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Bulletin Highlights

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

24th February 2019



In this week's Gospel, Jesus is quite emphatic in teaching his disciples about the need to be people of forgiveness, compassion and love even to the ungrateful and the wicked. The demands of discipleship are not so easy but Jesus instructs that for those who embrace this teaching, the rewards are great.



Sacrament of Penance Programme ~ 2019

One of the main objectives of the programme is to further develop the consciences of the children, and to assist them to have a stronger understanding of the differences between right and wrong behaviour. A further objective of the programme is for the children to better understand that their actions have consequences upon each of their own lives as well as upon the lives of others. The sacramental programmes are built upon the twin foundations of (1) families having presence at Mass, and (2) of the sharing of faith between adults (usually parents) and children.

Whenever parents/carers of children disregard Mass or come to Church at the end of Mass, these objectives are being undermined. Indeed, the practice of a small number of parents of showing up towards the end of Mass is to be teaching their children how to be sneaky – which is seriously contrary to the aims of the programme. The clergy take absolutely no pleasure in having to discuss such matters of negligent parenting of this kind.

Apologies for the tone of this bulletin notice are extended to the overwhelming number of parents who have been so responsive to the requirements of the programme. Your sons and daughters will derive the benefits. Please collect a holy card after Mass this weekend. The Act of Contrition needs to be known perfectly by both parents and children.



Reminder of the meeting this coming Wednesday 27 February at 7:00 PM. It's been a few months since our last meeting and this is the first for the year. Light refreshments will be available

Music Rosters

Our musicians, choristers and vocalists are advised that the new music roster will be emailed early next week. Father Michael had overlooked that the existing roster had expired. By any measure, the quality of our sacred music is very high and a tribute to all those who contribute. All our parishioners are very grateful.



Holy Land Pilgrimage



Parishioners are advised that 33 people from our own parish and the Southern Highlands are expected to be part of the pilgrimage. For those who may still be interested, the cut-off date for registering with a deposit is 28 February because the organisers need to make reservations in the Holy Land for the appropriate number of hotel rooms. Enquiries can be directed to Father Sean in parish business hours on 4861 1902. Father Sean is the primary organiser and is the ideal person to respond to various questions.



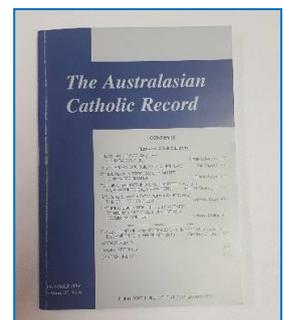
Quarterly Publication ~ Australasian Catholic Record

About a month ago, our weekly bulletin with a notice about ACR. It's a scholarly publication that has been in production for almost a century. However, its continued viability is now dependent upon a broader subscription base. In the most recent edition, the following are just some of the contributions:

The Spirit of God and the Plenary Council;

The Plenary Council and Canon Law

Catholic Education in the Twenty-First Century ~ Narrative, Purpose and Ecclesial Context.



Each quarterly edition also contains book reviews and reflections upon the Sunday readings. Ring 9752 9500 with inquiries.