) is a teaching framework used to add rigour and engagement to learning. PBL can be used across all learning areas, but at the moment we are concentrating our efforts within the HSIE and Science learning areas with purposeful integration with literacy. PBL is a diocesan initiative. We are using this approach to learning in both Stage Two and Three.

Over the past two weeks many of our staff spent time with a team of experts from Advanced Reasoning in Education based in Texas. We were also privileged to have them visit our school and work closely with the teaching staff. This professional learning is invaluable. It builds the knowledge base of the teachers to better enable learning that is rigorous for all students. It also affirms our current approach to developing staff and embedding PBL as an element of our everyday teaching practice.

The staff will continue to refine their PBL skills as they complete Term 3 teaching and begin to plan for Term 4. Mr Phill Kapitanow, Principal



St Bernadette's Primary School Lalor Park

We invite you to join us and celebrate



Book Week

Monday 28th August

8.30am – 9.00am Book Fair Open in our Library 3.15pm – 4.00pm Book Fair Open in our Library

Tuesday 29th August

8.30am - 9.00am Book Fair Open in our Library

9.30am-11.30am Book Week Parade, Book Week Competition winners announced,

Band Performance

11.00am Picnic Morning Tea

3.15pm-4.00pm Book Fair Open in our Library

Wednesday 30th August

8.30am-9.00am Book Fair Open in our Library

9.30am-10.30am Book Week Performance by Perform Musicals (Students Only)

3.15pm-4,00pm Book Fair Open in our Library

Thursday 31st August

7.45am-9.00am Father's Day Breakfast BBO and Liturgy (Please RSVP)

8.30am - 9.00am Book Fair Open in our Library (last chance to buy)

9.15am-9.45am Open Classrooms - All Welcome

All Day - Father's Day Craft Stall (Students Only)

Friday 1st September

6.00pm-8.00pm Family Disco

We look forward to seeing you for our celebrations!

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St Bernadette's Zone Athletics Team

Yesterday we had over 30 representative athletes compete at the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all our students who did us proud in representing the school with wonderful sportsmanship, encouraging others and aiming for their personal best. For many of our students it was their first opportunity to compete in different field events as well as be up against other schools in our zone. Particular congratulations go to Julio from Stage 2 as well as Jayden from Stage 3 who have progressed to the next Diocesan level in discus.

This year, St Bernadette's was in charge of running the day and many people need to be thanked for their assistance. Mrs Ardill was invaluable in her help with ribbon writing all day through rain and wind. Mr Hickey also gave his time helping out on the track when other schools were finding it hard to rustle up volunteers. Our students spent the day tag-teaming each other, running communication back and forth as needed and basically filling any holes for jobs needing doing. Miss Stapley, Mrs Goodchild and Mrs Santos were also there from the early morning to the being the last to leave makign sure everythign ran smoothly. As a school, we were a great team and deserve congratulations and thanks.

Being so busy on the day, photos were few and far between but collective photos will be displayed on the PDCPSSC Face book page: a link to this can be found at www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/home

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards recently.

		Scholastic			
First Name	Last Name	Year	Homeroom	Award Description	
Zarina	Jaffar	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award	
Willow	Onorato	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award	
Akok	Okello	К	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award	
Oskar	Pace	К	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award	
Oskar	Pace	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award	
Samara	Pineda-Otalvaro	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award	
Lancelot	Taulia	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award	
Lukas	Brandwood	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award	
Kaitlin	Cragg	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award	
Ronan	Longhurst	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award	

Year 6 Fun Day Fundraising

Dear parents and quardians

The library team are doing a skittles guessing competition, to raise money for the year 6 fun day.

It is \$1.50 for 3 guesses, \$2 for five and 50c for 1.

This will be held in week 6 on Wednesday and Friday during recess at

play time. Hope you can encourage your children/child to enter into the competition to win a jar of skittles and help the year 6 raise money for their fun day.

Thank-you!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New Telephone Number for St Bernadette's (02) 8869 6400

This number is active NOW.

You will be transferred automatically if the old number is used. Thank you

News from our REC

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

Last Friday the students and teachers participated in a prayer reflection to commemorate the life and work of Australia's Saint – St Mary Mackillop. After the reflection, students were asked to reflect and respond to some questions that target the Three Senses (Literal, Spiritual and Application Sense). Here are some of the student's responses;

By: Savannah Amaral S3G

Who is Mary MacKillop?

