

Please find below the Week 5, Term 4, 2020 edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

## From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the College,

#### Feast Day of Pope St Leo the Great

St. Leo the Great



St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor
Late Fourth Century – 461

#### Reminder:

The 'Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey is still open. If you haven't already, please

**COMPLETE IT NOW!** 

Closes tomorrow - Wed, 11 Nov.

Today, Tuesday 10 November, is the Feast Day of Pope St Leo the Great, the Patron Saint of our College. Each year we celebrate this day later in Term IV (mainly due to the HSC).

Only two Popes have been conferred with the title of "Great" as having been given the title of *Doctor of the Church*. Therefore, we are privileged to enjoy the patronage of such a significant Saint and Pontiff.

Please say the College prayer for the intercession of *Pope St Leo the Great* in our own lives - particularly those of our College community.

Happy Feast Day.

#### St Leo's Catholic College Prayer

God of love and understanding, You are the source of strength and inspiration

You called **Pope Saint Leo the Great** to guide your people by his word and example

We ask you to fill our community with the spirit of respect and dignity

Guide us in the light of your truth.

May we grow in purpose and learning,
And proclaim your wisdom to the world.

Give us courage and hope to face the unknown.

May we be faithful to God's law in our hearts

And live with the peace of the Holy Spirit

God help up to bear witness

To the mystery of the cross and resurrection

So we may be people of integrity and justice,

Walking in the footsteps of Christ your son.

#### Amen

God, grant us Serenity to accept the things we cannot change,
Courage to change the things we can,
And Wisdom to know the difference.

Pope St Leo the Great .... Pray for Us

#### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in our Community

Two events this week provide an opportunity for our community to stop and reflect on the roles Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have played in building our community.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are the oldest, continuous cultures in the world, having

existed in Australia for at least 50,000 years. The uniqueness of these cultures, the wisdom and knowledge embedded in them are characteristics to be highly valued. The Australian







Curriculum includes the knowledge and skills students are expected to develop about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders histories and cultures, given their particular and enduring importance.

#### **NAIDOC Week**

Celebrations are held across Australia each year to commemorate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples during NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians of all backgrounds.

NAIDOC stands for the '*National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee*'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

The 2020, the theme is *Always Was, Always will Be*. It focuses on the length of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander occupation of Australia. The theme seeks to invite us to explore and learn, and appreciate the wealth and breadth of Indigenous Nations, languages and knowledges of this continent, exploring and learning about Indigenous understandings of the environment, plants,



animals, greater astronomy, waters, land use and protection, Indigenous sciences and maths.

As we approach the long-awaited end of our building works, our flag poles will be reinstalled and the Australian, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and the St Leo's flags will be proudly flying once again in our community.

#### **Remembrance Day**

November 11 is Remembrance Day - a day when we stop at 11am for a minute's silence to commemorate those who never made their journey home from war. In WW1, over 1000 Indigenous Australians answered our country's call.

We at St Leo's will remember all the fallen; all those affected by wars, conflicts and peace time operations. The ceremony will be held in front of our ANZAC Garden on the *Muru Mittigar* (Quadrangle - 'pathway to friends' in the Darug language) with College members of the 226 Regional Cadet Unit leading us in this commemoration.

One of these 1000 indigenous men was a member of the 11th Light horse, Trooper Frank Fisher, a well-known Rugby player and the great-grandfather of Olympic runner, Cathy Freeman. These indigenous personnel received equal rights whilst in the army. However, after the war ended, despite their service, they were not given the benefits that were granted to other ex-servicemen. There were no soldier settlements and usually no medals.

Together, we stand in solidarity with our Indigenous peoples. Please join me in recognising and celebrating the wonderful contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



have made and continue to make to our community. On Wednesday we will particularly remember those Indigenous peoples who gave of their lives for our freedom.

