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Bulletin Highlights

Second Sunday of Lent - Year C

17 March 2019



Sacrament of Penance Programme ~ 2019

Please collect a leaflet after Mass which, after considering the preferences from parents and carers, provides the details of the various ceremonies to which families have been assigned. The parents and carers who have decided to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance are to be affirmed. At this time for adults, especially, the most important qualities are to have a deep humility of heart and an attitude of gratitude. The humble words of St Peter come to mind "Leave me Lord for I am a sinful man". Far from leaving Peter, Jesus assigned him with great responsibilities.



One great spiritual author has written "When we come before the altar of God, we come as beggars with nothing to offer except our human need". This beautifully worded insight describes with deep penetration the relationship between the human and divine. Mementos of the First Confession will be distributed to the children at Masses next weekend.



Lent Event 30 March 2019

At the most recent meeting of the parish pastoral council on 27 February, a decision was again reached to host the annual Lent Event. Have you ever been? The entirety of the event begins with a presence at the 5:00 PM Saturday evening Vigil Mass and is followed by a short walk to the Heritage Hall. Pre-dinner refreshments are available from 6:00 PM.

Participants are usually seated soon after. And the meal is served from 6:30 PM. The formalities are completed by about 8:00 though many people often stay a little longer. A feature of the night is the assigned discussion topic, and then listening to the feedback. Always a good night with the total cost for food and beverages set at just \$15. For catering and organisational purposes, please register at the parish office by Tuesday 26th March. With thanks.



CatholicCare Race Day Fundraiser

This annual fundraiser is organised each year about the time of St Patrick's Day ~ 17th March. This year's event has been scheduled for Saturday 23rd March at the Kembla Grange Racecourse. All monies will be directed to support of siblings with special needs. Single tickets or tables are available. Please contact Jacqueline on 4254 9308 with inquiries.



Day of the Unborn Child ~ Sunday 24 March

The occasion begins with Mass in St Mary's Cathedral at 10:30 AM and then with the Angelus at 12 noon. This will be followed by a prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney led by Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo. The day will close with Benediction in the Cathedral at 1:30 PM.



Lenten Booklets

Apologies are extended to those parishioners who want a book only to be informed that our supply had been exhausted. Attempts were taken to purchase more booklets from the diocese but their supply had also been exhausted. Our own parish order had been 100 but will be increased from next year onwards.



2019 Bishop Manning Lecture

Entitled 'The Catholic Community in the 21st Century', the BML will be delivered on Thursday 21 March from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Kirribilli Club. The presenter is the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn, Father Anthony Percy who was the former Rector of the Seminary at Homebush. The cost is free. And the Kirribilli club is quite delightful with beautiful views over Lavender Bay and the Bridge. Parking could be a bit tricky. Registrations are essential so please ring on 9955 2245 if interested in attending.