



ST PAUL'S

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Bulletin Highlights

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

8th October 2017

Parish Pastoral Council

The following two items were tabled for discussion at the most recent meeting of the PPC on 27 September

1. PROPOSAL FOR A READERSHIP FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This proposal emerged following a suggestion to assist readers with the following objectives: (a) fraternity among readers, (b) deeper understanding of the Scriptures, and (c) better quality of reading at Masses.

A resolution was reached that all readers, through personal email, be invited to a meeting on Thursday 26 October at 7:00 PM in the parish meeting room. It is envisaged that the evening will consist of two parts (a) discussion and sharing led by one of our parishioners Chris Keun, and (b) fraternity and refreshments afterwards.

The first part of the evening might involve participants volunteering their thoughts and feelings about the following two questions (i) why did I become a reader? and (ii) how have I changed, if at all, since becoming a reader? The night is intended to foster prayer, fraternity, reflection and sharing among the readers.

2. ADVENT EVENT

There was unanimous agreement to stage another Advent Event after the Vigil on the First Sunday of Advent which, this year, is 2nd December. The format of past years was regarded as quite successful, especially with the discussion questions which help to foster conversation across the tables. The aim is to invite parishioners who may not be so involved in the life of the parish. The fraternity has always been lots of fun. Please come along.



Acolytes and Special Ministers of Holy Communion

Gratitude is extended to the many parishioners who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. We're now in need for a few people from among our acolytes and special ministers to be part of a team in assisting with taking communion to older parishioners who are no longer able to attend Mass. Please take this invitation seriously. The spiritual care of our elderly parishioners is extremely important.

Mater Dei Country Fair

Mater Dei in our own parish is a most beautiful school in which the grace of God abounds. There is within the school a wonderful fraternity of teachers and ancillary staff who educate and care for children and teenagers with special needs.

On **Sunday 15 October** there will be the 2017 Country Fair from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, featuring over 50 stalls, raffles, chocolate wheel, Devonshire tea, food stalls, rides and live entertainment. And there's lots more – attractions everywhere. Not to be missed! Please try to be supportive. The grounds at Mater Dei are quite beautiful and well worth a visit.



Congratulations Ciara & Jack

Best wishes are extended to Jack and Ciara who married on Friday 29th September (Feast of the Archangels) in the parish church. The Nuptial Mass was enhanced rather beautifully by the sacred music provided by the family. And to round-out a wonderful wedding day, the reception was just perfect with heartfelt speeches containing a touch of humour. Such a memorable day!