



HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 4 – Friday 11th March 2022

Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm

Vietnamese Mass at 12pm

Prep: Mary James, Natalie Lucchiaro, Carla Lolicato & Samenta Ganesanantham,

Grade 1: Jo Dragovic, Angela Lopez-Dee, Elise Ring & Crystal Carmuciano/Maryanne Camilleri.

Grade 2: Jackie Dabal/Claire Christie, Thy Tran, Dion Xuereb & Juliana Bizjak.

Grade 3: Thilini Nanayakkara, Jane Hurren & Vivian Faraj/Christine Saunders.

Grade 4: Jennifer Khong, Kathryn Barrie, Julie Murnane & Rose Barnes/Gabrielle Bright.

Grade 5: Bruno Pellaschiar, Vanessa Shaw/Tamara Patel & Stefany Nemet.

Grade 6: Jacelle Cablaio, Helen Kennedy & Adam Nicholl.

Education in Faith: Vanessa Shaw

Learning & Teaching: Anne-Marie Conte

Literacy Leader: Bernadette Parnis

Literacy Intervention: Charise Gibbs,

Reading Recovery: Karen Colman & Cassie Renfrew.

Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6: Erin McNally

Maths Intervention: Maryanne Camilleri

Learning Diversity/Wellbeing:

Julie Semcesen

Speech Pathologist: April Jones

Family and Community Engagement

/Wellbeing: Clare Christie

School Counsellor: Edward Faraci

Digital Technology/ICT: Vivian Faraj

Visual Arts: Shobha Hickey

Performing Arts-Music: Damian O'Bree

Physical Education: Harry Herrera

LOTE (Mandarin): Miya Sun

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

Education Support: Joe Sirianni

Library: Jenny Bistricki & Rita Zammit

Business Manager: Sue Smart

Administration Staff: Connie La Macchia, Mandy Huang

Community Hub Leader: Adella Howard

Cleaner: June Balatbat & Maria Attard

Maintenance: David Lathouras

Reflection:



The Second Sunday of Lent (14th March)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

(Phil 3:20 – 4:1)

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Principal's Message:

Dear Families and Friends,

A big thank you to all the parents/carers who kept their Parent/Teacher Chat appointment on Wednesday. It was unfortunate that we could not have our Parent/Teacher Chats face-to-face, however, this provided an opportunity for you and the teacher to get to know each other and for you to discuss valuable information about your child. Teachers then use this important information to tailor and differentiate their lessons according to individual needs of the student. These conversations also help build better relationships, which in turn assists in improving students' learning outcomes.

I would also like to thank the parents/carers and staff for their (remote) attendance at the Reconciliation Family Preparation Evening. Parental involvement is an important part in your child's faith development. This year we were very fortunate to have Pauline Cicutto (Learning Consultant at MACs) as our guest speaker. The Grade 3 students received their Sacrament of Reconciliation yesterday morning. We ask that the school community to pray for these children that they will understand that God loves them, no matter what, even when the wrong choices are made.

Last Saturday morning, some of our students were Baptised in the Church and were welcomed in the community. I would like to congratulate:

- Sophie Le (2 D/C)
- Julia Nguyen (3 JH)
- Jacky Ye (3 F/S)

Thank you to Fr Vincent, Fr Lovin, Mrs Shaw and the staff for preparing our students to receive the Sacraments.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Stephani Oggenovski gave birth to a baby boy last Sunday. His name is Marcus. Mum, Aleks (dad), daughter Olivia and baby Marcus are doing well. On behalf of everyone at Holy Eucharist I would like to congratulate Stephani and her family and wish them all the very best.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

God Bless.

Mr Michael Bonnici
Principal

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**NO SCHOOL ON
MONDAY 14th MARCH.
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

Holy Eucharist Parish is celebrating 50 years! In 1971, Fr Anthony Guelen was appointed to build a new church and school in the Western suburbs, of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Holy Eucharist Catholic Primary School, St Albans South was later established in 1975. The sisters of Mercy taught at the school and Sr Leonie Glennen was then appointed principal of Holy Eucharist School. Please join us on Sunday 20th March to celebrate this wonderful milestone. Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne at 10.30am, followed by food and entertainment outdoors. All welcome.



