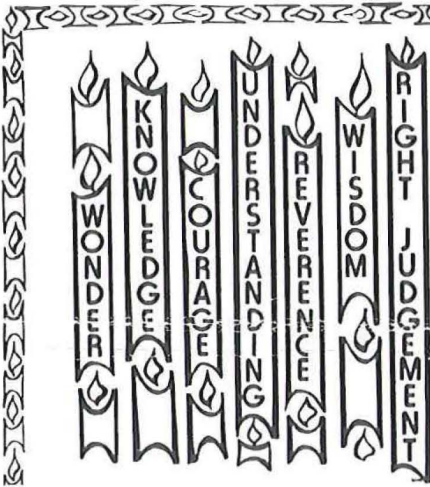


C O N F I R M A T I O N D A Y at HOLY FAMILY, DOVETON.

P A S T O R A L C O N T A C T with our PARISH.

Thirty First Sunday

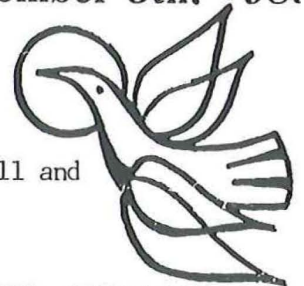
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We gladly WELCOME our Regional Bishop, MOST REVD. GEORGE PELL, as the Minister of the SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION, which he will confer on about fifty of our Parish children today. We assure him of our prayerful support in his responsible apostolate, and of our total loyalty to him and to our Holy Father in Rome. May the Spirit of Wisdom guide and inspire him always!

Our whole Parish Community shares today in the afternoon Celebration of the COMING of the HOLY SPIRIT. Not only do we pray for the children concerned and their families, but we take the opportunity to REVIVIFY or RENEW the SPIRIT in our own lives, the same Spirit that each Catholic receives firstly at Baptism, and then in His fulness in CONFIRMATION, to help make us strong and committed Christians.

With the whole Church, we have just celebrated the FEAST of ALL SAINTS, those people who have gone before us in life. Through their lives of fidelity to Christ and His teachings from Scripture and through His Church, they have merited the eternal reward of the fulness of Life with God in His heavenly Kingdom.

On the following day, 2nd November, we remembered all deceased, especially our own, who have not yet reached Heaven, and are suffering in PURGATORY as punishment for their sins. We recall the value of INDULGENCES, as still official Catholic doctrine, in expiating our sins and those of the suffering souls in Purgatory. DAILY, a good Catholic endeavours to gain a Plenary Indulgence. There are several simple means - Prayer before the Crucifix, Prayer to Christ the King, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, etc, with a Prayer for the Pope and regular reception of the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist.

LITURGY of 31st SUNDAY.

The difference of attitudes and reactions of the Pharisee and the Publican, of the Pharisees and Zaccheaus, holds many applications for today. Jesus showed that salvation is for all. because He came to seek and save all who were lost in the slavery of sin. Vhrist cut right across the attitudes and social patterns of the Pharisees - today in many countries, the Church is shocking many who want to preserve the existing social order of injustice. Such examples - racism, land rights of Aborigines, school segregation, etc. The small man, so often the target of injustice, is the real concern of Christ, reflected by His true followers.

We pray that our Christian lives will reflect our Faith in a fitting service and praise of God, and our genuine concern for the rights and needs of others, because we trust in Jesus' promise of an eternal reward in the joys and happiness of Heaven.

THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND FIND THAT WHICH WAS LOST.

SEEKING to GIVE ALWAYS A LOVING AND GENEROUS SERVICE of GOD at:-

SUNDAY EUCHARIST: 6.30pm (Vigil), 8.15, 9.30 and 11am. 6pm Melkite.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST: 8.30am - Friday. 9am - Monday, Tuesday & Saturday. 9.15am - Thursday. 7.30pm - Wednesday.

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: On Request. SATURDAY - 9am, 6pm and 7.30pm.

During the Month of NOVEMBER, we pray daily, and especially in all our MASSES, for our deceased souls suffering in PURGATORY. Most families share in the November Masses through their special Offering for their own deceased. At this time we pray for LOTTIE GERRARD, recently dec.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of our PARISH EDUCATION BOARD.

With our new Constitution now formally adopted, we welcome newly elected members, as well as serving members and parishioners generally to be present at this Annual General Meeting to be held in the School Staff room on Wednesday at 8pm. We invite all to participate in the 7.30pm Eucharist to thank God for the successful formation of the Board, as well as His Blessing on its future direction and decisions for the benefit of ALL education in our Parish Community. "C O M E, HOLY SPIRIT, F I L L O U R H E A R T S".