



ST PAUL'S

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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B*

*18th November 2018*

**MOST IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**SUNDAY NIGHT MASS ~ 25 NOVEMBER 18**

Our parishioners are advised that because of FHC, the normal 5:00 PM Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM next Sunday as a "one-off". The earlier finishing time allows the families and guests of the first communicants to have a little reception afterwards without finishing too late. Our usual parishioners are asked to be supportive with their presence, especially since there are only 19 First Communicants at this Mass. Mass will be barely 10 minutes longer than usual. With thanks.



**FHC MASSES NEXT WEEKEND:**

Parents are asked to be mindful of the following:

**Photography:** Families should definitely ensure that cameras are available for photography before and after Mass. However, photography is not permitted during Mass because it becomes extremely distracting. Parents are asked to advise relatives and friends accordingly.

**Reverence:** Our Masses are sacred ceremonies. Silence and prayerfulness are important. So often at First Holy Communion, some family members may come together after a long absence from church. Naturally enough, people like to converse. But parents are asked to advise their family and friends that casual conversation is much better suited to outside of the church.

**Punctuality:** Masses always start on time. Families should arrive in church at least 10 minutes early to allow their children the time to settle and compose.



*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 on the weekend of 1/2 December. The first part of the programme begins on the First Sunday of Advent (from the Vigil 1st 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.



## *Advent Event ~ Saturday Evening 1st December*

The First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the Church's new liturgical year, and a time when we start to live and pray in anticipation of the Christmas celebrations.

Among the various themes that provided an excellent focus, the writings of St Paul remind us of the great value of faith,

hope and love. We think and reflect often enough throughout the year about faith and love, but what about hope!

Our **Prayers of the Faithful** this week makes reference of the need for people to carry hope in their hearts. Without hope, there looms a very real chance of falling into despair, or even depression.

Our Annual Advent Event is a way of sharing a conversation on interesting topics in a rather relaxed way over a meal. And perhaps one such topic might well be: More than anything else, what is it that we hope for the most?

So why not come along on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. There is value in attending the Vigil Mass, and then walk to the Heritage Hall for a pre-dinner drink and the serving of the meal about 6:30. The formalities usually finish about 8:00 PM although some people like to stay a little longer. Always a good night. Please advise Elizabeth this coming week if intending to attend. With thanks.



## *Father Whitty's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Parishioners are invited to attend Mass on Saturday morning 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9:00 AM. There will be a little morning tea afterwards. For catering purposes, please advise the parish office if planning to attend. Should be pleasant little occasion and an appropriate acknowledgement to a man who had devoted four decades of his life to the parish.



## *Catholic Enrichment Programme*

In a rather quiet way, a programme has been administered to assist adults prepare for full initiation into the Catholic Church. This programme for 2018 come to completion this Friday evening during a special Mass in which men and women will receive some of sacraments for the very first time. Our prayers are with those who, with the grace of God, will have their lives enriched with this life-giving experience. May it be a new pathway towards the Kingdom of God.