GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the Gospel this week, the Pharisees are at work again trying to trap Jesus into speaking openly against the Roman Emperor and the governing body of Jerusalem. The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus by using the hot topic of taxes paid to Caesar. This topic was hated by the people, as most were too poor to pay and those that were able to afford taxes didn’t want to pay taxes to their invader/conqueror - Rome. The Pharisees asked Jesus the question....were they allowed to pay taxes to Caesar? Jesus' answer was simple ...."Pay to Caesar what is Caesar’s and pay to God what is God’s". A clever answer which offended no section of the community. Roman coins were minted with the face of Caesar on them, so they belonged to him. Since the time of Moses no coin of Christians was minted with a face, as it was considered a graven image and went against the Ten Commandments.

The story is about honesty, openness and strong, true relationships with others for the right reasons. We need to follow this example and be true to our word, to follow the commitment we made at our Baptism and to teach these values and beliefs to our children.

Bernadette Nolan—REC Coordinator

SWIM & SURVIVE PROGRAM -STAGES 1 & 2

The 2011 Swimming Program will take place from next Monday 17 October 2011 for Stage 1 & 2 students at the Aquatic Safety Training Academy on Best Road, Seven Hills.

The Swimming Lessons will be every day between Monday 17 October and Friday 28 October 2011. The lessons are scheduled between 9.45am and 12.45pm with the lessons beginning with Year 1, then Year 2, Year 3 and the last lesson will be for Year 4.

The children can wear their swimming costumes to school under their uniform and bring a separate labelled bag containing:

- A towel
- Underwear
- Thongs/sandals/crocs/other footwear to be worn on the bus to and from the pool.
- Goggles (optional)

Your child can wear their School Uniform OR Sport Uniform for the swimming days. As the swimming program is for ten days in a row, the washing of uniforms can become difficult. The children will leave their uniform, socks and shoes at school. They will travel on the bus to the Aquatic Academy in their costumes and towel and return to school immediately after their swimming lesson.

 sway recently in the Philippines.

If it is cold, the children may also bring a warm jacket/clothing to wear to and from the pool. The children will change back into their school uniform at school. Please remember to label all items of clothing, towel, footwear and goggles.

On any swimming day, if your child is too sick to swim, please send a note to your child’s class teacher.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Your prayers are requested for the Javier Family (Jasmin 2M & Jade ES1) whose Grandfather passed away recently in the Philippines.

ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following children who received Distinctions or Credits in the recent ICAS Mathematics Competition: Alexandra Dela Cruz-3S Distinction, Brayden Williams-2M Distinction, Zachary Kalifa-2V Credit, Madisen Azar-2C Credit, Jessica D’Souza-2B Credit, Anmol Aroa-3K Credit, Evanjeline Sasithar-3K Credit, Emily Senik-3B Credit Dakota Williams-3L Credit.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

On Thursday our students were very excited when the new ‘grass’ area of our playground opened for the first time. The installation of the synthetic turf took place mostly during the holidays. This was a costly upgrade, $52,000, with the proceeds from the fete contributing towards it. First impressions are it was money well spent as the students delighted in experiencing the feel of the soft and lush surface.

CHESS

Chess coaching will commence again this term, commencing next Tuesday 18 October 2011 at 3.15pm until 4.15pm.
OLMC NETBALL

This year’s Presentation Day Picnic will be held on Sunday 30th October. For catering purposes it is essential that we have final numbers, and payment, by Wednesday 19th October. If you have not received a copy of the flyer, either an email or a hard copy, please contact Margaret Nolan on 0405 509 253.

WOOLWORTHS “EARN AND LEARN”

Woolworths Earn and Learn program ends next Tuesday. To date we have 10,963 points. Please make sure to send in all your dockets by Tuesday 18th October.

P&F EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Meeting of the Parents and Friends is scheduled for Wednesday 19th October at 7:15. If you have something that you would like to be discussed at the Parents and Friends Meeting on Wednesday 2nd November, please place it in writing and send it to the school office so that it can be included on the agenda.