Mary MacKillop was a woman who was dedicated to God, she also founded the Josephite schools with the help of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. When she met father Julian Wood she was inspired to help people and form the sisters of Saint Joseph. She traveled a lot to educate the unfortunate, as a result of this she became sick regularly but there was one in particular that was quite threatening. The 8th August 1909 was the date where she was called to the kingdom of God. It was because of her that women all of Australia are getting the chance to have an education and pursue their chosen career.

In what ways did Saint Mary MacKillop be a true disciple of Jesus?

The true job of a disciple was to spread the good news and be the face of Jesus, it was also to "love one another as Jesus loved you" this was something God used to say all the time and His disciples job was to live up to that very sentence. St Mary MacKillop did that and much more to help others and be the face of Jesus. One act in particular that she did was giving up her time to go and teach other's who didn't have the opportunity to learn and she helped women recognise their true potential.

Continued from our REC

What Sacraments come to mind when you hear her name

I think of Baptism because in the sacrament of Baptism you are invited into God's family and community.

Mary Mackillop Reflection By: Hane Koko S3G

Mary Mackillop was a Christian women who inspired many people to help and educate the poor people. Mary Mackillop's Kindness and passion to help the poor created the sisters of St Joseph.

Mary Mackillop was a true disciple of God because she worshiped no other God but God, she was loyal and loving to her neighbours and she followed God's path by helping the poor and needy. She also spread the word of the Lord which inspired other people globally to continue doing what she had done.

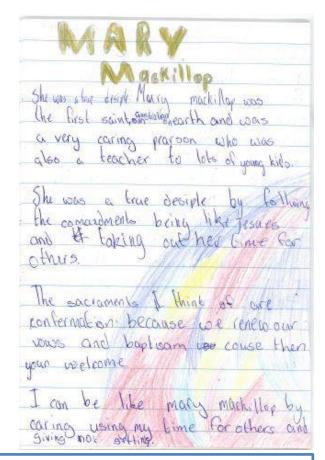
When I hear Mary Mackillop the two sacraments I think of is Baptism and Confirmation because in Baptism you become a member of the Church and as a member of the Church you have to follow Jesus' path and spread the good news, and in Confirmation you can confirm you are a Christian who is willing to do anything for God and this is exactly what Mary had done.

I think that I could be more like Saint Mary Mackillop by spreading the word of the Lord and trying to help the people who need help.

By: Ella McCarthy

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By: Sanika Kulkarni





Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program is on again. The program begins on **26**th **July and closes on 19**th **September, 2017.**. We ask you to get behind this great initiative and ask your family, friends, neighbours anyone you know to support our school. **St Bernadette's has a box in the school office and at Woolworths Kings Langley where you can place your stickers. Thank you**

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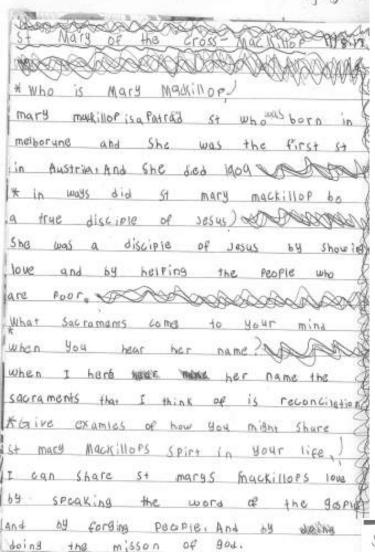
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Baby News

Congratulations to Jai Jenkins (Stage 1 Gold) and Jayden Jenkins (Stage 3 White) on the birth of their little brother Jett recently. We welcome him in to the St Bernadette's Community.



Box Lids Needed



We are in need of box lids for our school fete. The type of lids that come on boxes of A4 paper.

If you have any type lids can you please send them in to the school office.

It would be appreciated.

Thank you

Diary Dates

TERM 3

AUGUST

17th No Student Banking

18th Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL

21st School Fees Due

Life Ed visits school for students

22nd Netball Gala Day

23rd Skittles Guessing Competition

25th Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Skittles Guessing Competition

28th Book Week

31st Father's Day BBQ breakfast 7.45am

Father's Day Craft Stall

SEPTEMBER

1st School Disco

Please note any new dates in BOLD.
Thank you



Join us at
St Bernadette's
Primary Lalor Park
for an Open Day
Thursday 31st August
9.00am – 10.00am
and

3.30pm – 4.30pm

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Everyone Welcome

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following student who celebrated his birthday recently.



