

ST PAUL'S

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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Second Sunday of Advent ~ Year B*

*10th December 2017*



*Full Initiation into the Catholic Faith*

Our congratulations are extended to the adults who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church a little over two weeks ago. The ceremony followed about five months of reading and conversation. We continue to offer prayerful and fraternal support to all those – past and present – who have experienced this life-giving ceremony.



*Handel's "Messiah" Oratorio*

(In union with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

A reminder to you of the wonderful evening of meaningful, entertaining and edifying music that is going to take place inside our church on the evening of Sunday, 17 December.

After our 5:00 PM evening Mass, the doors to the Church will be briefly closed to allow some setting-up preparation and then open again at 6.30pm to allow those attending to enter and prepare for a 7.00 pm start.

Tickets – \$10 an adult and \$30 A family – are still available from Elizabeth at the Parish Office. Additional information is also obtainable from Elizabeth or from Joseph on 0488 67 21 21.

Try hard not to miss this unique occasion where people of other denominations will unite with us in a manifestation of the Spirit of the Christmas Season and share our common ground of Peace to All Others who are of Good Will.

If anyone is available to volunteer to assist on the evening with some light duties, (Welcomers, Ushers, Chair-placement, Sticking "Reserved" notices at the ends of some pews for a number of official guests, etc.) their involvement would be welcome. Please let Elizabeth or Joseph know. Looking forward to seeing you on the night. So book now and don't be disappointed.

## *Take a risk and give the gift of faith!*

In our parish, there is a team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in faith. State Government schools do not provide lessons that teach the basic message about Jesus, our faith and the great adventure that life can be with God. We were all given our gift of faith by someone, someone stepped-up for us so that we would know Jesus. Each week of the school year Catechists present 30-minute lessons using a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and maturity and learn what it means to be Catholic. Take a risk and give the gift of faith. Become a Catechist teacher or helper today! For more information, please call 4222 2416 or ask our parish priest for more information.



## *Sacrament of Penance Programme*

The programme began officially last weekend with an initial registration of 129 children. The opportunity is available for the parents of these children to collect an enrolment form this weekend. It should be taken home, completed and returned next weekend on 16/17 December. If not at Mass in the parish last weekend, please collect two forms this weekend – an “Information Form” and an “Enrolment Form”. Participation in the programme requires parents to have a presence with their children at Mass. This experience will be valuable for the children, the parents and the relationship they share.