



# ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 4

Week 4	
2nd Nov	Reconciliation Parent/Child Meeting 6pm
3rd Nov	PS Assembly Led by Year 2 P+F Quiz Night
Week 5	
9th Nov	Sacrament of First Reconciliation 6pm
10th Nov	Remembrance Day Ceremony Led by Yr 7 Yr 11 Last Day
12th Nov	Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass
Week 6	
17th Nov	Founders Day Mass Led by Year 10
Week 7	
23rd Nov	Kindy Info Day 3pm
24th Nov	PS Assembly Led By Yr 3

## PRAYER

### All Saint's Day

Dear holy saints of God,  
we join our prayers of praise to yours  
this day.

With you, we sing of God's goodness,  
rejoice in God's mercy and celebrate  
God's incredible love.

Teach us to live as you lived-  
always thinking of others,  
always recognising our weaknesses,  
always rejoicing in God's gifts,  
always closely following Jesus.  
Blessed are you, happy are you, all  
you holy saints of God.

Pray for us that we, too, may someday  
be among  
God's Holy Ones

*Amen.*





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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Tomorrow we celebrate the feast of All Souls, which owes its beginning to Seventh Century Monks who decided to offer Mass on the day after Pentecost for their deceased community members. In the tenth century the Benedictine monks chose to move their Mass for the dead to November 2nd, the day following the Feast of All Saints. In this way everyone, in what is known as the Communion of Saints, could be remembered together. This "Communion" consists of all the "known" Saints, all others who have died – the Holy Souls – and us who are yet to die, but will surely do so. The Feast of All Souls is not only a time to remember our ancestors and any legacy of example or values that we might have inherited from them. It can be a time for us to reflect on the inheritance that, even now, we are passing on to the next generation. Is what we are leaving, through the manner in which we live our lives, conduct our communication and express our feelings, that which we want to be remembered for? Will it provide lessons to live by, the best advice shaped by our values and virtues? Will we be ancestors that others can be proud of and draw inspiration from because of the positive message our life left behind?

In the Mass of the Faithful Departed, there is this blessing: "In His great love the God of consolation gave us the gift of life. May He bless us with faith in the resurrection of His Son, and with the hope of rising to new life. Amen."

May the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

### PARENT/CHILD RECONCILIATION MEETING

There will be a meeting for all students making their First Reconciliation this year and their parents tomorrow evening beginning at 5:30 pm in the school library.

The children will receive the sacrament for the first-time next Thursday evening, November 9, at 6:00pm.

### FAREWELL

Mrs Lucy Adams has left St Mary's and is moving to Perth to spend some time with family for the remainder of the year. We thank Mrs Adams for her contribution to our school community at a difficult time and wish her all the best for her future.

### PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Year 2 will be leading the next primary assembly this Friday at 2:00 pm in the school hall. All are welcome.

### YEAR 11 FINISH

The last day for our Year 11 class will be Friday, November 10. In the weeks following, many of these students will have exams. We wish them all the best as they finish their penultimate year of school and prepare for the expectations of Year 12 in 2024.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY

There will be a Remembrance Day Liturgy held next Friday beginning at 10:30 am on the lower oval. All are welcome.

### ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

The St Mary Star of the Sea Annual Community Meeting is being held on the evening of Wednesday 22nd November beginning at 6:30pm. If there are any community members who would like to join the School Advisory Council, please register your expression of interest with the office.

Steve O'Halloran  
Principal



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## FROM THE RE DESK

### Catholic Prayer: November Devotion: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

For the Catholic Church, November begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, as the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace and are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must complete their time in Purgatory. It is our great privilege as members of one family in the church, that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works, and, especially, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Christians believe that they don't travel through this world alone. Their salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others, and charity requires them to go to their aid. The same is true of the Holy Souls. In their time in Purgatory, they can pray for the living, and the living should pray for the faithful departed that they may be freed from the punishment for their sins and enter into Heaven.

(Taken from - <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=764> and <https://www.learnreligions.com/prayers-for-november-4590136> )

### *All Souls' Day*

November 2

*J*esus, dear Savior,  
on this day we prayerfully remember  
all our loved ones who have died.  
Please give them comfort and hope  
and may they be at peace,  
knowing that they will  
rest in God's arms eternally.  
Thank You for our memories of them  
and for the good times we shared.  
We ask You, please,  
through their intercession,  
to deepen our faith,  
strengthen our hope  
and increase our love  
that we, too, may someday  
stand before You,  
ready to enter Your  
Holy Kingdom.

*Amen.*



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## SOKTOBER

Last week was Socktober, the annual event where St Marys raises funds for Catholic Mission. Each year these funds go to different countries in order to meet their needs. This year the money we raised is going to Timor Leste in order to help build their medical infrastructure.



Over the week the Year 9s organised a range of events for the students of St Marys to participate in. Monday saw a tight game of Capture the Sock between Years 4-6, on Tuesday there were some artists in the house as they created some amazing sock puppets. Wednesday saw the Year 9s hard work in cooking, to bring in the dollars with a very well-attended cake stall.

Thursday was madness as students tried their luck in the chocolate toss - there were some big winners who managed to nab a handful of chocolate. Friday ended the week with the Crazy Sock Parade, each year people are getting more and more creative with their socks, we had everything from pasta to superheroes and a roadway on the socks.



A massive thank you to the Year 9s, Mrs Concannon, Mrs Chinnery, all the teachers who helped out and everyone who participated. With your generous help, we raised \$718. This money is enough to support the wage of a nurse or to paint a room in the Children's Home, provide nutritious meals and pay for some medication. Congratulations St Marys it is great to see your giving natures.



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## SCHOOL NOTICES

St Mary Star of the Sea College

# Annual Community Meeting

Wednesday 22nd November 2023  
6:30pm



# Are you Leaving?

A friendly reminder, if your child/children are leaving St Mary's at the end of the year, could you please notify the Office - 9941 1328

Thankyou

## ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

# 2024

## 3 YEAR OLD KINDY - YEAR 12 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

### MORE INFORMATION

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