

DMC NEWSLETTER

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St. Rose Venerini

Teacher, Saint

Blessed Rose was born at Viterbo in 1656, the daughter of Godfrey Venerini, a physician. Upon the death of a young man who had been paying court to her, she entered a convent, but after a few months had to return home to look after her widowed mother. Rose used to gather the women and girls of the neighborhood to say the rosary together in the evenings, and when she found how ignorant many of them were of their religion, she began to instruct them.

She was directed by Father Ignatius Martinelli, a Jesuit, who convinced her that her vocation was as a teacher "in the world" rather than as a contemplative in a convent; whereupon in 1685, with two helpers, Rose opened a preschool for girls in Viterbo. It soon became a success. Blessed Rose had the gift of ready and persuasive speech, and a real ability to teach and to teach others to teach, and was not daunted by any difficulty when the service of God was in question.

Her reputation spread, and in 1692, she was invited by Cardinal Barbarigo to

advise and help in the training of teachers and organizing of schools in his diocese of Montefiascone. Here she was the mentor and friend of Lucy Filippini, who became foundress of an institute of *maestre pie* and was canonized in 1930.

Rose organized a number of schools in various places, sometimes in the face of opposition that resorted to force in unbelievable fashion - the teachers were shot at with bows and their house fired. Her patience and trust overcame all obstacles, and in 1713 she made a foundation in Rome that received the praise of Pope Clement XI himself.

It was in Rome that she died, on May 7, 1728; her reputation of holiness was confirmed by miracles and in 1952, she was beatified. It was not until sometime after her death that Blessed Rose's lay school teachers were organized as a religious congregation: they are found in America as well as in Italy, for the Venerini Sisters have worked among Italian immigrants since early in the twentieth century.

Prayer

Saint Rose Venerini, patroness of exiles and steadfast teacher of the poor and unlearned, who courageously taught in accordance with Holy Doctrine in the face of opposition and who humbly built schools and trained teachers in confidence, may you obtain for us from Jesus and His Blessed Mother the Grace to wholeheartedly follow your example.

Amen.

From "Lives of the Saints for Every Day of the Year."

Week Two

Anzac Day is observed on 25 April. It commemorates Australians and New Zealanders killed in war and honours returned and serving servicemen and women.

The date marks the anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand soldiers – the Anzacs – on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915. The aim was to capture the Dardanelles and open a sea route to the Bosphorus and the Black Sea. At the end of the campaign, Gallipoli was still held by its Ottoman Turkish defenders.



Thousands lost their lives during the Gallipoli campaign: 87,000 Ottoman Turks, 44,000 men from France and the British Empire, including 8500 Australians and 2779 New Zealanders.

They may have ended in military defeat, but for many Australians then and since, the Gallipoli landings signalled that Australia was becoming a distinct nation, even as it fought on the other side of the world in the name of the British Empire.

Anzac Day was first observed in 1916. The day has gone through many changes since. The ceremonies that are held at war memorials across the nation, and in places overseas where Australians and New Zealanders gather, are modelled on a military funeral and remain rich in tradition and ritual.

1) Year 11 and 12 Examinations:

Between weeks 5 -7 (Monday 16th May – Friday June 4th) the Year 11 and 12 ATAR students will be sitting their Semester One examinations. Please note that all examinations begin at 9am unless otherwise specified.

Students may leave as soon as their examination is over.

Once exam testing period is completed, Year 11 Students should return for Term 2, Week 8, and Year 12 Students should return for Term 2, Week 7 and attend classes as normal.

Timetables will be released shortly.

Please note: General students should continue to attend all classes during the examination period.

2) Year 8-10 Examinations: These will take place in Weeks 6 and 7. A timetable will also be released shortly.

3) Divine Mercy College Buy and Sell

Facebook: Below is the link for the school buy and sell page where parents can go to either buy and/or sell their books or uniforms.

Please contact Robyn Bird on 0419740734 if anyone has any questions.

Divine Mercy College Yangebup buy and sell group on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/912010118884607/>

4) NAPLAN: The NAPLAN tests will be held between the 11th–21st of May for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN tests identify whether all students have the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for their learning. Students are assessed using common national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Our teachers have been working with students in these year groups, and are certain that our children will rise to the challenge.

5) Careers Pathways Evening: On

Tuesday May 4th at 6pm, Bev Johnson from the Careers Development Association will be delivering a presentation and Q & A on pathways for students from high school.

The presentation will cover topics such as:

- How to get into university
- Alternative pathways to University

- Traineeships and apprenticeships
- The value of volunteering and taking a gap year
- Useful career advice resources

The presentation will take place at Divine Mercy College in the multipurpose room behind the school gymnasium. Students welcome.

For more information, contact Jo Lienert DMC Careers Advisor- jlienert@dmc.wa.edu.au.

6) Year 12 Ball: Last Friday, our students attended the Year 12 Ball at AQWA in Hillarys.



Though it was cut short due to an unexpected- though fortunately short lived- lockdown, our Year 12 young men and women enjoyed dancing, good food, and the beautiful seaside views alongside a number of our teachers and staff. Thanks to all who helped to put the evening together, in particular Mrs Seinemeier, Ms Schmedje and Mrs Mckay.



7) School Improvements: Over the recent holidays, DMC completed a number of improvements and renovations to the school grounds. The artificial grass around front section of the school was replaced,

and the construction of a mezzanine floor in the gym is currently underway and is expected to be finalized within the new few weeks. Once completed, it will be fitted out with fitness equipment for supervised use by our upper high school cohort. Finally, the new playground supplied by ForPark has been completed, except for the sails. It has been in planning for several years and replaced the older playground. The older playground has been donated to another small Perth Catholic school. The playground consists of various different structures to accommodate to different year groups in primary school. The total cost of the new playground (including new limestone, 220T of white sand and 7m sails) is over \$325,000, and we are told that it is the largest of its type in any school in Perth. Our students have certainly taken to it very quickly and thoroughly enjoying it.



In total, over \$500,000 was spent on renovations / improvements over the recent school holidays.

+ Jesus, I trust in You

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