Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. Pentecost Sunday is a fitting moment for the official launch of our Year of Grace, a time ‘to start afresh from Christ’. We are invited to pray that ‘we may experience a new wave of grace’ and that ‘the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives’. During this Year of Grace, we will unite in asking our gracious God to ‘attune our hearts and minds’ to the presence of God’s Holy Spirit, so that our Church ‘may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.’

Composed by the National Planning Team and endorsed by the Bishop’s Working Party, the following is the official prayer for A Year of Grace.

Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land
with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace,
a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son,
that we may experience a new wave of grace,
and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds
to the presence of your Holy Spirit,
that our Church may be transformed,
our relationships be healed,
and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop,
who showed us new ways of living the Gospel,
we make our prayer
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

First Holy Communion
Please remember in your prayers the children of Holy Cross who are preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Pentecost
Last Sunday was the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is often named the birthday of the Christian Church. On this day we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending onto the disciples and Our Lady. Through the Holy Spirit, the disciples were enlivened and gifted to go and teach others about Jesus. At Holy Cross we celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit, manifest in each one of us uniquely, and empowering us to also reach out to others just as the disciples did.

Year 6 Canberra Trip
Congratulations to our Year 6 students who represented Holy Cross brilliantly on their trip to Canberra last week. It was a busy, cold three days, visiting Parliament House, the War Memorial, The National Portrait Gallery, the Australian Electoral Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon and the National Film and Sound Archive.
Clara wrote: “My favourite part of Canberra would have to be the free-fall in Questacon. I enjoyed it because I set a challenge for myself. I also enjoyed Mt Ainslie. Even though it was freezing, it had a spectacular view, where you could see almost everywhere that we went. In Parliament House and Old Parliament House (the Electoral Commission) I thought it was fun learning how they make laws and learning how to vote. Canberra was also fun because I got to go with my friends.”

KINDER 2013 ENROLMENTS
 Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2013. If your child turns 5 on or before the 31st July, 2013 and you would like them to attend Holy Cross Primary School, you are welcome to collect an expression of interest form from the school office. Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.

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John XXIII Mass Times

- **Saturday Vigil**: 6.00pm
- **Sunday Masses**: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.00pm
- **Weekday Masses**: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Sat at 9.00am
Year 6 Excursion to Canberra
Congratulations to our Year 6 students and staff who visited Canberra last week. The children had a marvelous time and received many compliments on their behaviour and knowledge about our National Capital. We are very proud of you!

Child Protection
A reminder for parents who are required to update their child protection and for new parents to the school.

All parents and volunteers who would like to help out in the school, on excursions or in the classroom must complete the Child Protection module. This module must be completed every two years.

Any new parents or volunteers, who would like to assist at the school, please follow the link below to access the module: www.parra.catholic.edu.au/childprotection

Once the module is completed an email is sent to yourself and the school confirming that your Child Protection is up to date.

School Fees
Accounts for school fees for Term 2 were sent out by Catholic Education Office during the holidays. We appreciate your prompt attention to the completion of these fees, thank you.

 Stranger Danger:
Parents and guardians are urged to tell their children to be vigilant with their personal safety at all times.

Police advise children:
♦ Do not speak with or accept any lifts from strangers
♦ Do not accept any gifts from strangers
♦ Travel in groups rather than individually to and from school
♦ Report any suspicious activity to parents and teachers.

Photo Day — Tuesday 12th June 2012
All students should have brought home their photo envelope yesterday. The envelope is to be returned to school on Wednesday 6th June 2012. The correct money should be placed in the envelope as our office staff do not open the envelopes, they are opened by MSP. The students are to wear full school winter uniform - no sports uniform. If you would like a family photo pack, please call into the office to collect one.

A reminder to keep collecting your Woolworth stickers and send them into school.