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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A*

*10th September 2017*

*First Holy Communion Programme*

Parents with children in Year 3 or higher who have been baptised and received the Sacrament of Penance are invited to register their sons and daughters this weekend after any of the Masses. One of the requirements of the programme is for children to have a meaningful experience of Mass with their parents in our own worshipping community. Accordingly, parents are encouraged to embrace this requirement very willingly and to speak in a favourable way about it to their children. A weekly presence at Mass becomes life-giving and, over time, life-changing. The First Holy Communion programme has been designed to bring together parents and children in a way that is mutually loving and rewarding.



*Parish Pastoral Council*

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 27 September.



*Petition Opposing Euthanasia*

Gratitude is extended to our many parishioners who signed the petition opposing intentional killing. Euthanasia works on the basis that the best way to eliminate suffering is to eliminate the patient. The best way forward, however, is to allocate greater funds for higher quality palliative care.

# *Australian Pastoral Musicians Network*

Third National Conference, Perth 5-7 October

***Sing with Joy: United in Diversity*** - An event not to be missed by all parish musicians, cantors, choir members, conductors, clergy, music and RE teachers, and all who love sung prayer.

The conference features national and international speakers and workshop presenters: David Hass, one of the pre-eminent contemporary composers of liturgical music, and Professor Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy and Chair of the National Liturgical Music Board. More than 250 tickets sold. For more information and registration [www.apmn.org.au](http://www.apmn.org.au) Please see Father Michael if interested.



## *Child Protection "See Me, Hear Me"*

As has become the custom each year, our thoughts are again directed to the protection of children. Unofficially known as 'Child Protection Sunday', clergy and parishioners are invited to play a part in the protection of our children. This year the theme is "See Me, Hear Me".

This year the National Committee for Professional Standards has commissioned a video and brochure through the Australian Catholic University reflecting upon research around what children think about their safety. A number of resources have also been prepared to explore this theme. Visit [www.acu.edu.au/icps](http://www.acu.edu.au/icps)



## *Heart Women's Conference*

The conference is being held at Fairfield RSL from 19-21 October. The occasion will provide a time for women to be refreshed & renewed. Dream again, and feel loved, honoured and cared for. If interested, please ring on 1300734880. Financial assistance from the parish is available for ladies interested in attending. Please contact Fr. Michael. Life can sometimes be unbelievably demanding. Such a conference may be quite therapeutic.