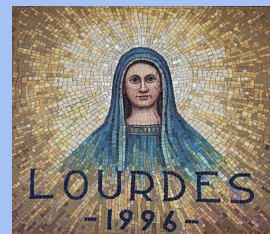




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## Newsletter Term 3 Week 6, 2019

**28TH AUGUST, 2019**

### FUTURE DATES

**Friday, 30th August -  
Father's Day  
celebrations from  
7.30am - Breakfast,  
Open Classrooms  
and Father's Day  
Mass**

**Tuesday,  
3rd September -  
Parent Group  
meeting 7pm in the  
library**

**Wednesday,  
4th September -  
3rd Meeting -  
Eucharist 6.30 -  
7.30pm**

**Thursday,  
5th September -  
SCIENCE ICAS**

**Friday,  
6th September -  
Kinder/Year 1  
Assembly in the hall  
at 2pm**

**Tuesday,  
10th September -  
WRITING ICAS**

**Wednesday,  
11th September  
Year 6 Market Day**

**Tuesday,  
17th September -  
Year 6 Graduation  
Committee Meeting  
5pm in the library**

**Friday 20th  
September - Pupil  
Free Day**

**LAST DAY OF  
TERM 3 - FRIDAY,  
27TH SEPTEMBER**

### Principal's Message



*Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,*

*Father's Day is a good time to stop and appreciate a unique person that God has put into our lives- our father. On this special day we are given the opportunity to particularly recall and affirm the special gifts that our fathers bring to our families - protection, a sense of humour, words of guidance and wisdom, helpfulness, security, forgiveness, compassion, strength and courage to name just a few.*

*When we think of fathers we think especially of our own dads and grandfathers and the other male father figures we have in our lives. We especially remember and pray for those fathers who have passed away and who we remember so lovingly.*

*This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.*

*For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children.*

*On Friday the 30th August we will come together as a school community to celebrate our Father's Day Mass. We celebrate the significant role models that fathers provide and recognize the importance of fathers being involved in the lives of their children. As part of this celebration we will have a breakfast BBQ followed by open classrooms and mass. We truly hope as many of our dads and granddads are able to join us on this day.*

**God Bless,  
Keiran Byrnes**

### PHOTO GALLERY:

See the latest photos on the school website:



[2019 Assumption Mass](#)



[2019 Book Week](#)



[2019 Wakakirri Dress Rehearsal](#)

### 2020 enrolments

**Our enrolment process for kindergarten 2020 has well and truly begun. If you are an existing family and have not yet submitted your application please do so as soon as possible as we would like to finalise appointment times for all interviews by the end of this Term. Please note offers have been sent and confirmed. We also have spaces available in Years 1-6 in 2019.**



The uniform shop is open on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. If you wish to make an appointment to try-on please logon to the website:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/login>

### **Event Code: jtz45**

If you require any assistance with Uniforms Please contact Aida Almeida in the school office on 8869 6800. If you know your child's size please complete an order form which is available on the school website or they are available at the school office and your order will be sent home with your child.



Term 3 School Fees are due TODAY If you require any assistance please make contact with the school office on 8869 6800.

**Please be advised we are unable to accept any cash or eftpos payments from 12pm tomorrow 29th August and Friday 30th August. Payments can be made from Monday, 1st September.**

School Office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm (Closed from 10:40am to 11:00am).

All payments and enquiries can be made during that time. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPay, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of the statement. When paying by BPay please use the current statement. We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3:30pm.

#### **Cash Payments**

Just a reminder that no cash payments can be accepted on the last week of each term. We do however take EFTPOS payments.



**Our next Staff Development Day will be Friday, 20th September, 2019. There will be no staff on the premises for most of the day.**

**Please contact OOSH on 9676 7293 if you wish to make arrangements for your child/children.**



## RE NEWS

Laudato Si is an encyclical written by Pope Francis in 2015. A papal encyclical is one of the highest forms of communication by the pope and usually deals with some aspect of Catholic teaching- clarifying, amplifying, condemning or promoting one or a number of issues. In his encyclical Pope Francis urgently appealed “*for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenges we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. The worldwide ecological movement has already made considerable progress and led to the establishment of numerous organisations committed to raising awareness of these challenges.*”

Brother Frank Richardson will be conducting a discussion group in the parish meeting room on Thursday morning, starting at 9.00am, to discuss the themes and how we can “Live Laudato Si.” There will be discussion on themes of ecological conversion leading to personal, parish and community action. If you are interested in being a part of this discussion group, please phone Brother Frank on 0429 595 231.