Holy Eucharist Church-Hall 1972

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE EACH DAY

We have a number of students who are coming to school very late in the morning. **If students arrive after 9:15am, they will need to obtain a late pass from the school office.** Each time a student is issued with a late pass, **it is recorded on the roll**, which then **appears on the student's report card** each semester.

Please remember that the whole school has a literacy block in the morning where students participate in intensive reading and writing activities. Students who are arriving late are missing out on instructions for given tasks and as a result, teachers are finding that they have to go through instructions again which in turn, is taking them away from teaching the rest of the class.

We have also come to realise that many of our students are going to bed very late at night. As a result, they struggle to get out of bed in the morning and come to school feeling tired. Please remember, if your child is tired then they will find it difficult to learn!



MEDICAL SURVEY:

A few weeks ago, the students were given a Medical Survey. Parents/carers were asked to complete this survey to enable us to provide you with relevant medical forms for your child (if applicable). Please note that **medication can only be administered by office staff once the appropriate forms have been completed by a medical practitioner and are returned to school.**

Medical surveys need to be returned without further delay.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

It is recommended that students and staff use the Rapid Antigen Tests at home twice a week (i.e. on Monday and Wednesday). Any positive test results need to be reported to the school. You do not need to inform the school of negative test results, only inform the school if your child receives a positive test result. **Please remember, to collect your child's third Rapid Antigen Test kit immediately from the office if you have not done so already.**

If staff or students receive a positive test result at any time, they must also report this through the Department of Health system on the website or via the Coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398.

Parents/carers must also report a positive result to the school by phone or by written notification so the school can provide support and to record that the student will be absent (whilst in isolation) for 7-days. The school will then need to notify the rest of the school community that there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms.

Please note, that all staff and students must report a positive result to their school on the day they received a positive test result.

All students and staff who return a positive result from a rapid antigen test should also follow the latest advice at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests>.

Information about how to do a test, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages, is available at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-testing-schools>.



FACEMASKS

We have been exceptionally fortunate to have so few COVID-19 cases at our school. Facemasks are an effective way of preventing the spread of the Coronavirus and it is one strategy that we strongly endorse. All adults and staff are required to wear a mask unless a medical exemption applies. Students in Year 3 to Year 6 are required to wear face masks when indoors on school premises (including Before/After School Care), unless an exemption applies, exemptions must be in writing. It is also highly recommended students in Prep to Year 2 wear facemasks when at school or when attending Before/After School Care. We strongly encourage students to bring a facemask from home.



IS YOUR CHILD UNWELL? IF YES...PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME!

Staff members and students must stay at home if they are unwell or if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. If a child stays at home because they are sick, this can prevent an entire class or the rest of the school having to quarantine.

Please remember, that your child should **not come to school** if they have a sore throat, a temperature, if they feel fatigued (tiredness), if they have a loss of taste or smell, tummy pains or shortness of breath. If the students show any of these symptoms whilst at school, they will be sent home immediately.

It is important that your emergency contact details are up to date. It is also essential that your emergency contact person is available if, for any reason you are unable to pick up your child if we ring you.

The constant message is for all of us to be responsible in the actions we take. By keeping yourself safe, you are keeping your families, your colleagues and your friends safe.



CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS: - COVIDSAFE MEASURES

With the easing of restrictions, students will soon be able to go on excursions and camps. However, there are a number of COVIDsafe measures that we have put in place to ensure all attendees are safe and so that our excursions and camp programs can resume. Some of these are outlined below:

EXCURSIONS AND CAMPS

- In planning for all non-classroom based activities and extra- curricular activities, including camps, excursions, other out-of-school activities, incursions and learning activities such as sport (including swimming), music and the arts, schools must conduct a risk assessment.
- Staff will also need to complete and submit the 'COVIDsafe Plan' to the Principal prior to the activity.
- Students in Grades 3-6 will need to wear a facemask whilst travelling on the bus.

CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS: - COVIDSAFE MEASURES (Cont'd)

CAMPS

- Prior to departure, student will need to have a Rapid Antigen Test and must **produce evidence of a NEGATIVE result**.
- Parents/Carers will need to **give consent for a staff member from the school to administer a Rapid Antigen Test on their child**, should they present with any FLU like symptoms whilst on camp (eg: runny nose, cough, sore throat etc.)
- If a child presents with any of the above symptoms, **the child will be required to isolated immediately. The parent/carer will be contacted to pick up their child from the campsite as soon as practicable.**

GRADE 5 CAMP

The Grade 5s will be attending **Gundawindi Camp on Monday 21st March until Wednesday 23rd March 2022**. The campsite is less than 50kms from Melbourne and is situated on the border of Wandin North and Silvan, Victoria. Gundawindi has the most spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and bushland where the students can connect with nature and have a true 'bush' experience. Permission forms were forwarded onto the students this week and will need to be completed and returned without delay.

