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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A*

*15th October 2017*

*From the Parish Pastoral Council 27 September*

**Eulogies:** A survey about eulogies was conducted at parish Masses on the weekend 23/24 September. The results were discussed sensibly at the most recent meeting of the parish pastoral council.

There was acknowledgement that the length and the quality of eulogies have become increasingly unpredictable. Members of the PPC were able to share a variety of personal experiences about eulogies – that some were quite good; and that others were quite protracted. Various other observations were shared:

- ♣ That respondents to the survey – regular parishioners – would most likely be quite sensitive to the need to keep eulogies brief and respectful;
- ♣ That many people who attend funerals have taken leave from work and need to return;
- ♣ That perhaps the funeral ceremony should be preceded by a 30-minute time period in which eulogies and slide shows must necessarily be confined.

In summary, the main point of contention seems to be:

Compassion for the families of the deceased who sometimes want to include numerous eulogies (on one hand) potentially in conflict with the respect and thoughtfulness that needs to be extended to those who have attended (on the other).

The process of discernment continues. Please feel most welcome to communicate thoughts and feelings to Fr Michael.



*First Holy Communion Programme*

We're now moving towards the next stage of the programme which is the beginning of the workshops from 30 October. By the end of this weekend, all families need to have completed and handed back enrolment forms and workshop selections sheets. Please see Father Michael to discuss any difficulties. A leaflet containing the workshops to which families have been assigned will be distributed next weekend.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Next meeting has been scheduled for Wed. 25 October.



**CHURCH COMPUTER** Our weekend Masses are “serviced” in many different ways by parishioners who help according to a variety of rosters. Some forms of help are very noticeable but others are less visible though extremely important – like, for example, the preparation of altar linen. Currently we need a few more people who might be able to work the computer at Mass. This little job is suitable to people of all ages, though especially suitable to those of a younger generation who are comfortable with IT. Last Saturday at the Vigil, there was an outstanding music but without the words on screen to allow the congregation to participate. So please see Father Michael for more information.



### *Ordination to the Priesthood*

Reverend Victor Vincent will be ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Wollongong on Tuesday 21 November 2017. As Victor was assigned to Camden for a short pastoral placement, Bishop Peter has directed the following statement be brought to the attention of parishioners:

*Victor Vincent has applied for ordination. If anyone knows of any reason why he should not be so ordained, he or she should report to the parish priest immediately.*