### **Education Mass and Expo**

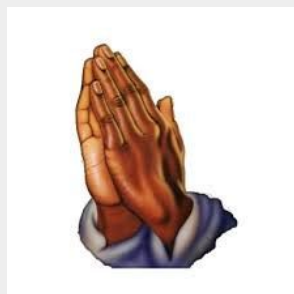
In our last Newsletter we mentioned that four students accompanied Ms Byrnes and myself to the Education Mass at Parramatta. Following the Mass we were able to attend the Mission Expo which highlighted the activities that have taken place in collaboration with local agencies that work in the field of mission in the Diocese. Here are some responses from the day.

**Jayden:** The Education Mass was fun and fantastic. We got to attend Mass and meet Bishop Vincent who also celebrated the Mass. After that we had lunch and all the schools came together to see how we can put our faith into action. It was a day to remember and it was a great experience for me and for all of the others who went.

**Valerie:** It was an honour representing the school with Philip, Jayden and Pranuti. It was a great way to learn about other schools in our Diocese and learn what they have been doing. Some schools made prayer bookmarks, knitted squares to make blankets for the homeless, and made friendship bracelets for people to let them know that they are loved. One thing that they all had in common was the simple act of love. I would love to thank Mrs Bawden and Ms Byrnes for making our day and being such lovely teachers and helping us to live out our Mission Goal of living out the message of the Scriptures.

### **Father's Day Mass:**

On Friday we will be celebrating Father's Day at OLOL. The day will start with a breakfast at school from 7.30am followed by open classrooms and then Mass at 9.15am. Everyone is warmly welcomed to attend and give thanks for our fathers and 'father like' figures in our lives.



# ***Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey***

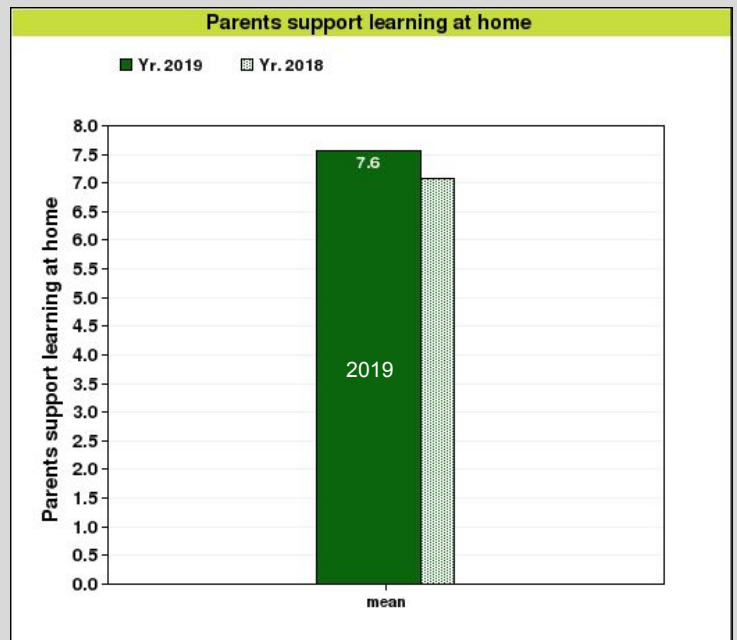
Late last term we received the reports that are generated by the data from students, parents and staff. The feedback overall has been extremely positive and I will take the opportunity to share some of the key aspects of these reports with you over a number of weeks in the school newsletter. Below is some feedback on two aspects of the survey: "Parents support learning at home" and "School supports learning".

## **Parent Survey**

**We asked:** Does someone in your home discuss with your child how they are doing in class, what their challenges are, and the importance of school?