STUDENT VACCINATIONS

COVID-19 vaccines are available to everyone aged 5 years and over in Australia.

The type of vaccine young people can have depends on their age and, in some cases, whether they have certain medical conditions.

Some children are already eligible for vaccination, while others will turn 5 during the year. Families should book their children in for vaccination as soon as possible after their fifth birthday.

All parents and guardians should aim to have their children aged 5 years and over vaccinated with one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by the start of Term 1.

Vaccines for 5 to 11 year olds

Children aged 5 to 11 can receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. They will receive a smaller dose of vaccine created specifically for their age group.

By vaccinating your children, you can:

- reduce the spread of COVID-19
- protect them from getting sick from COVID-19
- keep schools open, so children can have more face-to-face learning and playtime with their friends.

The recommended schedule for vaccination in this age group is 2 doses, 8 weeks apart. Children in this group are **considered up to date** with their vaccination after they have had their two-dose primary course of vaccination.

The interval can be shortened to a minimum of 3 weeks in special circumstances. For example:

- for those living with significant disability requiring frequent assistance with activities of daily living, including but not limited to down syndrome, muscular dystrophy, severe intellectual disability, traumatic brain and spinal cord injury, or
- before the start of significant immunosuppression, or
- before international travel.

Bookings are available at Victorian GPs and pharmacies and at state vaccination centres (visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres>). Many vaccination centres now offer walk-ins for anyone aged 5 and older. Children aged 5 to 11 years old must be accompanied by a parent/guardian who can provide consent for the vaccination.

To find out which centres offer walk-ins, visit [Vaccination centres](#).

MEET OUR SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our School Advisory Council was established at the end of 2021 and our first meeting for the year was held last week.

The School Advisory Council plays an important role in supporting the work of the Principal by:

- Articulating and enacting the school's Vision and Mission
- Promoting the school's Catholic ethos and culture
- Promoting faith formation and development
- Implementing school policies as required
- Giving advice to the Principal on issues such as enrolments, school improvement plans and enrolment trends
- Engaging in discussion with the Principal about the annual school budget and other financial matters
- Giving advice to the Principal about the school Master Plan
- Capital resource planning and maintenance support to the Principal.

Holy Eucharist - School Advisory Council



SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 1

In Australia we have "one of the highest rates of melanoma diagnoses in the world...two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70" (SunSmart, 2019). The good news is that almost all skin cancers are preventable. It is recommended that staff and students use a combination of sun protection measures (i.e. sun hat, sunscreen, clothing, shade and sunglasses when outdoors, avoid deliberate and extended sun exposure) when UV index levels are 3 or above (generally from mid-August to the end of April in Victoria). In Term 1 and Term 4 all students and teachers are required to wear a hat when they are outside. It is an expectation and school policy that all students wear their school hat and their correct school uniform at all times.



NAPLAN 2022

This year, the students in Years 3 and 5 will be taking part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) from 10th May – 20th May 2022.

NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.



LITERACY NEWS

Reading Programs

At Holy Eucharist we subscribe to a number of digital reading platforms that the students have access to 24/7, meaning access at school as well as from home.

Sunshine Online

Sunshine Online provides levelled books as well as other sections that work on alphabet, spelling etc. <https://www.sunshineonline.com.au/>

Login details - username heps3021 password heps3021

Storybox

This subscription provides children with the opportunity to listen to the best stories being read aloud by storytellers.