THE SISTERS OF MERCY
INTERNATIONAL GOOD CUP OF TEA DAY

The Sisters of Mercy invite all ex-students of our school to join them for the celebration of International Good Cup of Tea Day. This is being held to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the death of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy and in aid of Mercy International Association. Catherine wanted those who grieved for her to be comforted with a ‘good cup of tea’.

Date: Friday 11 November 2011
Time: Morning Tea 10.30-11.15am and Afternoon Tea: 3.30pm-4.15pm
Venue: Catherine McAuley Rooms, Sisters of Mercy Congregation Centre, 6 Victoria Road, North Parramatta.

The Year 11 Hospitality Students of OLMC Parramatta will be catering for the High Tea. Entry by Donation.

RSVP: 27 October 2011 (very important for catering purposes).

To: Ann Ferguson, Mission Animation Coordinator, PO Box 2012, North Parramatta, NSW 1750
Tel: (02) 9630 9510; Email: annf@parrosiam.org.au

JOSEPH

AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Aretes Christi presents JOSEPH! Don’t miss Andrew Lloyd Webber’s classic Biblical musical which returns to the Seymour Centre this Oct/Nov in support of the QLD Flood Victims. The show stars Catholic singer-songwriter Gary Pinto as Joseph + footballer/entertainer Jason Stevens & Opera soprano Joanna Cole. PERFORMANCES: 28 Oct (8pm), 29 Oct (3pm & 8pm), 3 & 4 Nov (8pm), 5 Nov (1pm & 4pm) GROUP TICKETS from $30, ph 351 7940 or online www.theword.org.au

NOTES HOME

1. ES1 Sports Note
2. Term 4 Chess Note

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Any donations of Sport Uniforms and Summer Uniforms for the Second Hand Uniform Shop would be most appreciated.

DIARY DATES 2011

Term 4

October

Week 2
Monday 17  Swim & Survive Program Stage 1 & 2
Tuesday 18  Swim & Survive Program Stage 1 & 2
Wednesday 19  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Thursday 20  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Swim & Survive Program Stage 1 & 2
Friday 21  Swim & Survive Program Stage 1 & 2

Week 3
Monday 24  7.00pm ES1 2012 Parent Meeting
Tuesday 25  Swim & Survive Program Stage 1 & 2
Wednesday 26  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Thursday 27  Swim & Survive Program Stage 1 & 2
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Friday 28  Swim & Survive Program Stage 1 & 2
World Teachers Day

November

Week 4
Tuesday 1  All Saints Day
Wednesday 2  All Souls Day
7.15pm P&F Meeting
Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Thursday 3  9.11am ES1 Orientation Group 1
Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Friday 4  9-11am ES1 Orientation Group 1

Week 5
Wednesday 9  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Thursday 10  9-11am ES1 Orientation Group 2
Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Friday 11  9-11am ES1 Orientation Group 2
10.30am Remembrance Day Liturgy

Week 6
Wednesday 16  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Thursday 17  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Friday 18  2.30pm Christ the King Liturgy

Week 7
Monday 21  Year 5 Leadership Day
Wednesday 23  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Thursday 24  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Friday 25  2.30pm Advent Liturgy

Week 8
Wednesday 30  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3

December

Thursday 1  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3

Week 9
Monday 5  Reports/Work Samples Folders
Wednesday 7  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3
Thursday 8  Gymnastics ES1 & Stage 3

Friday 9  7.00pm Christmas Concert ES1/S1

Week 10
Monday 12  6.00pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner
Thursday 15  10.00 End of Year Mass
11.00am Morning Tea
12.00 noon Awards Presentation
Friday 16  LAST DAY OF TERM 4 FOR STUDENTS

PARKING AT SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS

Please do not park in the “Drop-off” zones in the morning along Bennett Street and leave your car unattended as this inconveniences other parents dropping off their children.

This allocated zone is only to “Drop-off” your child and move on, allowing other parents to stop and do the same thing.

We would appreciate your consideration in this matter.