**You said:** You rated parents support learning at home 7.6 out of 10

**We say:** You rated our school above the norm for the Diocese. It also seems compared to 2018 we have improved in this area. We appreciate your support and we would like to know how we can support you to further support learning at home.

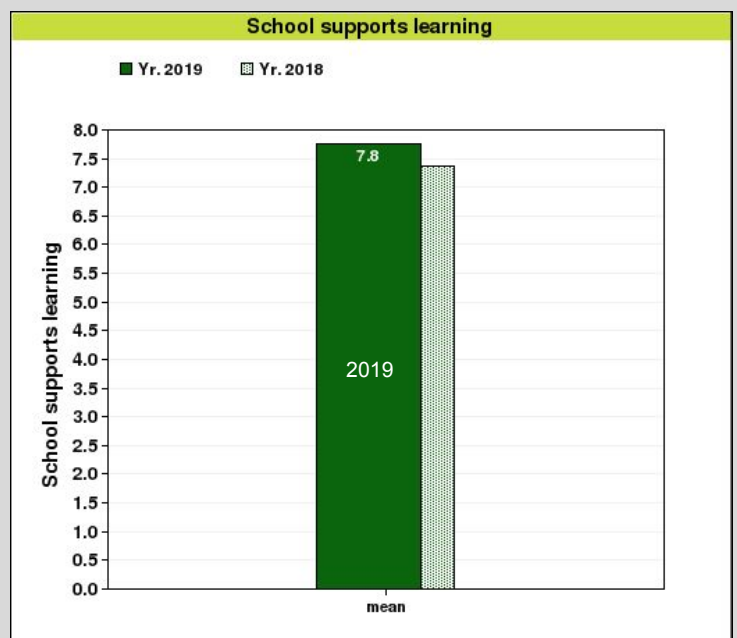


## **Parent Survey**

**We asked:** Do you feel teachers have high expectations for your child to succeed, show interest in your child's learning, expect your child to work hard and do their best work?

**You said:** You rated school supports learning 7.8 out of 10

**We say:** You rated our school above the norm for the Diocese. It also seems compared to 2018 we have improved in this area. We really are on the same page. Like you we want your child to succeed in their learning.





## Peer Review 2019

*Each year all Primary and Secondary schools in Parramatta Diocese engage in the process of Peer Review to present curriculum documentation and obtain critical feedback from peers in a professional learning context. Last week OLOL was involved in this annual process. The process of Peer Review allows all schools to view, assess and provide critical feedback on the curriculum that will form a point of focus. The process of Peer Review also enables all schools to assure that they are fully compliant according to NESA and CEDP requirements.*

*This year OLOL presented curriculum documentation in the area of English and Mathematics for Year 5 and Year 6. My thanks and congratulations to Mrs Elise Clynick, Mr Wayne Owen, Miss Donna Muddle and Ms Toni Critchlow who were responsible for preparing and presenting at Peer Review in 2019, ably supported by Mrs Carol Cividin.*

*The feedback given to OLOL was very positive and included some of the following statements.*

### English

*The scope & sequence is comprehensive and clear and concise around the outcomes, and elements of language. A commendation is that the school uses a similar process to peer review to check scope & sequences and ensure they are aligned with teaching programs and the syllabus. The assessment plan is comprehensive and has excellent links to the rubrics. The program is clear and easy to follow. Students can track their own learning, set their own goals and differentiate their own learning. A commendation is the work modifying programs to suit students who are working beyond stage level. The teachers utilise a good range of teaching skills, and consistently target a variety of skills across English. Evaluations give insight into what needs to be taught next or revised in coming weeks. There is a very thorough analysis of where the students are at with their learning. The school is very well resourced and uses ICT effectively as a learning tool and a tool for reflection.*








### Mathematics

*The scope & sequence is clear, easy to understand and includes all necessary elements. A commendation is that the document highlights that each outcome for the stage is covered throughout the year. The work samples and teaching program clearly align with the school's scope & sequence. The school ensures consistency across the school and teachers follow agreed practices. Collaboration (of teachers) ensures that consistent judgement is used when assessing students. The teaching programs are detailed and showed a sequence of learning experiences with outcomes. Differentiation for students is very evident. Focus groups are used to support students further where needed. Teachers collaborate daily to build on learning experiences. There is thorough recording of grades which align to the scope & sequence and assessment plan. Work samples show differentiation for individual students. Mathematics is well resourced.*

## Attendance

Our challenge is to meet a minimum target of 90% attendance every day.

