

ST PAUL'S

ST CLARE'S

*Bulletin Highlights*

*Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A*

*3rd September 2017*

*A Word of Thanks from Fr Joe*

Thank you to everyone for such a memorable celebration of my Silver Jubilee. I feel like I have been ordained again. I am deeply humbled by the generosity and thoughtfulness of the whole community. The three parish schools, St Paul's, St Clare's and Magdalene have come together to help me celebrate with the Eucharist just three days before the anniversary Mass, and they too were helping hands in reaching out to the children in the orphanage with a generous contribution. I would like to thank Fr Michael for his fraternal support and guidance, who is behind the whole preparation for the occasion. The Parish Pastoral Council, in particular the organising committee, they have led me from one surprise to the next. For the administrative work, as well as the many attempts to liaise with the Australian embassy in Vietnam in attempting to bring my siblings here. While they didn't pass the 'border protection' requirement, it was not through lack of trying by Cheryl and Elizabeth. Most of all, to each and every member of the parish community, for celebrating in thankfulness to God for me and with me. I am proud to be an ordained Roman Catholic priest. I am proud to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. I still hear His call. May Our Blessed Lady, Mother of the Great High Priest and Mother of all Priests, intercede for us. Amen



*Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2017*

It is with great excitement that the registration for ACYF in Sydney from 7-9 December 2017 has been launched!

Individuals who would like to travel with the Diocesan group can go to <http://dow.sh/ACYF2017> to register their interest.



*Live Festival - Wollongong - 15 September*

Our Wollongong LIVE Festival is back! For ages 15-35 LIVE Festival will be filled with great live music, food, games and guest speakers as well as heaps of other young people from our Diocese. Festival kicks off at 5:15pm and finishes at 8:30pm. Go to <http://dow.sh/livefestival17> for more information and to register your interest