# Young Change Agents Program - a Great Opportunity for our Ladies! Talk to your daughter's about getting involved. Tuesday 17 November

So far 17 ladies have registered for this event, but the College would love to see at least 40-50 female students participating if possible! Your daughters will have the opportunity to travel an entrepreneurial journey. It doesn't mean that they are necessarily keen to become business owners, but it does trigger their creative and critical thinking, teamwork and communication skills - all great skills for their future aspirations.



#### The workshop is open to all ladies - Intake 2020 to Year 12 - regardless of their personality type!

The Academy for Enterprising Girls will be delivering a fun, creative and interactive workshop, which will shift their thinking not only about themselves and their capabilities, but also about the world around them.

The Academy for Enterprising Girls is for girls who want to make a positive change in the world through business. It's designed to give young women the mindset, skillset and toolset they need to become a Girl Founder! In this workshop they'll learn how to identify problems and then develop and test real-world solutions. **#bossyourfuture** 

This whole-day workshop will be held next Tuesday 17 November. Interested girls can <u>register their interest</u> <u>here</u>. And if you would like more information about the program <u>click here</u>.

Tony Gleeson Principal

## From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

#### **TTFM Survey**

The College is participating in the *Tell Them From Me* (*TTFM*) Survey once again this year. The TTFM data can be readily used for College and Diocesan planning and evaluation, while providing an incredible insight into what key stakeholders have to say about Engagement, Faith Formation, Wellbeing and Effective Teaching.



This survey enables all parents of our community to have their voice heard. Such information is vital for creating a shared vision for the College.

Every family from Intake 2020 - Year 11 are requested to complete the survey.

The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

Please ACCESS THE SURVEY HERE.

Please complete the survey by tomorrow - Wednesday 11 November 2020.

Blessings and stay safe.

#### Important Information for Parents of the Graduating Class of 2020

Graduation 2020 is nearly here and all Graduands (Graduating Year 12 students) and parents should have received an email this afternoon (Tuesday) with a link and login for the Graduating Class of 2020 web page with detailed information including:

- the compulsory <u>Graduation Rehearsal</u> for all Graduands this Thursday from 10am-12 noon
- full event details for this Friday's Graduation and what to expect on the day, in particular relating to Covid-19 requirements
- the live-streaming link to share with other family and friends
- how Graduands can obtain their Formal tickets.

A reminder that Graduands are to attend in the **rehearsal from 10am-12 noon on Thursday in full school uniform.** In preparation for the Graduation Ceremony, **all male students need to be clean shaven.** The normal College uniform and grooming code applies for this most significant occasion.

The following day (Friday, 13 November) **students need to attend the College by 8.00am** and gather at The Light of Christ Centre. During this time, students will receive their graduation gowns, seating allocations and will be taken through the final reminders before the ceremony commences.

Due to Covid restrictions, nominated parents/guests will not be allowed inside the venue until shortly before the 10am start. Everyone will be required to undergo a temperature check, use the sign in app and make a Covid declaration before entering. Seating will also be physically distanced.

We ask that all attendees be conscious of physical distancing and other Covid-19 precautions as you mingle with others before, during and after the event.

We look forward to celebrating and marking the culmination of their secondary learning journey.

#### **Year 10 (Year 11 2021)**

Today all students in Year 10 have received their course selections for their Preliminary Studies in 2021. Every effort has been made to ensure that students have been connected with their desired courses.

In addition, the College has prepared a new program to assist Year 10 to prepare for the transition into their Preliminary Courses in Year 11. After the completion of their ROSA grade requirements, students will commence the 'Step Up into Year 11' program in Week 7. Year 10 will receive a new timetable where they will be engaging in classes that are tailored to preliminary work and skills required for a confident start next year. This will provide them with a detailed taste of what to expect while also building capacity in senior course skills in their chosen subjects. Students will receive their confirmed courses of study for Year 11 next Tuesday.

The final day for Year 10 2020 will be Wednesday, 16 December.