At the conclusion of Friday week 3, we have fallen short of our target of 90% at **84.1%**.

-  K - 90.2%
-  1 - 75.4%
-  2 - 86.7%
-  3 - 72.9%
-  4 - 92.9%
-  5 - 79.6%
-  6 - 89.6%

**Congratulations to Year K and 4 who achieved the 90% attendance target!** We know all grades can achieve this target and everyone's learning improves when there is regular and timely attendance.

If your child is away from school it is a legal requirement for parents to provide an explanation for your child's absence.

Parents may

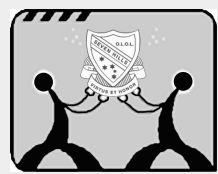
- send a note or email the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school



Our annual Voice of Youth school final was held on Thursday, 15th August at our school hall. We congratulate our 9 Voice of Youth school finalists for presenting a wide range of speeches that engaged, entertained and informed the audience.

Haisam Chaudhary  
Zarah Mowbray  
Arnav Sharma  
Florecia Wanandy  
Jessica Taliana  
Liam Essex  
Makayla Dalmati  
Alysse Yates  
Lily Kwiecien

Special congratulations go to our two cluster finalists who went onto the next level to compete with students from other schools on Monday at our own school hall. They were: **Jessica Taliana and Lily Kwiecien with Alysse Yates** as a reserve finalist. The girls spoke extremely well at the cluster final proudly representing our school even though they did not move through to the next level.



## OLOL Parent Group Keeping you IN THE KNOW

**September 2019**

Click on the link below to go to the **SEPTEMBER** edition

**IN THE KNOW"**



***We have 2 spare tickets to our Wakakirri performance on Friday night at Riverside Theatre - if you are interested in purchasing these tickets please contact the school office - they will be allocated to the first caller.***



The Year 6 disco at the end of the year is fast approaching. This is a fun filled night for our Year 6 students to celebrate their years at Our Lady of Lourdes. All students from K-6 will be able to take part in the **Market Day on Wednesday, 11th September** run by Year 6 students. All funds raised go towards the Year 6 graduation disco. There will be games to play, prizes to be won and lots of yummy treats to buy -all organised by our Year 6 students. Please support Year 6 by bringing some money for Wednesday 11th September and joining in the fun. Stalls will be opening at recess and lunch. Prices range from 50c to \$2:00.

**WAKAKIRRI**  
Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools



Thank you to all the parents and friends who came to our dress rehearsal yesterday afternoon. The performance was a great success! Thank you especially to all the parents and staff who all helped contribute to our production by helping make costumes, props, help backstage and give your general support. We are very excited for our big performance at Riverside Theatre on Friday night. Best of luck students! Chookas!



