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Bulletin Highlights

First Sunday of Advent

1st December 2019

*Lord, because we do not know when Christ will come,
help us to live with an enduring hope.*



Sacrament of Penance Programme

Parents with children in Year 2 or higher, and who have been baptised, are invited to begin the enrolment process with their children on this weekend, 30th/1st December. Parents will need to attend the Saturday evening Mass or one of the Sunday Masses with their children who are to be enrolled.

The requirements of the programme are quite serious, though still very reasonable. Over previous years, the large majority of parents have been very willing to commit to the programme and contribute to their children's spiritual formation. Parents are asked to resist any temptation to simply arrive at the end of Mass. A large part of the preparation is for parents and children to have a regular experience of Mass with our own worshipping community. All very enriching, and thanks in anticipation.



Second Rite of Reconciliation

Advanced notice that the Second Rite has been scheduled in our parish for Thursday 19th December at 7:00 PM.

Advent Event for 2019 ~ Church's New Year

Big welcome this year to Bishop Brian Mascord who joins us for our Vigil Mass and the evening meal. We also welcome those who are celebrating significant anniversaries including Sister Geraldine Kearney sgs (50th Anniversary of her Vows), Therese & John Grech (50 years), and Elizabeth & Keith Weston (50 years). We also acknowledge our parishioners who have recorded more than 60 years of marriage: John & Marguerite Giles (67 years) and Tony & Cathy Cascarino (63 years). Father Michael celebrates 30 years. Full wrap-up next week and, hopefully, with a few good photos.



'The Way' Advent Daily Reflections

Locally produced Periodical "THE WAY". High quality little compendium with beautiful artwork and daily meditations for Advent and Christmas. Many contributions from clergy, religious and laity within our own diocese. Just \$2.



Father Joe's Farewell

Reminder that Fr. Joe will be farewelled from our parish in a week's time on Sunday 8 December with Mass at 5:00 PM followed by finger food and refreshments in and around the Heritage Hall. It promises to be a memorable and nostalgic occasion. We understand that the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Our parishioners are warmly invited to attend. The evening is planned for about an hour with just a few formalities.

After Masses this weekend, there will be a 'Leaving Appeal'. Parishioners are invited to contribute a few dollars towards a couple of gifts for Fr Joe & Little Joey.