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Bulletin Highlights

Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

4th November 2018

Gospel Message this week: Love of God and loving-kindness.

Wollongong Cursillo Movement

Our parishioners are invited to come along for a "pot luck dinner" on Saturday 17th November in the Heritage Hall following 5pm Vigil Mass. Our special guest is Bishop Brian Mascord and the host is the Wollongong Cursillo Movement. Fundraising games e.g. lucky envelopes, dice games, a few trivia questions, silent auction. Cost is \$5 per person. Please bring your favourite dish to share, be it a main course or dessert. BYO cold drinks. Tea and coffee provided. For further information or to book-in, please phone Dianne Garland 0418640373. We look forward to seeing you there. Father Michael will also be present as a way of celebrating his 29th Anniversary of Priesthood.



First Holy Communion Programme

Parents are invited to collect a leaflet after Mass which lists the families and the FHC Masses to which they have been assigned. If a change is required, please contact the parish office by email as early as possible this coming week. Hopefully there will be very few requests.

Please also keep in mind the importance of sacrifice. When it comes to meeting the requirements of the programme: "the bigger the sacrifice, the better the preparation". Before the next workshop, parents are asked to read p. 10 and assist their children with page 11.



Catholic Enrichment Programme

The programme is drawing to a close with almost 20 people having attended a series of evenings for instruction about the Catholic faith. These evangelising programmes are not always so well known to the great body of parishioners but they remain a very important part of parish life. We certainly offer our prayerful and fraternal support that those who will be initiated into the faith will have a truly life-giving and life-changing experience.

Father Whitty's Fiftieth Anniversary of Priesthood



Happy
50th
Anniversary



Father Whitty is our Pastor Emeritus (a retired shepherd) who will celebrate his 50th Anniversary to the priesthood on

Saturday 8 December. Those who know Father quite well would also be aware that he has little interest in any kind of aggrandisement. However, since Father Whitty has been such a dedicated servant to the church more generally, and to our parish more particularly, agreement has been reached to have **9:00 AM Mass** and morning tea for the occasion that will include a few brief formalities

Accordingly, our parishioners are invited to Mass & morning tea on Saturday 8th December. If attending the morning tea, then for catering purposes please advise our parish secretary, Elizabeth. If there's under 40, the venue will be the parish meeting room. If over 40, the venue will be the heritage hall. Please come along.



HEALING AFTER ABORTION: Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. Healing retreats are held regularly in the Sydney area offering women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. A brochure can be downloaded at the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au The next healing retreat will be held 16-18 November 2018. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment.



Catechists' Mission

Parishes, through whatever means are available, are called to evangelize and bear witness to the gospel. Our catechists who visit the local government schools and share bible stories with the children are participating in this valuable apostolate. Many children who may not have had much contact with the parish have still been able to have their young lives enriched by the friendly instruction from our catechists, and especially in the learning of prayers. Can you help? On this Sunday in the parish, our catechist coordinator Cheryl will provide a few more details. With thanks.