

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year H

14th May 2017



Blessing ~ Adapted from the Rite of Baptism

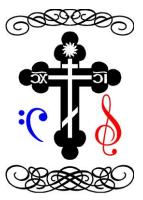
God the Father, through his Son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their sons and daughters. May the Lord bless all the mothers of our parish who unite their hearts in giving thanks to the Lord. And may our mums continue to find joy in the love, growth and holiness of their daughters and sons. Happy Mother's Day.



Music Ministers Forum

This forum has been initiated to promote and highlight the musical joy and beauty in Sunday Mass. Here in Camden, we have many wonderfully accomplished musicians, vocalists and choristers. More than most parishes, we are able to have a beautiful and life-giving experience of the Church's sacred liturgy which includes a wide range of traditional and contemporary music. The Music Ministers Forum is being held on Sunday 28 May at St Thomas Aquinas Bowral from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

The afternoon will explore new music resources and programs to further enhance our celebrations of Holy Mass. After the forum, all are invited to remain for Mass at 5:30 PM in which Bishop Peter will be the principal celebrant. We would like for as many people as possible to attend, with representation from our four schools. Brochures available from the chapel.





CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: Many thanks to the very substantial number of parents who have been responsive to the requirements of the Confirmation programme, especially in bringing the children to Mass. This is so very important. So far, 184 children have been registered. Leaflets will be distributed after Masses this weekend with a listing of containing the many workshop groups to which the families have been assigned. If there are difficulties, please email the parish office by lunchtime Tuesday. It's obviously helpful if parents can keep to their assigned group. The workbooks will be distributed next weekend after Masses.

Chapel ~ Few more volunteers required

Are you retired and in reasonable health? The cleaning of the chapel is not so demanding but does require a little attention each week. Would you be available to assist once a month? If interested please contact Elizabeth in the Parish Office. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



The Lenten boxes and envelopes from our parishioners for Project Compassion raised a total of \$3,900. But there's more good news still. The children at Mater Dei raised from among themselves another \$540 bringing the overall total to \$4,400. So inspirational! Many thanks are extended to all those who have contributed with such generosity.