

RELIGION NEWS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Term 1 2019



Commissioning Mass

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Mass this year was celebrated on the 6th of March. Students were reminded of the three practices of Lent being Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. These three practices are about developing our relationships. Prayer is about strengthening our relationship with God, Fasting is about strengthening the relationship with ourselves and Almsgiving is about strengthening the relationship we have with others. Fr John also blessed our class candles at this Mass and encouraged us to use the Light of Christ to guide our lives.



Our school staff were commissioned as educators and witnesses of faith for our school at a special weekend Mass on the 17th of February. Staff prayed, asking God to help them to share their talents with their students and to welcome the gifts that their students bring daily to their lives.

“Heartful work brings beauty”



Catholic Education Week Mass at the Cathedral

Some of the Social Justice Leaders of the school participated in the Catholic Education week Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Friday 15th of March. Archbishop Peter Comensoli was the main celebrant and spoke about the many Saints which the schools were named after. He spoke about a Saint being a Holy Person but that the definition of a Holy person was someone who was ‘found by God.’ He then spoke about how each one of us has been ‘found by God’ and so we should all see ourselves as Holy people.

Project Compassion – Social Justice

As part of our Lenten journey, our students were encouraged to contribute to Project Compassion as a practice of Almsgiving. Caritas Australia is an organisation which follows the Principles of Social Justice in all that they do. They respect the dignity of all and make sure that those less fortunate are treated fairly. This year we raised \$326 for Project Compassion. Thank you for your support.



Family Sacrament Night for First Eucharist

Families of students in Year 4 were invited to attend a Family Night on the 12th of March. On this night parents were given the opportunity to share with their child memories of their Baptism. Fr John spoke about the significance of the Passover and The Last Supper as well as the connection to the Eucharist with the Story of The Road to Emmaus. Parents had the opportunity to share their own stories as well as get to know other families a bit better.



Stations of the Cross

Each grade prepared one part of the Stations of the Cross which we prayed together at the end of Term.

Each grade created a poster, wrote a prayer and came up with a symbol for each Station. When we pray the Stations of the Cross, we walk with Jesus on his journey towards the Cross. It is the prayer that helps us remember that God is always with us, through the good times and, like he was with Jesus, through the tough times as well.



Class Prayer Spaces

This Term, the whole school has been focusing on creating Contemporary Prayer spaces in our Learning Areas which are interactive, creative, reflective and inclusive. Students reflected on the significance of Prayer in their own lives and created spaces which encourage them to spend time with God.

