

ST PAUL'S

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Bulletin Highlights

Easter Sunday ~ Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ

1st April 2018

With Gratitude to so many Parishioners

Since thanks are extended to the very considerable number of people who have been involved in a variety of different ways during Holy Week. From the donation, cutting and arrangement of palms to the preparation of the Easter Candle, quite a large number of people have provided their invaluable assistance. 'Couldn't quite manage without them.

And, of course, our vocalists, choristers and musicians have enhanced our sacred ceremonies immeasurably by their participation. Just finally, gratitude is very much extended to all our parishioners for their presence and financial offerings. It's very fulfilling and life-giving to belong to our family of faith.



Confirmation Programme 2018

Parents with children who have been baptised and who have celebrated first confession are welcome to register their children from this weekend for the Confirmation programme. Timelines will be distributed.

During the programme, parents are required to have a presence at Mass with their children. Parents are encouraged to invest seriously in the programme by also bringing their children to the Sacrament of Penance on a Saturday from 9:00 AM to 10:10 AM.

If over the course of the programme there are children who are not feeling 100% on the Saturday evening or Sunday morning, please wait until Sunday evening before attending Mass without them. Children may be a little off-colour in the morning but may well improve over the day.



Midweek Masses during the Easter Octave

At St Paul's, Mass this week will be celebrated as usual.

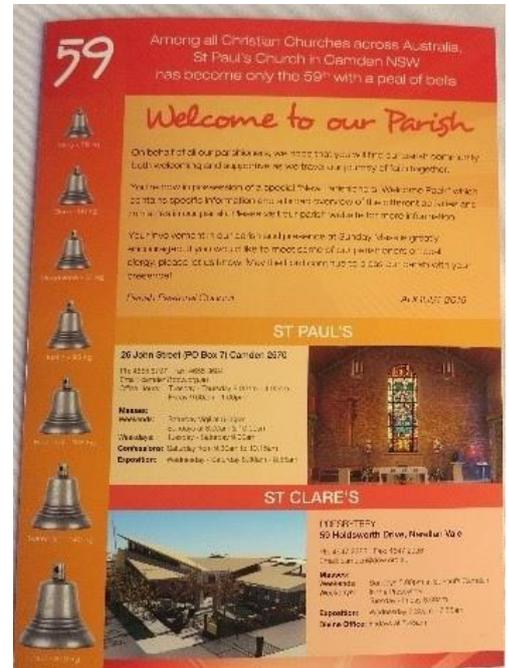
At St Clare's, Mass will be celebrated on Thursday and Friday only.

Welcome Packs

In response to an initiative from the Parish Pastoral Council, a **Welcome Pack** was produced a few years ago for parishioners – and especially new parishioners – who might be interested in knowing a little more about the parish, and how easy it is to be involved. As the accompanying picture reveals, the **Welcome Pack** looks very much like our weekly Parish Community News.

So, if you haven't so far received a **Welcome Pack**, please come to the sanctuary after Mass and collect one. They're complimentary and contain a little treasure chest of information about the parish.

Please also keep in mind that these Welcome Packs are complimented by information on our parish website www.stpaulscamden.org.au Our website is updated most regularly and contains notices about all the upcoming parish events.



Easter Raffle

The Catholic Development Fund has donated a big colourful hamper of Easter eggs of all sizes. So a raffle will take place this weekend. And two other prizes have been added. Tickets will be drawn after Holy Communion at the Sunday evening 5:00 PM Mass.

First prize Easter Hamper; **Second prize** three bottles of wine; **Third prize** case of beer. Tickets \$2 each and can be purchased from the chapel. The proceeds will be directed to the restoration of our chalices and communion bowls. And a few of our chalices are desperately in need of professional restoration.



Wanting to be involved, but not sure how!

Please feel free to see Father Michael or Father Joe to arrange a time for a conversation. Always enjoyable.



Need help at Home

Perhaps you may need help at home or know someone who does! CatholicCare offers **practical** in-home aged care services, so you or someone you love can continue living a happy and healthy life in the comfort of their own home. For more information please call 42549342 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

Where are all the Men? ~ Can you help?



Under 40% of those who attend Catholic Parishes are male and the figures are getting worse. Our Diocese is connecting strongly with the MenALIVE movement to help parishes bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. A non-residential weekend for multiple Illawarra parishes will be run on 5-6 May 2018 in Wollongong.

The organizers require 1-2 men from each interested parish to help get men involved. If you can invite, cook a BBQ and make other men feel welcome, the MenALIVE team will do the rest. Can you help? Come to a meeting at the Office of the Bishop, Xavier Centre on Monday Night, 26 March. Please contact Mr Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 or jude.hennessy@dow.org.au if you need more information. <http://www.menalive.org.au/>



Position Vacant ~ Caritas Australia

Caritas Australia is currently advertising for the position of *Diocesan Director Archdiocese of Sydney* with the added title, Community Participation Leader - NSW/ Eastern Region. The role is based in our National office, Alexandria.

Applicants are asked to forward their application including a CV and a Cover Letter which addresses the Selection Criteria indicated in the relevant Position Description to jobs@caritas.org.au

For further enquiries about this role please contact Fr George Sigamony, Manager Community Engagement on 0499 022 915. The closing date for all applications is close of business Tuesday 3 April 2018.