

ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

28th February 2016

First Reconciliation

Congratulations and well done to all the girls in Belgrove who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation last week in St. John's Church.

Next week it will be boys' turn so please remember them in your prayers.

The next **"Do This in Memory" Mass** in preparation for First Holy Communion will be the 12 pm Family Mass next Sunday, 6th March. It will also be a special Mass for the children's



Grandparents

so make sure to invite them along and refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after the Mass

A **Meeting of Parents** to prepare for the Mass will be held in the Sacristy on Tuesday. at 8 pm

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER NOVENA OF GRACE

Friday 4th – Saturday 12th March



Starting next Friday, Fr. Dermot will conduct the Novena of Grace each weekday at the 10am Mass, Saturdays 10.30 and the

prayers will be recited at all the Sunday Masses.

A box for your petitions will be available beside the statue of St. Francis Xavier and Fr. Dermot will collect these each day and include them in the prayers.



Looking After Our Own

The season of Lent is perhaps a good time for us to become more aware of those around us who may not be able to come to the Church as often as they would like, due to illness or infirmity. Here are some suggestions of what we all can do:

- The Priests and Ministers of the Eucharist would be delighted to bring the Lord in Holy Communion to the sick and the housebound - Contact Anne in the Parish Office on 8333602 if you or someone you know would like to avail of this.
- If there is a parishioner in hospital who would like a priest to visit, also please let us know.
- Come to our weekly Mass for the sick on Mondays at 10 am and put the names of sick loved ones in to our special book.
- Like Jesus, pray for them and reach out to them - be aware of neighbours or friends who might be going through a tough time.

We all need the healing touch of Jesus in so many ways – but remember that we too can be the hands of Jesus, reaching out to the sick, the lonely, the depressed

Fr. Pat

Live Dangerously – Be a Christian!

Following his first enjoyable and engaging talk last Thursday, Dr. Luis Alvarez will continue his series of talks in Manresa next Thursday, at 7.30. All are welcome.