#### **Save the Dates: Important Upcoming Events**

Event	Date
Year 12 2020 Graduation	Friday, 13 November
Intake 2021 Orientation Day	Wednesday, 18 November

Year 12 Formal	Thursday 19 November
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey	Thursday and Friday, 19 - 20 December
Intake 2021 Parent Information Evening	Wednesday, 25 November
College Swimming Carnival	Friday, 27 November
Year 10 Reports Released	Wednesday, 2 December
Xavier House: St Francis Xavier Feast Day	Thursday, 3 December
Intake 2020 Reports Released	Thursday, 3 December
Year 9 Reports Released	Thursday, 3 December
Year 8 Reports Released	Friday, 4 December
Year 10 Semi Formal	Friday, 4 December
Intake 2020 HPV Vaccinations	Tuesday, 8 December
St Leo's Day Celebrations	Tuesday, 15 December
Year in Review Awards Ceremony	Wednesday, 16 December
Last day for Students in 2020	Wednesday, 16 December

## From the Youth Ministry Coordinator

Deacon Adrian Gomez

#### **Year 10 Youth Ministry Class 2021**

For the past week, I have been visiting Year 9 RE classes promoting the opportunity for them to be a part of the Youth Ministry RE class next year in Year 10. This is an elective course that has already been running for several years in other schools in the Diocese and around Australia. It will be the third year we run it at St Leo's in 2021.

It aims to **develop students as Christian leaders**, giving them opportunities to develop skills in planning and conducting Youth ministry initiatives. It takes the place of the normal Religious Education classes.

Students in this class will be granted extra opportunities to put their faith into action outside the classroom. They will also be encouraged to get involved and develop leadership through a range of co-curricular activities. There will be some differences in the topics covered by this class compared to other RE classes as they will do topics on Youth Ministry and Leadership. For one of their assessment tasks, they will plan and run the Year 7 Reflection Day - with students doing all the talks, running games, activities, the liturgy as well as running small discussion groups.

#### **Vinnies St Leo's Conference - First Meeting**

Volunteers for our new Vinnies School Conference met for the first time in the Youth Ministry Room on Monday after school. We were joined by Christina and Chantelle from the Vinnies Schools Engagement Team and via Zoom by Michelle Chahine, the NSW Vinnies Vice President for Youth. The students learnt about the history and good works of the St Vincent de Paul Society, reaching out to people in need in a range of ways from homeless shelters, food vans, drop-in centres for youth as well as the charity stores. Thanks to Madam Noel who attended to support the students as well.



The Youth Ministry syllabus we follow has been approved by the Board of Studies (now called NESA). According to the syllabus: Students examine various models and methods of youth ministry as responses to the Church's mission to young people. Students develop youth ministry skills as they contribute to the planning and implementation of a youth ministry experience for younger students.

Expressions of interest forms have been distributed to students in Year 9. Unfortunately, due to restrictions based on timetabling and numbers, not all students who apply may be accepted. Please contact <u>Deacon Adrian</u> for more information.

#### **Food Drive for Refugees**

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Jesuit Refugee Services support for refugees who have no access to Government support during Covid-19. We have been dropping off supplies and JRS has expressed their great gratitude for our help. They are currently supporting over 300 children (and their families) with meals that come purely from donations by schools and parishes. Please continue to give generously -donations may be left in the Youth Ministry Room or Main Admin.

### From the Director of Students

Mr Ashley Johansen

## 2020-2021 Student Representative Council (SRC) team

Last Friday, the new SRC team was blessed during the lunch-time mass. They will be officially introduced to the College at next Monday's Assembly.

They commenced their work last week and will meet each fortnight under the direction of the Year 12 SRC Ambassadors. Their focus will be to democratically represent the Intake 2020 - Year 12 student body in College

- Year 12 student body in College decision-making and organise ways for students to (better) participate in school life including but not limited to: social justice activities/events, fund-raising awareness programs, community projects, and student forums.

