

ST PAUL'S

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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Year B*

*18th March 2018*



*Sacrament of Penance Programme*

Leaflets, containing the various ceremonies to which families have been assigned, are available for collection this weekend. Parents are requested to try to attend their assigned ceremony. Parents will also need to assist their children in the examination of their conscience. Childlike sins could include:

Fake excuses to avoid attending Mass;

Making personal pleasures a higher priority than God; Selfishness, Lying, Disobedience, Fighting, Laziness, Neglect of Pets,.....

Children and parents should be able to recite the Act of Contrition perfectly. At Masses next weekend, a little memento will be distributed. Enrolment into the First Holy Communion programme begins early September. The weekend for FHC is 24/25 November. Please continue to bring the children to Mass on the weekends. One of the greatest acts of love that parents can have for their children is to contribute to their spiritual formation, especially through Mass on Sundays.



*Return and Earn ~ Practical Way of Assisting*

A Family has volunteered to be the coordinators for a Parish *Return and Earn* project. Grandad will be the overseer and the grandsons will be the collectors and returners. All monies will go to the Hua Orphanage whose good works we all know about. Father Joe has positioned a collection bin just outside of the rear of the church near the gate to the back courtyard. All eligible bottles and cans can be put into this bin. This is a great way to support the orphanage and the environment.

**FEAST OF ST JOSEPH MONDAY 19 MARCH:** Morning Mass will be held in Camden tomorrow, Monday 19 March at 9.00am to celebrate the feast of St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All encouraged to attend.

## INVITATION TO THE CHRISM MASS ~ WED. 28 MAR. 7:30 PM

Each year during Holy Week the Chrism Mass is celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Wollongong. This offering of Holy Mass is one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church. During Mass, the Priests of the Diocese renew their commitment to priestly service; Bishop Brian blesses the **Oil of Catechumens (for Baptism)** and the **Oil of the Infirmorum (for Anointing of the Sick)** and Consecrates the **Oil of Chrism (for Baptism, Confirmation, and Sacred Orders, as well as for the consecration of altars)**. The oils are then distributed to clergy to be used during the year with their local communities. Everyone is warmly invited to join Bishop Brian and our clergy to celebrate this significant event in the life of the Diocese.



### *Holy Week and Easter Weekend ~ Advance Notice*

#### **Palm Sunday Weekend 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March**

Masses on Palm Sunday will be as usual but the 10:00 AM begins outside with the blessing of branches

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ Second Rite of Reconciliation 7.00PM

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** ~Chrism Mass in Wollongong 7.30PM

**Holy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** ~Mass of the Lord's Last Supper 7.00PM

**Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** ~ Stations at 10:00 AM;

Passion at 3:00 PM

**Holy Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>** ~ Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM

**Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April** ~Note change of Mass times

**Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM**

Different Mass times are for the Easter Weekend only



### *Parish Finance Council*

The next meeting has been scheduled for the second Tuesday after Easter, 10th April beginning from 6:30 PM. The meeting is expected to be quite brief as there are no major projects under consideration.

The Annual Report for 2017 will be available for discussion. After this meeting – and on the basis that the Annual Report is accepted – parishioners will be most welcome to make an appointment to review the financial position of the parish.

The single most important objective at present is to continue to accumulate funds as quickly as possible to recommence work on the church as St Clare's. The process of re-engaging an architect is expected within two years. Gratitude is extended to all our parishioners who have been committed to the parish's considerable need for ongoing financial support.

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Rec.*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation has been scheduled for Tuesday 27th at 7:00 PM. There will be about five priests present.

### *Examination of Conscience for Adults*

Is my heart set on God or am I more concerned with the values and pleasures of this world?

Am I wholehearted in accepting the Church's teaching? Do I avoid dangers to the faith? Have I been strong and fearless in professing my faith in God and the Church? Have I been willing to be known as Christian in private and public life?

Have I love and reverence for God's name?

Do I keep Sundays and feast days holy, especially in my presence at Mass?

Are there any false gods that I've worshipped such as money, superstition or any occult practices?

What is my attitude to the Sacrament of Penance, and do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, and to begin a new life?

Have I forgotten to mention or deliberately concealed any grave sins from previous confessions?

Have I a genuine love for my neighbours and acquaintances or do I use them for my own ends?

In my family life, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of the family by patience and genuine love? Have I been careful to give a Christian upbringing to my children?

Have I been truthful and fair, or have I injured others by deceit, calumny, rash judgement or violation of a secret?

Have I gone against my conscience out of fear or hypocrisy?

Have I been patient in accepting the sorrows and disappointments of life?

Where is my life really leading me? Have I tried to receive the sacraments regularly and exercise restraint?

Have I been resolved to control my vices, my inclinations and passions eg: envy, love of food and drink? Have I been proud, boastful and self-satisfied, thinking of myself superior to others and treating them as less important than myself?

Have I kept my senses and whole body pure and chaste as a temple of the Holy Spirit? Have I dishonored my body by fornication, impurity, unworthy conversation or thoughts, entertainment that is contrary to Christian and human decency?

Have I been faithful to moral law in my married life?

Have I done violence to others by damage to others physically, or by damage to another's reputation? Have I kept up hatred or resentment to others, and have remained estranged from others by anger and resentment?

Have I stolen the property of others or damaged it?