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Bulletin Highlights

Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

24 March 2019



Sacrament of Penance Programme ~ 2019

The programme for 2018/19 comes to completion this weekend. The many families who have participated - adults and children - have hopefully had quite a positive experience with Holy Mass, the workshops and leaders, booklets and clergy. There may have been times when adults have felt challenged and even confronted. But personal renewal, conversion and different ways of thinking are never easy.

One of the objectives of the programme is to assist all participants in the process of the examination of conscience. This should not be understood as a totally negative experience. There are many good and healthy qualities in the lives of all family members.

However, an examination of conscience does involve identifying sinfulness by (1) what we may have done wrongfully and (2) by what we may have neglected to do.

The term 'neglect' is of particular importance. It occurs about 20 times in the Old Testament and about 10 times in the New Testament. In the scene of the Last Judgement (Mt 25:31), the King remarks "What you neglected to do to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you neglected to do to me".

At the beginning of Mass, there's a general confession in which all present prayer together "I confess to Almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words by what I've done and what I've failed to do...." At the penance ceremonies over the past week, the introductory prayer began "My brothers and sisters, we have neglected the gifts of our baptism and fallen into sin." (Rite of Penance, page 120).

So as families move forward, there's a real need for parents and carers to be continually attentive to the spiritual formation of the beautiful young children entrusted to their care.

Enrolments for FHC begin in early September. And sincere thanks are extended to the overwhelming number of parents, carers and extended family members who have been so responsive to the requirements of the programme.



Lent Event 30 March 2019

Owing to the slow response, its rather unfortunate that this year's Lent Event has been axed.



Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony

Our parishioners are invited to this occasion of healing and reconciliation on Sunday 14 April at the Cataract Dam Picnic Area from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The ceremony will be hosted by the Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group and the Aboriginal Communities of Macarthur. For further information, please contact Uncle Ivan Wellington on 0447 581 306 or Sister Kerry on 9605 1838



Disciple School of Mission 23-28 April 2019

Are you aged between 18-40 and searching for an adventure in 2019? If so, then join us for Disciples School of Mission. This 5-day live in school calls young people from across Australia and beyond to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation. Short term missions available to PNG, Indonesia, Townsville, Port Pirie, Darwin and back into your own parish. Be renewed in your own faith, equipped for mission/youth ministry and formed in the Catholic faith – you won't regret it – it's an adventure! for more info therese.mgl@gmail.com



Plenary Council Meeting

An invitation is extended to parishioners to attend a gathering at St John's Campbelltown on Saturday 30 March from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM with light lunch provided. The gathering will offer the opportunity of listening to some of the Local Animators, and to discuss the next steps in the process of listening and discernment. The Bishop will also offer some reflections. If interested in attending, please contact Helen on 4222 2403 by Wednesday 27 March. It's absolutely necessary to register for catering purposes.