Congratulations to:





Intake 2020: Maya M, Rish R, Will T & Dina K Year 8: Kaylan V, Emma W, Kirin I & Amelia E Year 9: Sarah C, Hannah G, Charbel K & Tony B Year 10: Sylvie P, Sofia A, Rivan R & Xander Y Year 12 SRC Ambassadors: Clara H & Riley H

#### **Compulsory School Attendance – Important Information for Parents**

During 2020, we introduced the COMPASS parent portal, and the College would like to thank you sincerely for integrating this system into your family/carer communication.

Attendance records are a vital and legal requirement of Education in NSW. Following an absence from school you must ensure that **within 7 days** you provide the College with an electronic (via the Compass Parent Portal) or written detailed explanation for the absence(s), otherwise, it will be noted as unjustified.

When using the **Add Attendance Note** feature on the Compass Parent Portal please ensure that the correct reason is entered for any absence(s) and that specific information is also noted in the Details/Comment field so that the College has accurate records for your son/daughter.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. Catholic Schools Broken Bay work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

#### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. *The Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the New South Wales Educational Standards Authority (NESA) for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

What if my child has to be away from school? On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease;
- having an unavoidable medical appointment;
- · being required to attend a recognised religious holiday; or
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

If there are further queries please contact the Director of Students (7-12), Mr Ashley Johansen

## Early Departure Arrangements: Revised System – effective from Wednesday, 11 November

Effective tomorrow ALL students who have an early departure arrangement must also have a signed parent/caregiver note or signed Student Diary entry. This note or diary entry must also be presented and signed by your Year Leader before 8:35am. Before departing the College, the signed note must first be presented to Mrs Raso (Student Services) before using the Compass student kiosk. Students will **not** be allowed to leave the College unless a hard-copy note has also been received by the College. Students who are late to the College each morning should also provide Mrs Raso a signed hard copy signed note or signed diary entry first before using the Compass student kiosk.

Year 12 students who have a Period 5 Study arrangement should continue to use the Compass student kiosk, if required, to sign-out from the College.

#### SchoolTV - Free Online Wellbeing Resources

A reminder that SchoolTV has a range of special reports that may be of interest to you.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to contact the College if there are any queries or concerns.

#### From the Dean of Curriculum

Mr George Morad

## Individualised Learning in Mathematics - Zoom Meeting for Intake 2020 and Year 8 Parents

There will be a Zoom Parent Meeting held regarding ILiM in Intake 2020 and Year 8 this year and plans for 2021. Speaking will be Ms Donaghy (Leader of Learning Mathematics) as well as Mr Gleeson.

Ms Donaghy will take parents through a review of the course for the year, and both she and Mr Gleeson will discuss what will take place in Mathematics in 2021.

The details for the ILiM Mathematics Zoom Meeting are as follows:

- Date Tuesday, 17 November
- Time 6:00pm-6:45pm
- Zoom Link

## From the Pathways Coordinator

Mrs Mel Timmerman

#### Send the Wattle to Space Program @ St Leo's

One Giant Leap Australia Foundation is sending native golden wattle seeds to the International Space Station in early December, 2020. In collaboration with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) the

seeds will live in space for six months, returning to Australia in time for Science Week 2021.

Supported by the Australian Space Agency, the "What'll happen with the wattle??!" program is being offered to a selective number of schools around Australia, **St Leo's is one of these schools**.

St Leo's will receive wattle seeds that have flown to space, plus seeds that have not. The seeds are from the same seed lot. Students are asked to germinate and grow their seeds, recording data about the germination and seed growth. Data will be uploaded to the 'What'll happen to the wattle??!' app.



Throughout the program, One Giant Leap Australia Foundation will run teleconferences and provide educational support to students at St Leo's. The 12-month to 2-year project will result in the creation of a nationwide map identifying the location of Australia's 'space wattle' trees.

The project is an historic opportunity for Australian schools and students.

#### What's Coming up this Week and Next

- 1. CodeCamp (every Wednesday after school)
- 2. Tradiebot AR/ VR 26 October to 14 December

 Five Intake 2020 and Year 8 students have been selected for a special, and exclusive, pilot program with Tradiebot. These students will have access to the special course materials of Tradiebot and learn all the ins and outs around AR and VR programming and modelling. This program will run for the remainder of the Term and will continue in 2021.