Cody Graham Sascha Francisco James Efstathiou

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St Bernadette's Enrolments



We are currently conducting enrolment interviews. If you know of any current parents who may have children due to commence school next year, please ask them to see the school office for an enrolment package.

Enrolment applications are now available at the school office. Your child **may be** eligible to enrol in Kindergarten if he/she turns 5 by 31 July 2018.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY TERM 3

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST 2017
THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON THIS
DAY. THANK YOU



BOOK WEEK at St Bernadette's Week 7

Monday 28th August - Friday 1st September

Book Fair Open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 9.00am and 3.15pm - 4.00pm

See timetable coming home tomorrow

School Fees

Term 3 School Fees statements have been posted by the Catholic Education Office.

Term 3 School Fees are due on the 21st August 2017.

Parents wishing to make a payment plan, or are in financial difficulty, are asked to contact the school office.



Early Stage 1 Excursion

On Friday 11th August, Early Stage 1 travelled to Golden Ridge Farm in Dural. We had a fantastic time with a lot of hands on activities and experiences! The children were able to hold a selection of baby animals, milk a cow, fed bread to animals in the paddocks and bottle-fed some adorable lambs.

Thank you to the parent helpers that came with us on the day.

The children had a great time and so did the adults, however, we were all exhausted by the time we made it back to school!

















FATHER'S DAY

You are invited to our Father's Day Breakfast and Prayer

Thursday 31st August 7:45am-9:00am

(Grandfather's also welcome)

Strictly RSVP by

Monday 28th August





Please be aware there will be NO school banking in this week due to our Staff Development Day on Friday 18th August.
Thank you

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Parents / Guardians / Carers

preventing this situation.

We wish to inform you that we have a student in our school who is currently receiving treatment which results in lowered immune system, which means, the student is more prone to getting ill from infections. As the student is not contagious but has a chronic illness, it is important he / she participates actively in the day to day school program without major limitations. A major concern is that if this student develops measles, chickenpox, whooping cough or influenza, he / she could become seriously ill. We see your co-operation in

If your child has or may have measles or chicken pox I would ask that you please:

- 1. Do not send them to school
- 2. Notify the School Principal as soon as possible notify
- 3. Take them to your GP or medical centre to confirm diagnosis if possible. We thank you.



St Bernadette's Parent Group School and Parish Fete 21st October 2017

COLLECTION DAYS

To assist your planning the following is our calendar for collections: **August**Bags of lollies/chocolates, Raffle tickets sent out

September Baskets sent out

October Cake Plate, Final Collections for:

Raffle Tickets, Baskets, Cakes etc.

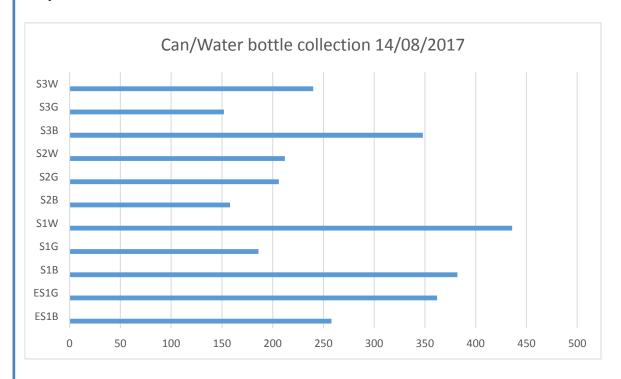
Boxes will be placed in each classroom for your child place their donated items. A note will be sent out for each collection.

To volunteer to help at our fete please contact Zeina Yaacoub 0411 185 121

FETE UPDATE

We are past the halfway mark with the can/water bottle collection and we have almost reached our target.

If you have not yet brought your donation in can I request that you bring in cans of coke, coke zero etc as we need more of them. This collection will finish at the end of August so you still have time. As you can see S1W are ahead with S1B not far behind.



White Elephant

Collection for white elephant will begin on Monday 21st August.

You can drop off the white elephant items on Mondays & Fridays from 9am-10am at the garage in front of the St Joseph's Centre.

