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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Third Sunday of Lent ~ Year A*

*19th Mar 2017*



*Sacrament of Penance Programme*

The four ceremonies have been scheduled this coming week and families, after taking into account their preferences, have been assigned to one of the ceremonies. Leaflets that contain all the relevant information are available for collection after Mass.

If there's a family really desperate to change from the assigned ceremony because of very extenuating reasons then that's ok. By now, children and parents should be able to recite the Act of Contrition perfectly, and without any hesitation. Parents should also revisit the books to read the four parent pages on 3, 10, 17 and 24 if not having done so. Indeed, it's a good idea to read them a second time anyway.

At Masses next week, there are two little mementos to be distributed to the children though one of these mementos has yet to arrive. Also, parents will be encouraged to complete a brief survey next week to provide feedback for further improvements in the programmes. Thanks. Please keep in mind that enrolment onto the First Holy Communion programme begins early September.



*Lent Event ~next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March ~Laetare Sunday*

It's not too late to register. However, the caterers need to be advised on early Wednesday morning. So if interested please try to contact Elizabeth by 4:00 PM this Tuesday afternoon.

The Lent Event is a seriously worthwhile occasion that comprises the Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM, followed by pre-dinner drinks from 6:00 M to 6:30 PM, and then followed by meal and discussion from 6:30 PM. The two-course meal is always most enjoyable and, according to custom, accompanied by an assortment of wines, beers and non-alcoholic beverages.

Guests can usually slip away by about 8:00 PM although many prefer to stay a little longer to enjoy the fraternity. Why not register and try to bring a friend? The cost is only \$15/head. If wanting to attend but a little short on cash, simply contact Father Michael and he will shout.





## Domus Australia

Many of our parishioners would be aware of the impending pilgrimages to Rome, the Eternal City. The first is from the 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August and the second is from the 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August.

So far, there are 24 registrations for the first trip and 26 for the second. All those who are attending live either in our own parish or in the Southern Highlands within the parishes of Mittagong and Bowral. An absolute maximum of 28 applies. Any parishioners who may be interested are welcome to ring the organisers on 1800 753 959 for further information. At this stage, a preliminary gathering is being organised for all who are making the trip. More details will be reported as they become available. The organizers are most helpful and would be glad to respond to any questions.



### *Penrose Park Pilgrimage*

Last Monday 13 March, a bus with 34 of our own parishioners travelled to the Pauline Fathers Hermitage at Penrose Park in the region of Sutton Forest. The bus arrived at 10:00 AM and all attended Mass at 11:00 AM. Then followed a communal lunch with sandwiches and fruit. After a little rest and fraternity, devotions continued with the Stations of the Cross. The bus departed from the Hermitage at 3:00 PM. The day was regarded as very prayerful and very successful – ideal for the season of Lent