#### 3. Academy of Interactive Entertainment - MAYA Game Design Workshop - 12 November

• The AIE (Academy of Interactive Entertainment) will be visiting St Leo's to run a course in 3D Modelling/ Game Design with the use of MAYA. MAYA is an application used to generate 3D assets for use in film, television, game development and architecture. Students from the AIE have been working on movies like Happy Feet, Spider Man and other movies in which they use Digital Animation. Course is full for now.

#### 4. Amazon WebServices - Girls in Tech Day - 16 November

- Amazon Web Services is hosting their Girls' Tech Day in November, and you are invited! Join Amazon on an adventurous journey to explore Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Coding, Virtual Reality, Robotics and much more! The aim of the vent is to inspire you to research the broad range of career opportunities in technology.
- Girls' Tech Day includes:
- Speaker Sessions Learn about the experiences of students and women in technology.
- Interactive Coding Sessions Compose a melody, code virtual models to walk a runway, program an online robot, or build avatars using artificial intelligence.
- Fun with STEAM Create magic with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Mathematics), download the Girls' Tech Day playlist, and much more.
- SWAG Station— Additional STEAM content/activities and give-a-ways provided by Australian organisations
- Places are limited. You can register here.

Have a great week and don't hesitate to touch base if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the information above. mel.timmerman@dbb.catholic.edu.au

## From the Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

Ms Kelly Li

#### **Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey for Bronze Award**

Dates: Thursday, 12 November, 3.10-5pm –after school briefing
Thursday 19 and Friday 20 November - Adventurous Journey Hike

Please ensure that students have signed up on the Duke of Ed website and paid for registration through the QKR app for the Bronze Award first, if the student is new to the Award.

For the journey, the students must sign up and pay through the **Collaroy Centre Link and hand in permission notes to Mrs Li**.



Any Duke of Edinburgh student who would like a Kathmandu discount, please see Mrs Li for a voucher.

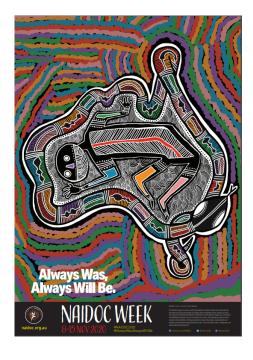
## From the Aguinas Resource Centre

Ms Michaela Hashim

#### **NAIDOC Week - Learn More**

This week Australia celebrates NAIDOC Week. This year's theme is 'Always Was, Always Will Be' and it acknowledges that Aboriginal peoples have resided in this continent for in excess of 65 000 years. To learn

more about this celebration you can watch <u>this video</u> from ClickView (students will need to sign in to view this). We have many books in our collection for students to borrow to find out more about Aboriginal Australians and their stories.





## Relay for Life's 'Relay Your Way' 1-30 November

Hornsby Relay for Life (fundraising for Cancer Council NSW) launched virtually on 31 October and will run 'Relay Your Way' throughout November.

The St Leo's Pride Relay for Life team, led by a dedicated group of Year 12 students and captained by Mrs Gower (Administration), are challenging our Houses to fundraise for our team and are planning some fun activities.

Some of our amazing St Leo's, current and former students have had performances displayed on the virtual platform on Facebook - these can still be accessed HERE.

We would ask the students to please recycle their cans and bottles in the relevant house containers and ask our College Community to support us in our fundraising efforts - either by donating the proceeds of recycling own cans and bottles at home, by



joining our team or donating THIS LINK or by purchasing a \$2 raffle ticket HERE.

#### St Leo's Pride

Relay For Life is our opportunity to celebrate cancer survivorship, remember loved ones we've lost and fight back against cancer. We raise money in the lead up to the overnight event, and take turns walking around the track to signify that cancer never rests, so neither do we. All funds raised go

www.cancercouncil.org.au

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Joanna Gower St Leo's Pride Team Captain





## **Second-hand Uniforms and Textbooks**

A reminder that our new Intake 2021 students have begun looking for uniforms, so if you have any that you have outgrown, why not post them on <u>sustainableschoolshop.com.au</u>.

