

ST PAUL'S ST CLARE'S

Bulletin Highlights

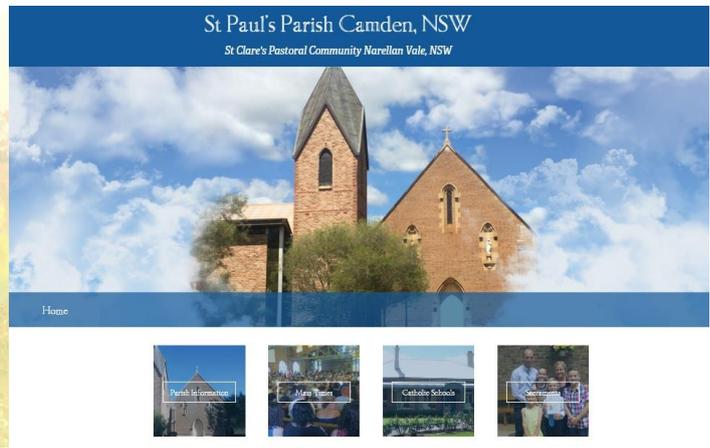
Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Year B
24th December 2017



Christmas Masses ~ All Indoor with vision and audio in the chapel.

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Musicians and Vocalists</i>	<i>Especially suited for...</i>
Sunday 5:00 PM Vigil	Father Michael	Maria, Maria and Sarah	Little children & elderly folk
Sunday 7:00 PM Vigil	Father Michael	Craig, Brian, Colin.	Older kids and teenagers
Sunday 9:00 PM Vigil	Father Joe	Belinda, Tasha, Damian, Betty	Families a little older
Midnight Mass	Father Joe	Choir ~ carols from 11:30 PM	Those who love solemnity
Monday 9:00 AM Mass	Father Michael	Jen and Josh	All families, all ages

Parish Website ~ Original homepage (left), New homepage (right)



Way back in 2009, there were aspirations to launch a parish website as an additional way of celebrating the 150th anniversary of the parish which was established in 1859. It was a bigger job than originally anticipated because there was no structure, no text, no pictures and no thoughts – at least initially – about design. Consequently, it took until 2011 until the web site was officially launched.

Some five years later, a decision was taken to embrace advances in technology and produce a completely new site, especially since the photos included people who had exchanged this world for God's Kingdom. This process began in 2016 and came to completion just a few days ago. Please feel encouraged to visit the site, and especially the photo album which has been set to music.



Handel's Messiah ~ 17th December

The large number of people who were present last Sunday evening were treated to an outstanding performance of choral music with beautiful accompaniment. Indeed, the evening was quite magnificent. It began with selections of music from our own highly accomplished musicians and vocalists, Belinda, Tasha, Craig and Joseph. Then, after a short break, the choir from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, performed the oratorio with distinction.

Bishop Peter was a special guest. At the beginning of the evening he acknowledged the value of ecumenical gatherings as opportunities for all Christian people to come together in peace and good will which, of course, is most certainly appropriate in the days before Christmas. The evening was truly memorable and will live long in the hearts of those who were present. Special acknowledgement needs to be extended to Joseph Hanson who was the entrepreneur for bringing this wonderful production to our parish church. And thanks to our many parishioners who attended to the logistical needs.



Sacrament of Penance Programme

There is no official business this weekend. However, any families who have not so far registered or returned enrolment forms are welcome to see Father after Mass. All inquiries are welcome.



With Gratitude

Our gratitude is extended to Father Joe and his willing assistants who have prepared the cribs before the altar and in the chapel. Quite outstanding!