### **Congratulations to Week 6 Gold Award Winners:**

**Kinder  
Year 1  
Year 3  
Year 4  
Year 5  
Year 6**

**Ruby Case  
Isaac Adel Ahad  
Shaan Patel  
Rhys Williams  
Samuel Thoms  
Harry Albion**

### **Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at last week's Assembly:**

- KB:** Taylyn Buckley, Visshanth Vijay, Julian Martinez, Scarlett Bong
- KW:** Oscar Laskowski, Olympia Miliatis, Lourdes Sadipoor, Sanvi Pragash
- 1B:** Lachlan Andrew, Alexis Avia, Jaydon Mills, Tatjana Paku, Nilisha Uprety
- 1W:** Mikylah Fontanilla, Arian Moss, Edward Zhuang, Mikaele Kama
- 2B:** Tahlia Herczeg, Karlos Ravic, Bianca Fiorenza, Vicky Su, George Safiti, Elisha Odur, Anita, Nguyen, Johnathan Sant
- 2W:** Johnathan Awkar, Thomas Cadavid, Marshal Millar, Yana Patel
- 3B:** Vihaan Gatla, Timothy Heenpellage, Amber Issanchon
- 3W:** Cooper Burns, Shaan Patel, Sophia Pearce, Leo Culili
- 4B:** Dominic Sant, Georon Un, Mayanna Watts, Richard Zhuang
- 4W:** Rhys Williams
- 5B:** Jacob Sammut, William Martin, Erika Naing, Jaylene Bong
- 5W:** George Gatt, Alex La Guidara, Naveen Panakkal, Isabella dela Cruz
- 6B:** Sean Park, Kaylee Aspin, Haisam Chaudhary, Lily Kwiecien
- 6W:** Winnie Lual, George Palmiotto, Florencia Wanandy, Nicholas Wang, Isaac Villa



### **MAJOR PRIZE WINNERS**

<b>1ST PRIZE:</b>	<b>MATHEW ABDILLA</b>
<b>2ND PRIZE</b>	<b>MAKAYLA DALMATI</b>
<b>3RD PRIZE</b>	<b>INDIE-ROSE SCANLAN</b>



### **GRADE WINNERS IN THE FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Sebastian Lamprou</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Harrison Miliatis</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Prisha Gaur</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Arya Patel</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Cameron Fahey</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Cassandra Laus</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Connor Nilon</b>

# Sport News

## **PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Last Friday, 15 students travelled to Blacktown International Sports Park to represent Blacktown Zone in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. The students had a fantastic day where they were able to showcase their amazing athletic ability and wonderful positive sporting attitude. The students had a very successful day, with 8 children progressing through to the next carnival where they will represent Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPs MacKillop Track & Field Championships. We are very proud of all of the students who attended the Diocesan Carnival and we wish the 8 children progressing through to the next level the very best of luck. We know they will represent our school with great pride.

## **Diocesan Athletics Carnival Representatives**

*Georgia Andrew, Zackary Armitage, Kaylee Aspin, Juan Burgess, Amelia Herczeg, Alexandra Kostis, Awien Lual, Audrina Ortiz, Isaac Ortiz, Monu Pongi, Alexander Spadaro, Zoe van Zoggel, Rhys Webster, Emma Webster.*

## **NSWCPs MacKillop Track & Field Championship Representatives**

*Zackary Armitage, Kaylee Aspin, Juan Burgess, Awien Lual, Alexander Spadaro, Rhys Webster, Madeleine Zait and Monu Pongi.*

A special congratulations to the following students who broke Parramatta Diocesan records or were awarded age champion trophies:

*Rhys Webster broke the 11 Years Boys 200m record*

*Awien Lual was awarded the 11 Years Girls overall Age Champion - Runner Up.*

*Alexander Spadaro was awarded the Junior Boys overall Age Champion.*



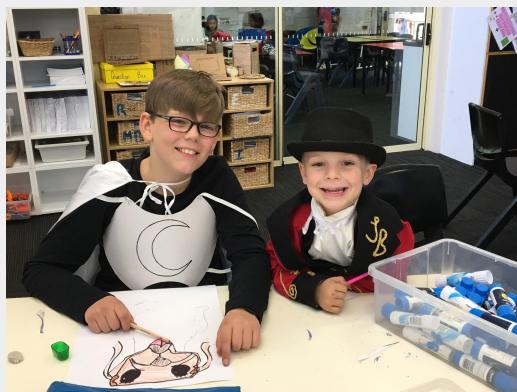
## **MacKillop Touch Football**

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate Rhys Webster in Year 6 for the outstanding sporting ability he demonstrated as part of the MacKillop Touch Football Team last week in Newcastle. The selection process for this team is extremely competitive and being a part of this team demonstrates the amazing talent Rhys possesses. We are very proud of Rhys' achievements and how he represented our school.



## Out and About - Book Week

Last week Our Lady of Lourdes celebrated Book Week. It was a great day with some fantastic costumes and a visit from two very interesting polar bears!! The students enjoyed the cross grade activities as well as the afternoon trivia. Most importantly we all practised our "Secret Power" which of course is reading!



