

ST PAUL'S

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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Trinity Sunday - Year A*

*14th June 2017*

*Confirmation Programme*

We're now just two weeks away from the Confirmation weekend and, with the cooperation and commitments of parents, everything has been proceeding remarkably well. For the coming week of workshops, parents are asked to undertake their own reading on p. 25 and assist their kids complete the two home activities on pages 26-27.

All rehearsals are after Masses next weekend, and parents are also asked to be extra mindful of their rehearsal times. Any inquiries can be directed to the parish office.

In terms of the ceremony, the standard of dress for the children should range from neat casual to formal. The two extremes of ragged clothing (on one hand) and exhibitionism (on the other) should both be avoided. Parents are requested to exercise their discretion.

In terms of spiritual preparation, parents are encouraged to take their children to the Sacrament of Penance, from somewhere between 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM next Saturday morning 18<sup>th</sup> June. Try not to be in a hurry. Sitting quietly in church for 20 minutes can be very valuable. Spiritual formation is only possible when we slow-down from the frantic pace of life, and allow time for Our Lord to touch our hearts and minds.



*Bellringers*

Over this weekend, a variety of people from far and wide will be ringing the bells at various times. If interested in listening why not bring down a picnic chair and listen for a half hour. The times are today (Sunday) from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM and Monday 9:00 AM to 12 noon. Should be a wonderful experience and continue to bear out the great value of our beautiful bells.



*menALIVE Weekend*

It is happening on the **24th/25th June** in **St Mary MacKillop Parish Oran Park**. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. More information and forms are available from Ken Garland on 4655 9382 or [ken.garland45@gmail.com](mailto:ken.garland45@gmail.com).



## *Vinnies Winter Appeal*

The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June at all Masses at St Paul's. It will take the form of a "Leaving Collection". The concept for this year's Winter Appeal is "Together We Can Do Heroic Things". This Winter your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage is still very much needed and appreciated.



## *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*

Each year a programme is administered to assist people learn more about the Catholic faith. In our own parish, this programme is known as **Catholic Enrichment** although quite similar to **RCIA**.

This programme is intended for adults of all ages who may never have been baptised or, quite possibly, baptised into another Christian denomination. There are two one-hour meetings a month for about five months. At the end of the programme, those who have been instructed are then able to be received fully into the church through Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

An introductory evening has been scheduled for 21 June in the parish meeting room. Please ring our secretary, Elizabeth, or email to register attendance.