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Bulletin Highlights

Solemnity of Jesus Christ the Universal King

24th November 2019



God's Kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace.

So even now in our earthly pilgrimage, it's possible for God's kingdom to reside in our lives.

And may the Holy Eucharist sanctify our lives.



First Holy Communion

Our congratulations are extended to 191 girls and boys who this weekend will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Gratitude is also extended to many parents, carers and other family members who have assisted. The adults who have been so responsible in bringing their children to Mass are asked to keep providing support in exactly the same way. The reception of Holy Communion is a truly beautiful way to experience God's divine love and to shape the lives of our children.



Sacrament of Penance for Children

Sacrament of Penance for Children ~ Enrolment begins from next weekend at all the Advent Masses

Father Joe's Farewell

Our parishioners are reminded that Father Joe will be farewelled from our parish on Sunday 8 December with Mass at 5:00 PM followed by finger food and light refreshments in the Heritage Hall. It promises to be a nostalgic occasion. But *the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away*. All our parishioners are invited to come along for about an hour with just a few formalities.

And it's also a little sad to be bidding farewell to little Joey, the resident cockatoo – and a sulphur-crested cockatoo, no less. Should all be quite memorable. Little Joey extends his apologies well in advance!



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Many of our parishioners would have been aware that a pilgrimage was conducted in October with over 40 people from the Southern Highlands and our own parish making the trip. Just for the record, the pilgrimage was very successful and, at times, quite spiritual.



ADVENT BOOKLETS

Advent is the Church's way of assisting the Christifidelis (Christ's faithful) to prepare for Christmas. The most important form of preparation is to be present among the gathered assembly on Sundays. But having a presence at midweek Mass and the reception of the Sacrament of Penance are other valuable ways to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

And yet another way is to buy a little Advent Booklet that has been prepared by our own diocese. The booklets have daily meditations and cost just \$2. They're ideal for all our parishioners, and especially those of limited mobility. They're positioned on the sanctuary and can be obtained after Mass.



Recent Visit to Canice's Kitchen

The latest Sunday visit to Elizabeth Bay could once again be regarded as a very successful occasion with the serving of 170 meals, including take-aways. The latter have become very popular among the folk because the taste and quality of the food are so appreciated. The adjoining photo shows some of our volunteers who find the whole experience mutually enriching. The sharing of fellowship is most rewarding and just another feature of the day. Interested parishioners are welcome to contact the parish office.