



ST PAUL'S

ST CLARE'S

Bulletin Highlights

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

9th July 2017

Parish Finance Council

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 25 July at 6:30 PM. This meeting will be the first since the most untimely and unexpected death of the Chairperson, Mr Ken Searle. The main reason for the meeting is to review the parish finances. The second half of 2017 is expected to be a time of saving and consolidation without any substantial miscellaneous expenses.



Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 26 July at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be an opportunity to review the pastoral life of the parish over the past six months and share any thoughts for the future. It will also be the final meeting before Father Joe's 25th Anniversary on 27th August.



Seasonality of the Parish Year

In a comparable way to Mother Nature in which we have the four seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter, the Church also has important seasons, being Advent, Christmastide, Ordinary Time, Lent, Eastertide and Ordinary Time.

There is, however, an added seasonality to the rhythm of parish life here in Camden. Our large sacramental programmes invariably lead to quite a few extra people having a presence at Mass, even if only temporarily. And it is to these people, especially, that we extend hospitality and encouragement.

Between the sacramental programmes, there are the quieter months of January, July and August. In terms of Mass attendance, these months will probably be a little like a *seasonal low*. But as sure as night follows day, numbers will rise again during the springtime with the beginning of the First Holy Communion programme.



Midweek Mass at St Clare's

Because of the Clergy in-service, it is not possible this coming week to have morning Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Divine Office and Mass will be celebrated on Friday morning.

There is a strong expectation from Bishop Peter that priests have a presence on these occasions for their professional development, as well as for a little fraternity. The normal midweek Mass timetable will apply at St Paul's. Apologies for any inconvenience.