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Bulletin Highlights

Solemnity of Christ the King

25th November 2018

Our Lord's Kingdom is not at all like the kingdoms of this world. It is, rather, a Kingdom of **truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace.**

Accordingly, it is possible that even while still journeying in this earthly life, God's kingdom may already have taken hold in our hearts.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations are extended to all our families whose little sons and daughters celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend. The overwhelming number of parents have very willingly participated in the programme by bringing their children to Mass and to the workshops, and by assisting them with various home activities. The new challenge is to keep the momentum going by ensuring the children have an ongoing experience of Sunday Mass in which their young lives will continue to be sanctified with the reception of Holy Communion. Thanks Parents.



ADVENT EVENT: SATURDAY EVENING 1ST DECEMBER

It's only one week away. Our parishioners are invited to come along and enjoy fraternity, good conversation and a good quality meal. To have the full experience of the Advent Event, come to the 5:00 PM Vigil, and then meet in the Heritage Hall for a pre-dinner drink.

A buffet meal is served at about 6:30 PM with complimentary beverages included. People are welcome to register together with others if wanting to be seated at the same table. Alternatively, our parishioners can simply register and be assigned to a table with other parishioners. Either way it's all good.

There will be a few interesting conversation topics assigned for those who are present. The evening tends to draw to a close by about 8:00 PM although some like to stay a little longer. It's a good night and a good feed. All for just \$15/person. **Please ring the parish office no later than Tuesday this week**



ST PAUL'S MOSS VALE

Requires a suitably qualified permanent part-time parish secretary, 12 hours/week. Visit the parish website mossvale@dow.org.au for a detailed job description. Applications to close 30 November. Good luck.

Father Whitty's 50th Anniversary

Question: What's your planned movements in two weeks' time on Saturday 8th December? Well Father Whitty will be celebrating the 9:00 AM Mass on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of priesthood. And we'd like you to come along. From his 50 years of priestly ministry, 40 have been taken place here in our own parish. Indeed, it was under the administration and pastoral care of Father Whitty that our own church was built. After Mass there'll be a little morning tea in either the meeting room or the Heritage Hall. For catering purposes, please ring Elizabeth if intending to be with us for morning tea.



Christmas Roster Volunteers.

So that a Roster for the various Christmas Masses can be prepared, we are asking for all Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers who will be available to either contact Elizabeth during office hours on 4655 8797 or please fill in your availability on the sheets in the blue folder which is in the Chapel.



Publications ~ Available from the Sanctuary

An Advent Publication, entitled "Saviour", is again available for just \$2. This little pocket-size booklet is quite an impressive publication with beautiful pictures and daily meditations. The meditations are composed by people within our own diocese. We sold 100 last weekend but more are now available.



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. The first part begins on the First Sunday of Advent (from the Vigil 1st December 2018) and continues until and including 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.



God's Word 2019

A beautiful publication, *God's Word 2019*, has become available. For each of the 365 days of the year, it contains the readings plus an accompanying reflection. Take for example, the reflection for 6 August:

In 2006 saint John Paul II added to the traditional fifteen mysteries of the rosary: the Mysteries of Light or the Luminous Mysteries. These mysteries – the baptism of Jesus, the wedding at Cana, the proclaiming of the kingdom, the transfiguration and the institution of the Eucharist – focus on the public ministry of Jesus. The transfiguration, which is recorded in all three Synoptic Gospels, is of special significance in revealing the one who said of himself, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life' (Jn 8:12).

Books are available from the Piety Stall in the Chapel for \$10. There are only 50 available but more can be ordered if demand is strong. They are ideal for preparation for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration or simply to be read at home as a way of assisting personal prayer