<https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/>

Login details - username heps3021 password heps3021

Collins Connect

Collins Connect offers over 1000 levelled ebooks and is easy to access and perfect for children to practise reading books at the right level at home. Holy Eucharist school has one generic login for all years to make it as easy as possible. Once the school's name has been typed in, the next page requires you to enter the first letter of the last name - enter A, for date of birth - enter 1, for month - select January, and year group - enter 1. Next, select the Big Cat icon to see all the books that are available. Then enjoy reading :-)

<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/defaultlogin.aspx>

Engage Online

Engage Online is an interactive eBook package that contains 136 Engage Literacy ebooks to match the levelled readers with audio. The books support emergent, early and fluent readers with interactive eBooks, levels 1-25. They are available 24/7 through any Internet connection, accessible at school and at home. Please visit www.mycapstonelibrary.com

Our login details are - Student Username: Holyeucharist3021 Student Password: pupil

In addition, Year 1, Year 2 and some Year 3 & Year 4 students have individual logins to Cengage - PMe Collection online. This platform provides readers/books that cater to individual student levels. If you have students in Year 1 or Year 2 and need support with accessing these contact your child's teachers or myself. I am more than happy to meet with you to show you how to use this.

EPIC is another digital reading platform that has been made available for students in Years 3 to 6. Individual accounts have been created for students in order for them to access quality books to read as part of their Homework or for their enjoyment in their own time. If you would like any further information about any of these subscriptions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tips for reading at home with your child - Part 1

About Reading

Talking and reading with children is what's most important.

TALK with your child often about all sorts of things like - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyday experiences• Special events	LISTEN to what your child has to say by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Answering questions with more than a yes or no• Encouraging questions• Giving plenty of time to think and talk• Showing a genuine interest
SET A GOOD EXAMPLE BY: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Having a variety of books at home (for example, picture stories, comics, joke books, poetry books, recipe books, magazines).• Visiting local libraries and book shops.• Helping children choose books.• Sharing your favourite books with your children• Talking about books.• Valuing books as gifts.	BUILD CONFIDENCE BY... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assisting in positive ways• Praising attempts at reading• Making reading a pleasurable experience• Letting your child feel that they are doing well• Encouraging pretend reading in younger children

Believing you can read is the key!

Mrs. Bernadette Parnis

Literacy Leader

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PRAYERS

Holy Eucharist School would like offer their heartfelt condolences to Nu Cuai and her family. Nu's mother passed away recently in Burma. Please remember Nu and her family in your prayers.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Project Compassion Boxes

Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build a better future for all. Together, at Holy Eucharist, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Please return the boxes to Holy Eucharist School before the end of Term 1.

Important dates for Sacrament Preparation for your diary: Terms 1 and 2

Event	Date
Confirmation Family Faith and Information Evening	TERM 2: Tuesday 10th May @ 6.30pm
Confirmation Presentation Mass	TERM 2: Sunday 15th May 2022 @ 10.30am Mass
SACRAMENT: Year 6 (also including Year 6 2020 candidates), Confirmation	TERM 2: Saturday 28th May @ 2.00pm
Communion Family Faith and Information Evening	TERM 2: Monday 30th May @ 6.30pm
Communion Presentation Mass	TERM 2: Sunday 5th June @ 10.30am Mass
SACRAMENT: Year 4, First Holy Communion	TERM 2: Sunday 19th June @ 10.30am Mass

Vanessa Shaw

Religious Education Leader

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

A big congratulations to the students who made the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church yesterday morning.



NEW CARPET

New carpet was laid yesterday in:

- Grade Prep NL
- Reading Recovery Room
- Maths office
- Literacy office
- Maths resource room



Catholic Education Week: 13–20 March 2022

This year, all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2022 from 13 to 20 March. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2022 is 'The Way of the Gospel'. This theme is based on Archbishop Peter A Comensoli's 2021 Pastoral Letter.

There are 335 Catholic primary and secondary schools across Melbourne, enrolling more than 150,000 students and employing approximately 17,000 staff. Catholic schools provide a high-quality education in a faith-centred environment. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence



There are 2 very important Wellbeing Whole School Days/Events upcoming in Week 8 and Week 9, both highlighting very important messages for us teachers, children, and families.

National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying falls on Friday 18th March.

Harmony Week falls between Monday 21st March – Sunday 27th March.

Whole School Events for these 2 important days will be messaged on Class Dojo in coming days.

Below are 2 **THINK** posters our school will be sharing with students in the classroom and Student Leaders will share at assembly. The Student School Leadership team will be working with each P-6 Grades to promote and support teachers and students to learn about positive behaviours and respectful relationships. These key messages are not just on these celebratory days, but a way of striving to remember to THINK all the time before we speak and before we enter any digital platform.

I will post these as PDF files for home use on Class Dojo in coming days.



