

Special Events and Liturgies

As Chevalier College is a Catholic school, students are expected to participate actively in liturgical ceremonies, year masses, individual class reconciliations and liturgies. Prayer is an important aspect of the student's school day. Sacred Heart Day, special liturgies, awards ceremonies, sports carnivals and end of year celebrations are all important school functions. Much is learnt during these activities of the spirit of our College. Student participation is a requirement.

'WELCOME TO THE FAMILY' MASS

This is the opening Mass for the year welcoming everyone back to school, commissioning new staff and welcoming new students, especially Year 7s. Parents / Caregivers are welcome to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the time of preparation for Easter. Liturgies are generally celebrated in Year groups.

EASTER LITURGY

On the last day of Term 1, Chevalier College celebrates Holy Week with a special Mass in which students reflect through drama and prayer on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. Parents / Caregivers are welcome to attend.

SACRED HEART DAY

This church feast day is also Chevalier College's own special day - our celebration of the reason for the school's existence (and is a compulsory school day). Sacred Heart Day tends to be a highlight in student post-school memories.

After much preparation and anticipation by staff and students, the Sacred Heart Day Liturgy is the centre of festivities. After the Liturgy, students play games and celebrate in their Home Room groups. It is a day in which students experience and deepen their education in what it means to work towards being a community that is truly underpinned by love and justice. Hence, included in these celebrations is the Mission Concert.

SPIRIT DAYS

One Spirit Day occurs each term. They are conducted by the Student Leaders during lunchtime and are designed to celebrate and deepen the school spirit. These are special days for which liturgies and / or activities are organised for students to experience something more than the academic aspects of education. 'Education of the heart' and building a sense of community underpin these days. They are compulsory school days.



CHEVALIER DAY

This day looks back to our foundation and to the challenges of living our faith authentically in modern times. It commemorates the death of Jules Chevalier, the founder of the Order of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, by whom the school was established. Jules Chevalier's expression of his faith in terms of Spirituality of the Sacred Heart, or Heart Spirituality, is the bedrock of Chevalier College.

STUDENT RETREATS

All students attend a retreat once a year. These retreats are specifically designed for each Year group as part of their spiritual formation.

HEART SPRINGS

Heart Springs is a program that provides time for reflection and prayer, and for exploration of issues relevant to a community committed to the spirituality of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Sessions may take the form of:

- a discussion on school-based topics (the 3:45pm timeslots)
- a faith-based discussion (the evening timeslots)
- prayer and reflection
- a presentation by a guest speaker
- an evening Mass
- a Family Mass and Meal (calendared some Sundays - participants bring a plate to share).

Heart Springs events are on the school calendar. All are welcome.

ADVENT LITURGY

This Mass is a multi-celebration; with much excitement in the air, students participate in an acknowledgement of the school year about to end and anticipate, as Advent does, the special family feast of Christmas and the holidays. It is a compulsory school day. Parents / Caregivers are welcome to attend.

Further information can be found on our website
www.chevalier.nsw.edu.au