



ST PAUL'S

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## *Bulletin Highlights*

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A*

*15 Jan 2017*

### *Rome Pilgrimage*

Following the promotional feature in last week's PCN, about 10 people have already expressed strong interest in the one-week tour to Rome from 10 to 17 August. And, apparently, interest has also been quite strong from the Southern Highlands. Further updates will be reported on a regular basis. If interested please see Father Michael or ring the parish office on Tuesday.



### *Parish Expenses ~ A Wide Diversity*

In any particular week there are a variety of invoices that need to be paid for the operations of the parish. Utility costs like electricity and gas are rather obvious. And many parishioners would be already aware that all the parishes have to pay 10% of their planned giving income and "second collection loose" to the Diocese. There's also insurance for all the parish buildings. And we're now about to purchase a new photocopier for a little over \$10,000.

Sometimes there are other comparatively smaller costs that mightn't be so obvious. An account of almost \$1,200 has just been paid for permission from licensing agents to display the words of hymns on the overheads at Mass. This is fair enough as composers, musicians and publishers should be properly remunerated for the use of their music. That's social justice.

But just as items like incense, candles, altar breads, altar wine, auditor's fees may be comparatively minor, they still all add up. So thanks to all our parishioners for your continued financial support. The auditing of the parish finances should be completed before the end of the month.



### *Mass for our School Teachers & Ancillary Staff*

From among the school fraternity, the children will return to school on Monday 30 January while the adults will return on the day after Australia Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>.

The custom will continue for a special Mass at 8:30 AM on the Friday for our teachers and ancillary staff. The normal Masses at St Clare's (8:00 AM) and St Paul's (9:00 AM) will be cancelled on that day only.

However, all our parishioners are invited to the 8:30 AM Mass which will be resourced with sacred music. Father Michael will deliver a homily of about 10 minutes. So please feel most welcome to come along. The personnel from our four Catholic schools always have a strong presence at this Mass.



### *Australia Day*

Advance notice to advise that there will be no Mass at St Clare's on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Mass for our nation will be offered at Camden at the normal time of 9:00 AM.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next meeting has been scheduled for the third Wednesday of February ~ the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Will be lots to consider!