Julie Semcesen

Wellbeing/ Learning Diversity Leader

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ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Fees for 2022

School Fees for 2022 are \$950.00 per family.
Per Capita fees for 2022 are \$140.00 per child. This includes \$30.00 Sport Fees.

Excursion Fees for 2022 are \$35.00 per child.

Camp Fees for 2022

Grade 6 Camp fees are \$100.00 per child
Grade 5 Camp fees are \$100.00 per child.
Grade 4 camp fees are \$45.00 per child.
Grade 3 Camp fees are \$45.00 per child.
Prep breakfast, Gr. 1 dinner, Gr. 2 breakfast/dinner will be at no cost.
The cost of Sacraments for Grade 3, 4, and 6 are included in the school fees.

If there is any family that has any financial concerns or queries, please refer to the **Concessional Fee Policy** on our website or please contact the school on 8312 0900.

Sue Smart

Business Manager

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MATHS TUTORING - 30% DISCOUNT FOR HOLY EUCHARIST STUDENTS

MPiR Tuition is a maths tuition centre located in Cairnlea that offers tutoring to students from Years 1 to 12. Our classes are conducted in small groups with specially designed classwork and homework books. Our weekly 80 minute sessions are ran by VIT registered teachers. For more information please visit www.mpirtuition.com.au or contact 0481 333 678.



ĐẠY KÈM TOÁN - GIẢM 30% HỌC PHÍ CHO SINH VIÊN TẠI TRƯỜNG HOLY EUCHARIST

MPiR Tuition là một trung tâm dạy kèm tại Cairnlea cung cấp dịch vụ dạy kèm toán

cho học sinh từ Lớp 1 đến Lớp 12. Các lớp học được tiến hành theo nhóm nhỏ với các bài tập soạn riêng cho mỗi học sinh. Các buổi học được dạy bởi giáo viên có bằng cấp. Để

biết thêm chi tiết, vui lòng truy

cập www.mpirtuition.com.au hoặc liên lạc 0481 333 678.



SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE:

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. The Holy Eucharist Commitment to Child Safety and Reporting Process are on display in the Administration foyer of the School and School Policies are available on the website at

www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au



You are invited!

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH
IS CELEBRATING ITS
50TH ANNIVERSARY



*Please join us for Mass,
celebrated by the
Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli,
Archbishop of Melbourne*

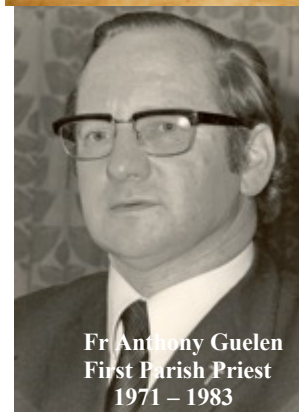


— MARCH —
SUNDAY **20** AT 10:30 AM
— 2022 —

Holy Eucharist Parish
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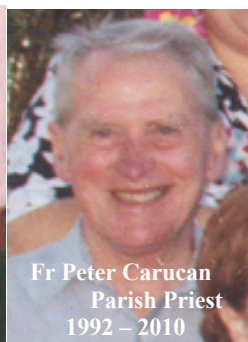
FOOD &
ENTERTAINMENT
FOLLOWING MASS



Fr Anthony Guelen
First Parish Priest
1971 – 1983



Fr Kevin Burke
Parish Priest
1983-1992



Fr Peter Carucan
Parish Priest
1992 – 2010



Fr Minh Tran SJ
Parish Priest
2010 – 2016



Fr Tuan Anh Do CSsR
Parish Priest
2016 – 2020



Fr Vincent Pham CSsR.
Parish Priest
2020 -

Sisters of Mercy



Sr Leonie Glennen
Principal 1975 – 1979



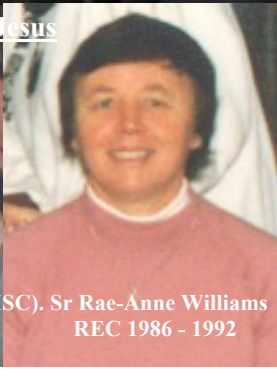
Sr Tess Veenker MSC.
REC 1980 – 1982



Sr Elizabeth Scheer (MSC).
REC 1983 – 1984



Sr Carmel Slattery (MSC).
REC 1985



Sr Rae-Anne Williams
REC 1986 – 1992

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus