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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A*

*5 Feb 2017*

*Parish Pastoral Council ~ 15<sup>th</sup> February*

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00 PM in the parish meeting room in Camden. Parishes across the diocese have been asked to consider a programme called *Catholic Alpha*. In the final meeting of 2016, the possibility of embracing the programme was discussed but there were no strong opinions expressed either way.

**So what is Alpha?** *Alpha* is a basic introductory course to the Christian faith more generally, and has been now customised to the Catholic church more specifically. It

- provides a clear and non-threatening way to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people from all walks of life
- helps lead people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, within the context of the parish
- is ecumenical in that it covers the basic Christian truths shared by all traditions
- may be the most effective form of direct evangelization in common use today.

The program consists of ten weekly meetings including a meal, a talk, and small group reflection. There is also a retreat and a celebration dinner. If there are any younger adults (age from about 25-50) who would like to have a presence in the administering of the programme, then please contact Father Michael for a *no-obligation* conversation.



*Penance Programme*

Parents are requested to complete a workshop selection sheet this weekend. Please be most thoughtful and flexible as there are about 180 families in the programme. And just a polite reminder that children need to be at Mass. Many thanks.



*Over 55s ~ An Invitation*

The next meeting has been scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00 AM in the Heritage Hall. New members are always welcome and will be invited to sit at a table with others for morning tea. Further inquiries can be directed to Robyn on 0407 162 875.

The Parish Over 55s has a long history spanning a few decades and many of our senior folk from around the local area have enjoyed a wonderful sense of fraternity over many years. So for those who would like a little company, please come along. It would also be a good idea to come to the 9:00 AM Mass beforehand for a little spiritual nourishment, and then take a leisurely walk across from the church! Our gatherings usually have about 20 people present, and sometimes more.