

ST PAUL'S

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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Second Sunday of Advent ~ Year A*

*4 Dec 2016*

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If looking for a focal point during Advent, try thinking about some of the people in the Christmas story. Besides the birth of the Son of God into human history, there's the purity of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the masculine and loving presence of Joseph, the birth of John the Baptist who as an adult preached uncompromisingly about the need for repentance without honey-coating the message.



*Sacrament of Penance Programme ~ for young children*

Parents who registered their children in the programme last weekend are invited to collect an enrolment form this weekend. Those who were absent from the parish last weekend are still able to register their children this weekend so long as they have been baptised and are in Year Two or higher at school. Parents are asked to be extra mindful that one of the essential requirements of the programme is for parents to have a presence at Mass with their children. Please embrace commitment. Enquiries can be directed to Father Michael or Father Joe.



*Our Parish Catechists*

Our catechists – invariably short in numbers – do a mighty job in sharing our faith with children in the government schools. Some have recorded a long track record of distinguished service. And rather interestingly, few ever look for any recognition or reward. Nonetheless, there are times when a little acknowledgement is appropriate. And this is one such time. We acknowledge and congratulate Carmel Clusker (30 years), Jenny Watts (25 years), Ralph Hanna and Susan Spiteri (20 years), Janice Dellólio (15 years), Cheryl Carroll, James Clusker and Praba Daniel (10 years).



*Saint Vincent de Paul Collection*

Last weekend at all Masses a Leaving Collection was taken up for the very good works of our Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers. An amount of \$4,331.00 was collected and sincere thanks is extended to all those who contributed. There are still tags available for collection at the front of the church for food items needed to complete the Christmas Hampers that will be prepared and delivered again by the St Vincent de Paul volunteers to the needy in our Parish over several weekends before Christmas. A most worthy Advent preparation.