## Premiers Reading Challenge

All Premiers Reading Challenge logs must be finalised by Friday August 30th - this is the last day that you are able to add to your child's reading log. To date all our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students have completed the challenge thanks to the books that have been read to them as part of their class reading program. A total of 180 students have completed the challenge to date - a great effort! If you are having trouble accessing your child's reading log please contact Mrs Cividin.





# LOLO HOT BOOK PICKS

## Principal's Reading Challenge

The winners of our Principal's Reading Challenge were announced at yesterday's Wakakirri rehearsal. Due to the quality of the entries in a few grades we had winners and runners up. Congratulations to all those who entered and the following winners.

Grade	Winner	Hot Book Pick
Kindergarten	Myra	The Cat wants Custard
Kindergarten Runner Up	Alexander	The Cripple Lamb
Year 1	Joshua	The Very Angry Bear
Year 2	Luca	Costa Banana
Year 2 Runner Up	Amelia	Naughty Narwhal
Year 3	Tia	Matilda
Year 4	Madeleine	The Puppy who was left behind
Year 5	Jacob	The Wizard of Once
Year 5 Runner Up	Cassandra	Mother Knows Best
Year 6	Florencia	Counting by 7's







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21 August 2019

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The case involving Cardinal Pell on historic child sexual abuse crimes has again dominated the media and public discourse following the appeal decision that was handed down today.

We respect that decision and the process of law.

We know that for some, this case has reopened existing wounds and past traumas. I want to reiterate our support to the victims of abuse and to all those who are hurting.

As the Bishop of Parramatta with responsibility for the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, I remain absolutely committed to protecting children in our care from harm.

I am determined to enable survivors of abuse to have a voice and are responded to in a caring, practical, and meaningful way.

Catholic parish communities in the Diocese of Parramatta have support mechanisms in place to help those in need.

At a parish level, I would encourage you to reach out to your parish priest for help.

At a diocesan level, we strongly encourage anyone who has been affected by abuse from within the Catholic Church to contact the Diocese of Parramatta via our Office of Safeguarding & Professional Standards on (02) 8838 3419 or [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org).

Any concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

For more information about safeguarding support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta please contact the Child Protection Information Line on 1300 661 015.

Safeguarding information and support contacts are available on our safeguarding website at [safeguarding.org.au](http://safeguarding.org.au).

During this period of continued crisis and deep darkness, as the Catholic Church, let us pray for the survivors of abuse, their families and all those affected.

May we all - as a community of disciples - accompany one another on the journey towards justice, healing and restoration of trust.

Yours in Christ,

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7 August 2019

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We believe that all human beings are made in the image of God and that all human beings matter.

The Church maintains the vigorous defence of the dignity of the human person. This includes the protection of life from conception to natural death.

I have been closely following this abortion debate as it has unfolded in our parliament and across the public sphere. I join my voice with my brother bishops and many people of goodwill across many faiths who are alarmed at the newly-proposed NSW abortion legislation.

It is not enough to argue that this legislation is simply about “decriminalising abortion.” What’s at stake is far more complex and goes to the heart of a healthy society. As human beings, we all have a responsibility to care for each other.

Pope Francis reminds us bluntly: “It is not right to kill a human being, regardless of how small it is, to solve a problem.”

Whilst we affirm the sacredness of all life, the Church as a community of faith, hope and love stands by pregnant women to offer them support. That is why, closely linked to protection of the unborn is the ongoing care of women who are pregnant, especially those in difficult personal circumstances.

Our legislators and community need to provide more practical care and compassion to women facing these decisions.

In our diocese, our CatholicCare services offers a comprehensive pregnancy-related service for women and families that are expecting a baby. We want to help women in these complex situations.

Being born into this wondrous planet of ours is a blessing. May each of us, given this precious gift, never forget to pray with the Psalmist: *“You created my inmost self, knit me together in my mother's womb. For so many marvels I thank you; a wonder am I, and all your works are wonders.”* Psalms 139.

This is an ongoing critical issue where the Church will continue to speak prophetically.

Yours in Christ,

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