Only boxed items clearly marked will be taken.

Other

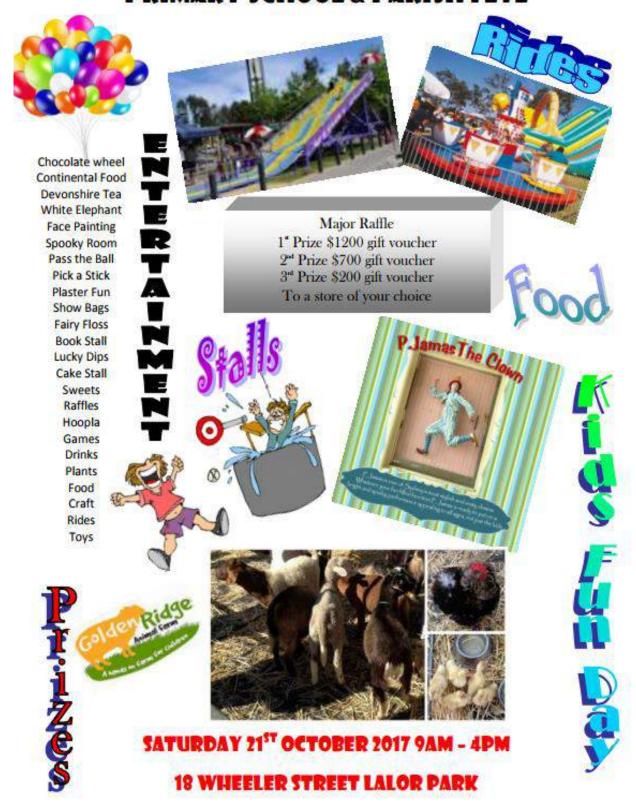
Keep a lookout for notes in the coming weeks.

You will be receiving ride band notes soon, information about show bags as well as raffle tickets.

We are still in need of prizes and helpers so if you can help in any way please contact me on 0411185121.

Thanks Zeina

ST BERNADETTES LALOR PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL & PARISH FETE



ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

Dear St Bernadette's families



Once each term, the Parent Group and School Community gather to discuss important matters. We come together, all striving for positivity and the best outcomes for our children and the environment they learn in, and to be updated on current school matters. With Fete approaching, we have lots of exciting items to discuss.

Our meeting for Term 3 2017, will take place at 7pm, Tuesday 22nd August,

In the Stage 3 classrooms. A light supper will be provided.

If it makes it easier for you to attend, you are more than welcome to bring your children along. We will have some colouring in activities and a movie will be available in the area where we will be holding our meeting.

I urge a member from each family to attend, as this will lead to the most successful outcomes. It would be greatly appreciated if you could attend. Please mark this date in your diary.

Reminders will also go out on skoolbag (app) leading up to this date.

I look forward to seeing you at our Parent Group and Community Meeting.

Sincerely,

The St Bernadette's Parent Group Team.

St Bernadette's Lalor Park Parent Group General Meeting Agenda, Term 3. 2017, Tuesday 22nd August.

Meeting Opened with opening Prayer.

Apologies:

Prior Minutes Acceptance

Matters Arising -

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence - Principals report: Mr P Kapitanow. Fundraising Report: Zeina Yaacoub Community Report: Cindy Efstathiou Canteen Report: Bree Buhagiar

Social Report : Jo Kay

Band Report : Leanne Ardill

Treasurers Report : Melissa Rodewald Secretary Report: Kelly Debrincat

Education Representative: Leanne Mordini

Leaders Report: Lisa Wickens.

General Business:

Items added to agenda - Uniform policy, sporting

events.Fete assistance.

Meeting Closed:

News from the Library

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Oliver L (Stage 2) and Julian C (Stage 1) who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017. Don't forget that the Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 25th of August so please update your online reading record by that date. Good luck to all the participants.

All students who complete the Premier's Reading Challenge will go in the draw to win some great prizes during Book Week.

Book Week News

A reminder that the Book Week Colouring Competition is due tomorrow (Thursday). Please get your entries in to the office or Library by then. There will be a winner chosen from each class. Each winning student will receive a certificate and a voucher to use at the upcoming Book Fair.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school in Week 7 from Monday to Thursday. The opening times are 8:30 -9am (Monday-Thursday) and 3.15-4pm (Monday to Wednesday). It will also be open at recess on Tuesday during the picnic morning tea. There will be some wonderful books to buy or donate to our school.

