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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Second Sunday of Easter ~ Year B*

*8th April 2018*

*Easter Weekend ~ a Sacred Time of Grace and Blessings*

**Easter Triduum.** The word *triduum* simply translates as 'three days'. Lent comes to conclusion from the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening when, at which time, the Easter Triduum begins. Without qualification, everything in our parish went unbelievably well during the Easter Triduum with very large attendances at all the ceremonies.

Collectively, the three Masses on Easter Sunday have become huge with around 2,000 people in attendance. The screens in the chapel were quite valuable at the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses in allowing about another 100 people at each to see and hear everything that was happening. There were about 500 people at the Vigil and almost 200 at the quieter Mass on Sunday evening. There can be absolutely no doubt that Easter has been a wonderful blessing for the many people in attendance, their families and most certainly our parish.

Many thanks



*Confirmation Programme 2018*

Parents who have children in Year 6 or higher at school, and who have been baptised and celebrated First Confession, are invited to begin the process of enrolment by collecting a programme timeline after Mass. A part of the programme is for parents and children to have a weekly presence at Mass, especially since the Parish Community News (weekly bulletin) contains regular updates. If parents commit seriously to the requirements of the programme, they are making a valuable investment into their children's spiritual formation.



*Easter Raffle*

The raffle was drawn after Holy Communion on Sunday Evening. There were three altar servers who each drew a ticket. And would you believe, among all the tickets one lady's name was drawn twice but, of course, by two different altar servers.

The winners were P Pelle who won both the Easter Egg Hamper and the Wine, and Martha who won the case of beer.

The money raised will be allocated towards the professional restoration of our chalices and communion bowls. Thanks to all for your support.

## *Men's Movie Night*



The next evening has been scheduled for Friday 20 April at 7:00 PM. The evening includes the screening of the movie, beverages and gourmet pizza all for just \$10/head. All men of the parish over the age of 16 are very welcome to attend. Please ring Ken on 0417 244 059 to register, and for catering purposes. Good night assured.



## *Easter Candle*

In liturgical terms, the Easter Candle is known as the paschal candle. It is a sign of the Light of Christ, always burning brightly in our world that is darkened by sin. But the darkness of this world can never overcome the Light of Jesus Christ which is always visible to anyone who wants to look in the right direction.

Our sincere gratitude to Guardians Funeral Directors who donated the big Easter Candle as well as all the little candles which were alight at the beginning of the ceremony, and for the renewal of the baptism promises.

## *More about the Easter Candle*

The candle was delivered a few days before Easter. Mr John Giles then used some of his many engineering skills to trim the base of the candle so that it would slip neatly & perfectly upright into the cup upon the timber stand. And Mrs Debbie Huxley further enhanced the visual appeal of the candle by painting beautiful Easter lilies. Such artistry! Such talent!



## *Parish Finance Council meeting this Tuesday 10 April*

Reminder of the one-hour meeting that has been scheduled for 6:00 PM