

ST PAUL'S

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Bulletin Highlights

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

12th November 2017

READER FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Reader Fellowship Group held its inaugural meeting on 26 October 2017. There were 21 attendees and eight apologies. The meeting included:

Introductions: this was perhaps the most enriching segment; providing a glimpse of the deep and rich faith experience of each attendee and coming to the realisation that this Parish has a wonderful and talented group of readers.

Objectives: the group agreed to these three initial objectives: (a) to grow in our friendship and faith through sharing in the ministry of the proclamation of God's Word; (b) to improve the quality of delivery; and (c) to grow in our knowledge and love of the scriptures. About three or four meetings are anticipated yearly.



CANICE'S KITCHEN: On Sunday, 29th October, 10 volunteers travelled to St Canice's Kitchen at Elizabeth Bay to provide lunch to our many homeless. Once again a B-B-Q was provided with all the trimmings followed by dessert. The visitors were impressed, many saying they didn't expect anything as good. We served approximately 140 meals and 15 take-aways. Many people returned for seconds.

We are lucky enough to be able to borrow a state of the art trailable B-B-Q from Tahmoor Men's shed thanks to Chris Coppock's connection. Thanks also to Peter Vella for providing salad and vegetables, and to Michael and Josephine O'Sullivan for sponsoring the purchase of sausages and onions. Our 10 volunteers included some newcomers who found the experience very rewarding. Our next lunch has been scheduled for 8 April 2018. Any parishioners who are interested are asked to contact the parish office. With thanks, Lynda and Bob.



HANDYMAN

There's just a tiny matter requiring a little attention. If there's a parishioner who has a basic knowledge of carpentry, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Besides a presence at Mass and attendance at workshops, an additional and most valuable way for parents to prepare their children is by bringing them to the Sacrament of Penance on a Saturday morning from between 9:30 AM and 10:15 AM. Children should practise the Act of Contrition and be aware of the length of time since their last confession which would have been late March if it was their first and only confession. An examination of conscience follows.

For the FHC Mass, and in terms of dress, the girls are encouraged to be dressed in white though this is not essential. Veils can be worn though not encouraged. A ribbon or little flower would be appropriate. The boys are encouraged to wear neat casual clothing, and more formal outfits are quite appropriate. Ties and business shirts add to the occasion. For all children, exhibitionism should be avoided. Thanks. For this coming week, parents are asked to read page 18 and assist their children with the home activities on pages 19-20. And why not say an Our Father and a Hail Mary with them at home?



ADVENT EVENT ~ SATURDAY EVENING 2 DECEMBER

Following the success of these evenings, our parish pastoral council has resolved to have another **Advent Event** ~ and we'd like you to come along. It's a good idea to come to the Vigil Mass, and then arrive at the Heritage Hall for a pre-dinner drink. Once having registered at the parish office, you'll be assigned to a table which will be with your own mates if requested. A professionally prepared buffet meal is the evening hunger-buster, and can be all washed down with a variety of beverages. Why not try to make this a priority?