



1. This weekend we celebrate the **First Sunday of Lent**. The readings can be found on page 151 of the Parish Mass Books.
2. During Lent we have a number of special events – extra Masses, Stations of the Cross, spiritual and historical talks, and extra opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and Confession – [See document below](#)
3. Every three years, our Diocese encourages us to hold a **Planned Giving Campaign**. Our campaign will begin on the weekend of **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to reflect prayerfully on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. **Biblical Stewardship** calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him.
4. **Holy Ghost Youth Group** will be held on 26 February after the 6pm mass. Anyone between the ages of 13-18 is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there! **When:** Sunday 26 February **Time:** 7 till 8:30pm **Where:** The crypt.
5. **Families who will be applying for places in a Catholic school** – Primary, Secondary or Sixth Form – in the near future should make sure they fill in a 'Mass attendance form' every Sunday (or Saturday evening) during term time. Forms are available at the back of church and, once completed, should be left in the tray provided. These forms are used by the clergy to assist them in completing school reference forms when asked – most schools require evidence of 3 years weekly Mass attendance.

6. And lastly –

## **Help raise funds for Holy Ghost School in partnership with the PTA**

**We are collecting good quality used clothing items for RE-USE:**

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

**(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)**

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing, ***the PTA have arranged for a collection on March 8th.*** All the bags will be weighed and the school will be paid for the total weight collected.

**The more we weigh the more we raise!**

**Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit**

***Drop off your donations from March 3rd to 7th in the Church Porch***

Use your own bags or pick up Bag 2 School bags in the church porch – once the clothes have been removed from the bags the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling. ***Great opportunity to clean out the wardrobes and raise money for Holy Ghost School.***