Hopefully everyone is getting their Book Parade costumes ready for Tuesday of Week 7. This will be followed by a band performance and picnic morning tea. Everyone is warmly welcome!

Thank you,

Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)





'Learning and Fun in Our Garden'

On 8 August ... the feast of *St Mary Mackillop* ... the garden was a hive of activity! It seems the plants and the students have had a growth spurt over the last few weeks and **Spring** is on its way!









To be part of the learning and fun make contact via: claresgarden118@gmail.com and visit http://kitchengardensinschools.blogspot.com or the school office on 96223535 or stbernadetteslpark@parra.catholic.edu.au

Please see our website <u>www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au</u> for more photos from the garden

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Mass Times at St Bernadette's Parish

Mass: Saturday Vigil 6pm: Sun 8:30am & 10:00am

Children's Liturgy - Sat 6pm; Sun 10am except school holidays and at First Communion times.

Blessings at all Masses for children.

Youth Mass at 6pm Vigil Mass on 4th Saturday of the month. Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8.45am

Wednesday 7pm Exposition, Devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette. Mass at 7:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8:15am-8:45am Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am and 4.30pm – 5.30pm. First Saturday of the Month 8:30am

> Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am & 4.30pm - 5.30pm NB: No reconciliation in the morning on the First Saturday of the month

"LORD SAVE ME!"

Gospel in Life

Some people think that, if you have enough faith, life will be all plain sailing. But at some time or other we all face difficult and trying circumstances and situations in our lives. Faith does not shield us from the harsh knocks of life. At those times it is as if the Lord is asking us to walk on water. But in the same instance he stretches out his hand and holds us up.

To live by faith means to trust God and to rely on God's power. God won't carry us but will hold us up if we let go. We are called to take the risk; only then can God help us.

Peter knew that whatever Jesus commanded was possible. It was really a way of testing faith. They had all just seen him cure people, teach them, feed five thousand people with a little bread and fish. Peter has no doubt that what Jesus commands will happen. But the command needs a response, and we learn that the success of the response depends on his faith. Peter has no choice but to leave the boat and risk his life to learn perhaps the most valuable lesson: the realisation of both his own weakness and the power of Jesus. If Peter had stayed in the boat, his faith would have been worthless and never tested.

Peter is the model of a very human journey of faith. He seeks, he steps, he fails, he is saved, he praises - and it all repeats again. If we say we are Christians and never make a step like Peter, trusting our faith and trusting Christ, then how do we know we really do believe? Every time Peter tried to show his faith, he failed: he betrayed Jesus verbally, he ran away ... and in this week's story he took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink. But every time he fell and his faith failed, he rose up again and became close to Christ. He had the good sense at least to call out for help. In the moments of his weakness he knew enough to reach out to Christ. The failures of Peter only made him love Christ more - only made him rely on Christ

The sea is often used as a metaphor for life. Perhaps the Gospel is saying that no matter how dark life might be, and no matter how high the waves are or how rough the sea, Jesus is still able to reach us and is still able to lift us out of life's trauma, if only we trust him totally and keep our eyes fixed on him. God does not necessarily work by way of miracles in our lives. God probably doesn't want us walking on water. The Lord simply assures us that God will be with us always. And when our faith is weak or when it fails completely, we can still be like Peter and call out: "Lord! Save me!"

Weekly Parable from E-News

DATE CLAIMER - PARISH RETREAT DAY

See posters around the Church and at the front entrance of the Church.

DATE: Saturday 2nd September 2017 WHERE: St Joseph's Baulkham Hills START: 9.30am FINISH: 3.30pm **DIRECTED BY:** Sr Mary Baker RSJ

THEME OF RETREAT: Who are you Lord? A Journey in Prayer

COST: \$35 per person. \$15 deposit on registration

IN AN ENVELOPE PLEASE PLACE REGISTRATION SLIP AND DEPOSIT IN THE BOX OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Healing Mass in September will NOT be held on the 1st Saturday of the month (2nd September) Due to the Parish Retreat Day, it will be held on the following week - Saturday 9th September at 9am. Thanks to all who come to celebrate and receive the healing of the Risen Lord. Fr. Andrew.