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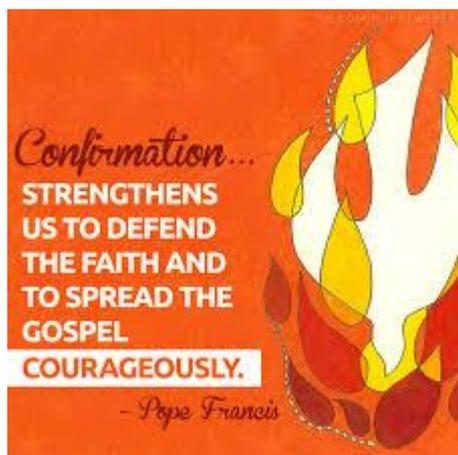
Bulletin Highlights

Second Sunday of Easter ~ Year C

28th April 2019

Confirmation Programme 2019

Parents who have children in Year 6 or higher at school, and who have been baptised and celebrated First Confession, are invited to begin the process of enrolment by collecting a programme timeline after Mass. A part of the programme is for parents and children to have a weekly presence at Mass, especially since the Parish Community News (weekly bulletin) contains regular updates. If parents commit seriously to the requirements of the programme, they will be making a valuable investment into their children's spiritual formation.



Readers' Survey: As a way of trying to continually improve the quality of readings at Mass, a small working group has agreed to the preparation of a survey that is available to all parishioners for completion.

The survey is anonymous and can be collected from magazine tables on blue paper. Surveys can be returned this week or next week. Thanks



Easter Candle: In liturgical terms, the Easter Candle is known as the paschal candle. It is a sign of the Light of Christ, always burning brightly in our world that is darkened by sin. But the darkness of this world can never overcome the Light of Jesus Christ which is always visible to anyone who wants to look in the right direction.

Our sincere gratitude to Michelle Rolfe Funeral Directors who donated the big Easter Candle as well as all the little candles which were alight at the beginning of the ceremony, and for the renewal of the baptism promises. Gratitude is also extended to Ms Deb Huxley – one of our parishioners and school teachers at St Paul's, who added the outstanding artwork.



Easter Weekend ~ a Sacred Time of Grace & Blessings

Easter Triduum. The word *triduum* simply translates as ‘three days’. Lent came to conclusion from the beginning of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening when, at which time, the Easter Triduum began. Without qualification, everything in our parish went unbelievably well during the Easter Triduum with very large attendances at all the ceremonies.

Collectively, the Vigil, the three Masses on Easter Sunday morning and the Sunday evening Mass, have become huge with around 3,000 people in attendance. The screens in the chapel were quite valuable for the Sunday morning Masses in allowing about 50-100 people at each to see and hear everything that was happening. There can be absolutely no doubt that Easter has been a wonderful blessing for the many people in attendance, their families and most certainly our parish. Many thanks

Easter Season ~ 50 Days

The Easter Season is of a fifty-day duration – from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, with both Sundays included. The season is so distinguished in various ways, but especially by white vestments and the lighting of the Easter Candle. Beyond the Easter Season the large Easter candle – a sign of the Light of Christ – is lit only for baptisms and funerals.

Renaissance of Marriage Conference

The Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council (ACMFC) have 6 sponsorships available for interested individuals or couples to attend the Renaissance of Marriage Conference being held in Sydney on the 26 and 27 July 2019 at the University of Notre Dame Broadway Campus.

Sponsorship would be provided to cover the costs for registration, travel and accommodation. The ACMFC are particularly keen to provide sponsorship to those interested individuals or couples from regional and remote areas. For further information please contact Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au for the application form.

Catholic Enrichment

Adults sometimes inquire about becoming Catholic. A programme is administered each year in our own parish that begins in June and comes to completion in November. Adults are very welcome to ring the parish office for more details or to speak with Father Joe or Father Michael after Mass.