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Bulletin Highlights

Second Sunday of Lent ~ Year B

25th February 2018



Saint Paul's Catholic Primary School Camden

Parents and Friends Association Annual General Meeting:

Dear Parishioners – this is to let you know that the next AGM will be held on Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 7.00 pm, followed by the usual General Meeting. If you are a parent or carer for a child at the school and wish to nominate for a position on the Executive Committee of the P & F Association, please obtain a nomination form from the school office. The completed form is due back to the school office, or to pandfstpaulscamden@gmail.com, by 3.00 pm 6 March 2018.

For more information, Committee members can be contacted via the email address above or by leaving a message at the school office, thank you. Parents are encouraged to take an active interest in the school P&F.



OVER 55's: The Parish Over 55's Club meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 10.00am. The meeting is held in the Heritage Hall which is located in Camden, alongside St Paul's Church. This is a fellowship gathering and conducts morning tea, bus outings, special lunch venues. This is a very friendly group. Make new friends and bring some of your own friends along. All welcome. For enquiries please ring Robyn on 0407 162 875.



PROJECT COMPASSION is the annual awareness raising and fundraising campaign of Caritas Australia. Running throughout Lent, it is the time where we can listen and respond to the voices of the marginalised and vulnerable as well as offering financial support. Project Compassion Boxes are available for your collection. Please try to be supportive with our customary generosity.

For more info visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



World Day of Prayer 2018

This ecumenical gathering with members from other Christian churches in the local area will be held on Friday 2 March at 10.00 AM at Cawdor Uniting Church, Cawdor Road Camden. All are most welcome and encouraged to come along. Further information and RSVP can be obtained from Diana at 0402 045512.

Lent Event 2018

Over the past three years the parish has held a number of very successful social events in our wonderful Heritage Hall. One such event is our *Lent Event*. This is a further reminder to keep free the date of 10 March. Come along and join in good food, enjoyable conversation, and lots of fraternity with your fellow parishioners. Please register with Elizabeth during parish office hours. Just \$15/head for a two-course meal and complimentary beverages.



Farewell to Bishop Peter Ingham

A big farewell Social Event for Bishop Peter has been organised for the Cube, at Campbelltown Catholic Club. This event is not until St Joseph's Day, 19 March. The cost is \$50/head and include three courses and beverages.

There will be entertainment and a few keynote speeches. It won't be a brief evening but should still be quite enjoyable nonetheless. The organisers have requested each parish to get together a table of 10. If interested, please notify Elizabeth during parish business hours. Should be memorable.



Sacrament of Penance Programme

Thanks to the big majority of parents who have been so responsive to the requirements of the programme, especially in bringing their children to Mass. This is an essential part of the programme. Why? Great fourth century saint John Chrysostom expressed Sunday Mass in these terms:

"You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests".

It's most important to have a healthy and positive attitude towards Mass. There was an instance some years ago when, at the completion of the Holy Communion Programme, one parent said to another parent *"Finally, I get my Sundays back."*

Even over the past week, Father Joe was visiting a Year Three class and was speaking to the children about the Sacramental programme, they were listening so very carefully.

He remarked how wonderful it was to see all the little children so well behaved and the way they had picked up their books for the lessons to begin.

One little girl spoke up and said that there was no need for her to attend Mass as her Mummy's friend had taken a photograph of the lesson on her phone and sent it to Mummy so she didn't need a book.

For this coming week, parents are asked to read page 10 and assist their children complete page 11.

Holy cards will be distributed in Mass with the Act of Contrition on the reverse side. Within two weeks, all children and their parents will need to know the Act of Contrition perfectly.

Also, as a matter of thoughtfulness to others, please make alternative arrangements to have pre-schoolers minded if they are unsettled.



Position Vacant ~ Diocese of Wollongong ~ Catholic Chaplain ~ University of Wollongong (UoW)

The Office of the Bishop is seeking to contract until December 2018, a part-time Chaplain 24.5 hours per week, (31/2 days) to connect with Catholic students and staff, organise the work and activities of the Catholic Society, promote opportunities for participation in the life of the Church, and minister in various other ways. Applications must include a resume outlining qualifications, skills and experience and outlining your personal commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church. The names and contact details of at least two (2) referees should be provided. The position description is available at www.jobs.dow.org.au Inquiries 02 42222407. Applications close Friday 23 February 2018. But still inquire nonetheless.