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Bulletin Highlights

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C

31 March 2019



Penitential Season of Lent

If lots of our parishioners have been fasting, praying and seriously embracing the virtue of almsgiving, the question invariably arises as to when, exactly, is the end of Lent. Well the Lenten season comes to conclusion with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper – normally 7:00 PM – on Holy Thursday Evening. Any relief, however, may be comparatively brief because of the fasting requirements of Good Friday.



Advance notice for Holy Week



Palms: Palm Sunday is just two weeks ago. If any parishioners are able to help with palms, please notify Elizabeth during parish office hours. There's a need to have plenty of palms available but there's also an imperative to avoid a large oversupply that would result in wastage. Old palms can also be brought to Mass and left in a shopping basket that will be outside the presbytery door.



Holy Week Rosters

Since the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday Evening to Easter Sunday) is often a time when many parishioners travel away from the parish, and since there are lots of extra ceremonies, an invitation is extended to all our readers, servers and special ministers to indicate their availability. A blue folder has been left in the chapel on the magazine table for people to provide their names if able to assist.



Computer Operators needed for a Monthly Roster

Owing to the support of our secretarial staff, capable parishioners and musicians, the computer is operated at almost every Mass ever weekend. The use of the overhead screens is a wonderful way of assisting congregational participation. However, there is a real need for extra support at the 10:00 PM Mass. If comfortable with IT, would you be interested in assisting. Like most software, the secret lies in good tuition and regular use. Our programme for the hymns and prayers is really quite simple. If interested in knowing more, please contact Elizabeth during the week or see Father after Mass.



Confessions

Personal preparation for the Easter Mysteries is assisted enormously by reception of the Sacrament of Penance. If coming on Saturday mornings in the confessional when the door is closed – and please feel very encouraged to do so – the idea is to converse with the priests at a normal volume. For some unexplainable reason, many penitents like to whisper. It becomes impossible for the confessor to hear what is being confessed. Speaking in a normal volume will most certainly NOT be overheard by anyone seated in the chapel about 7-8 metres away with the door closed. With Thanks.