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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Second Sunday of Advent ~ Year C*

*9th December 2018*

*Happy 2nd week of Advent!*

**Advent** has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, **Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.**



*Sacrament of Penance Programme*

The programme began last week with the distribution of information forms. Enrolments forms will be distributed this week after Masses. If unable to attend Mass in the parish last week, please collect two forms this week.

The programme is based upon the presence at Mass of parents with their children. The preparation of children involves them having a deep and genuine experience of Mass with our worshipping community. Please contact Father Joe or Father Michael with any questions.



*Second Rite of Reconciliation*

Early notice that the 2nd Rite has been scheduled for **Thursday 20th December at 7:00 PM**. This communal Rite of Penance is an ideal way of preparing for Christmas. Our presence at this ceremony assists us in calling to mind our sins and our continual need for the Lord's redeeming and sanctifying grace. The 2nd Rite is especially suitable for people of all ages. If you've never been, it's well worth having a try. There's usually about five priests in attendance

## *St Vincent De Paul*



The Vinnies Christmas Tree is positioned down near the organ. In keeping with previous years, there are small tags upon the tree with each listing a gift that is required for distribution to some of the local residents leading up to Christmas. Our parishioners are invited to take a tag and return the gift next week. Many thanks in anticipation.



## *Church's Teaching on Marriage*

A new summer school exploring the Church's teaching on marriage is coming to Tasmania. In January 2019, the inaugural Matrimonium Summer School will take place in Hobart. At a time when so much of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family is contested by the secular culture, it is important that young Catholics take this opportunity to go deeper in their understanding of these key teachings.

The program will provide an ideal opportunity for participants to be engaged at the level of the head and the heart. This deeper knowledge will give participants a confidence and knowledge to be an effective Christian witness in our society. It will also help prepare participants for whatever vocation that might be under discernment. For more information check out the Matrimonium Summer School 2019 website or contact Ben Smith on 03 6208 6036 or [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au)



## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2018**

Families are welcome to submit photos for our PCN. The whole parish likes to share in the celebrations. 'Such a loving way to affirm the value and importance of our little parishioners.