Sustainable Schools is an online trading platform to buy and sell both old and new style second-hand uniforms and well as textbooks now available for our parents/carers.



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## ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

# RAFFLE!

Please support St Lucy's School by purchasing tickets in our 2020 raffle to develop a playground suitable for K-12 students with disabilities.

#### 11 WONDERFUL PRIZES TO BE WON!

#### RIZE HISENSE 75" 4K UHD SMART TV



Hisense 75" 4K UHD Smart TV (2020)

- Ultra HD Panel (3840 x 2160)
- VIDAA 3.0
- HDR10.
- 100 smooth motion rate

#### **2ND PRIZE** 2 NIGHTS AT HEADLANDS



2 nights accommodation for up to 2 guests in a one bedroom apartment at Headlands in Austinmer Beach.

Donated by Steve Crowe

#### **3RD PRIZE** BUNNINGS GARDEN HAMPER



Includes:

- \$300 Bunnings gift Card
- 80L Wheelbarrow
- Garden blower
- •1Spade & 1kids shovel
- garden gloves & hatswatering can
- seedlings & trowl bulbs
- mega coir garden soil
   Donated by Bunnings Thornleigh

### 4TH PRIZE FACIALS & NUTRIMETICS HAMPER



• 5 facials

Hamper pack including:
Eye mask, Silk pillow
case, body cream,
body satin, bathing
bar, intensive lip treatment, Loofa shower
gel, OLC wipes,
Beauty Bag
Donated by Dalal D Baumgartner

#### **5TH PRIZE** NINTENDO SWITCH



Includes:

- Nintendo Switch
- Joy-Con Neon Blue
- Joy-Con Neon Red
- Joy-Con Neon Straps
- HDMI Cable
- Switch Dock
- Joy-Con Grip
- Switch AC Adapter
   Donated by Sarah Threlfo

#### **6TH PRIZE** BOARD GAME HAMPER



Board games including: Monopoly junior, Monopoly Ultimate Banking, Cluedo Clue Lost in Vegas, Jenga, Mon Petit Art, Rata tat Cat, Guess Who Cluedo, Uno, Risk Mastermind, Fantastic Gymnastics, 3D Puzzle, Kindly donated by Hasbro

#### 7TH PRIZE LITTLE GIRLS TOY HAMPER

FurReal Cubby Curious Brown Bear, Baby Alive Doll, Play dough Preschool FUNdamentals Box, Play-Doh My Little Pony Ponyville Pies Set, Play-Doh Kitchen Creations, Play-Doh Plus 8-Pack for Decorating, Frozen Figurine (donated by Hasbro).

#### 8TH PRIZE STAR WARS HAMPER

Star Wars: Monopoly Board Game, Rey Starkiller centrepiece, Clone Wars Action Figure Pack, Evolution The Legacy Collection figurines, Revenge Starfighter, Lightsaber (donated by Hasbro).

#### 9TH PRIZE BOY'S ACTION TOY HAMPER

Nerf, Delta Trooper, Iron Man, Captain America, Bumble Bee Bee Vision AR Experience, Optimus Prime Voice Changer (donated by Hasbro).

#### 10TH PRIZE PROJECTOR & SCREEN PACKAGE

Projector/screen Package with 2 EV Speakers (1 night's hire). This package is used for a family event or a kids party watching a movie (donated by Element ICT)

#### 11TH PRIZE GLASSHOUSE HAMPER

Glass House Candle, Fragrance Diffuser and body lotion (donated by TerryWhite Chemmart Hornsby).

Drawn on 2nd December 2020

1 Ticket for \$10 | 3 Tickets for \$25 | 7 tickets for \$50 | 15 tickets for \$100

To purchase tickets, please visit: rafflelink.com.au/stlucysraffle2020 or scan the QR code

