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Bulletin Highlights

First Sunday of Advent ~ Year B

3rd December 2017



SVDP Leaving Collection

Gratitude is extended to the many parishioners who have taken tokens and returned them to the Church or parish office. There is a very tender and heart-felt compassion residing in the hearts of so many of our parishioners. And for those who would still like to make a contribution, there will be a "Leaving Collection" next weekend so funds will be available to assist those families at Christmas who live locally and who are in genuine hardship.



Mass of Anointing ~ Tuesday 5 December

Being the first Tuesday of the month, parishioners are reminded that a Mass of Anointing is available this Tuesday at the 9:00 AM in the chapel. The Sacrament of Anointing offers an experience of physical, emotional and spiritual healing. The principal celebrant will be Father Whitty. All invited.



First Holy Communion

The FHC Masses proceeded very well last weekend although the Saturday afternoon Mass was unacceptably noisy. Otherwise, all the families with little sons and daughters receiving FHC seemed to have a very positive sacred experience. Gratitude is extended to all who participated and assisted. The administering of such a large programme requires the dedicated commitment of quite a few experienced and competent people. The Catholic primary schools, parish staff and auxiliary personnel, musicians, vocalists and choristers, as well as clergy, all work together in symphony to ensure that all the needs are met. Sincere thanks to the many people who assisted.



Sacrament of Penance Programme

Parents who have children who have been baptised and are in Year 2 at school or higher are welcome to register and collect information forms for the Sacrament of Penance Programme. The first part begins on the First Sunday of Advent (from the Vigil 2nd December) and continues until the Third Sunday of Advent. Understandably, with many families away over January, the programme is suspended until after the summer holidays. The second part of the programme recommences early February.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Early notice that the 2nd Rite has been scheduled for Tuesday 19th December at 7:00 PM. This communal Rite of Penance is an ideal way of preparing for Christmas. Our presence at this time assists us in calling to mind our sins and our continual need upon the Lord's redeeming and sanctifying grace. The 2nd Rite is especially suitable for people of all ages.



Christmas Roster Volunteers.

So that a Roster for the various Christmas Masses can be prepared, we are asking for all Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers who will be available to either contact Elizabeth during office hours on 4655 8797 or please fill in your availability on the sheets in the blue folder which is in the Chapel.