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Bulletin Highlights

Passion Sunday - Year B

25th March 2018

2nd Rite of Reconciliation	Tuesday 27th at 7:00 PM	5 priests present	Reflective Music
Holy Thursday 29th	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM	Father Michael	Choir
Good Friday 30th	Stations at 10:00 AM	Father Joe	Iona and Tasha
Good Friday 30th	Passion at 3:00 PM	Father Michael	Craig
Holy Saturday 31st	Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM	Fr M. and Fr. J.	Choir
Easter Sunday 1st April	Mass at 7:30 AM	Fr Joe	Iona and Maria C.
Easter Sunday	Mass at 9:00 AM	Fr Michael	Belinda and Tasha
Easter Sunday	Mass at 10:30 AM	Fr Joe	Craig, Colin, Brian
Easter Sunday	Mass at 5:00 PM	Fr Michael	TBA

Holy Week embraces the last days of Lent until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The sacrament of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of Lent. Absolution for the confession of one's sins is best received before Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the paschal Mystery.




Confirmation Program

The enrolment process begins on the weekend of 7/8 April after Masses. The timeline for the programme will be distributed and names will be recorded. It's quite a wonderful program!


Canice's Kitchen

Our team - which prepares, cooks and serves, meals for the disadvantaged - has been rostered for Sunday 8th April. If interested in becoming involved, please contact the parish office.

With Gratitude for the Palms

So grateful to our parishioners who provided palms. Many thanks to all who supplied. Greatly appreciated!

Sacrament of Penance

Children can collect little mementos this weekend. Parents should resolve to continue bringing children to Mass. Enrolment for Holy Communion begins early September.

Sacrament of Penance ~ Guidelines to Confessing Well

It's a simple process to make a good Confession – you just name your sin and confess it to the priest. Here are some pitfalls to avoid:

- Avoid confessing other people's sins. 'My friend, wife, husband, etc. makes me so mad because they are always doing such and such, and, etc, ...'
- Avoid telling the priest how good you are. 'I'm really a good person. I do my job at work and look after my wife, husband, and, etc. ...'
- Avoid telling the priest which sins you don't commit. 'I don't steal or lie or deliberately hurt anyone or, etc ...'
- Avoid telling the priest you 'might have' committed some sins. 'Perhaps I could have been more kind, and maybe I could have been more honest, perhaps, and, etc ...'
- Avoid confessing all the minor sins first and then the big ones at the end. Confess the ones you don't want to confess – first.
- Avoid 'generic' confessions. 'I've been a bit bad and not as nice as I could have been, and, etc ...'
- Avoid giving yourself advice – let the priest do that. 'I know I will have to begin to pray more, and maybe if I made an effort to balance my prayer life with my work, etc, ...'
- Avoid confessing to yourself. 'I feel I have let myself down and find it difficult to forgive myself. I must learn to be more true to myself and, etc ...'
- Avoid unnecessary detail. 'Well, it was Tuesday, no Wednesday at 4pm and I was with my little sister at the park and we saw this woman who was walking along the path, actually, maybe it was Tuesday after all, yes, I think it was, etc
- Avoid minimising your sins. 'I only have small sins, like, you know, sins that everyone has, the normal sins, etc ...'

Making a good confession is not difficult really, it just needs some quiet time to prepare and then, as they say, *name* your sins and *claim* your sins. 'Father, I've been taking things home from work, small things, but it's still stealing.' 'Father, I've had an abortion. I have come to realise how wrong it was and I want to ask God's forgiveness.' 'Father, I've committed sins of impurity and have been viewing pornography.' 'Father, I've been absent from Mass through laziness and I took Holy Communion twice, knowing it was inappropriate to do so.' *Simple? Go for it!!*



Raffle

There's a big raffle to be drawn on Easter Sunday morning with first prize an Easter Hamper. Ideal for a chocoholic or a tribe of kids. It's on display in the chapel. Tickets \$2 each.