

ST PAUL'S ST CLARE'S

Bulletin Highlights

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Year B

17th 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

Nativity Play ~ 5:00 PM Christmas Vigil ~ and Santa

Parents with little children from about K-3 are welcome to invite their children to be a part of the Christmas Nativity play after Holy Communion. This little dramatic presentation of the Christmas story is always a wonderful few minutes for the children. Mrs Lisa Saunders and Father Joe will be organising a rehearsal on this coming Tuesday in the Church at 3:00 PM. If interested, please be on time.

And there is another special treat at the 5:00 PM Vigil. Santa will be appearing and having a little treat for all the boys and girls. Very beautiful!



Handel's Messiah ~ This weekend 17th December, beginning 7:00 PM

Our parishioners are advised that it's still possible to attend this marvellous production which will have wonderful accompaniment including harps and brass. Bishop Peter is one of our special guests, providing an opportunity to bid farewell before his retirement in February. Should be a very special evening.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

All are invited to take advantage of the Second Rite this coming Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Visiting priests will be available for personal confessions. Very highly recommended.



Penance Programme

Parents are asked to return the enrolment forms after Masses this weekend with \$20. Families who have not been present over the past two weeks are still welcome to enrol. Please see Father with any questions.



Farewell to two Principals

Our gratitude and best wishes are extended to our two primary school principals, Mr Kevin Divine and Mrs Toni Maree Sillis whose names have appeared on the back of our weekly bulletins for many years.

Kevin began work at St Clare's way back in 2008 and brings to completion 10 years of dedicated service to the school. He actually organised a 12 month exchange arrangement in Canada a few years ago to expand his knowledge and experience of other education systems. His new appointment is a 12-month term at St Justin's, Oran Park. His successor at St Clare's is Ms Robin Clarke who has been the Assistant Principal at St Clare's and will serve as Acting Principal during 2018.

Toni began work at St Paul's four-and-a-half years ago. Under her leadership the school has recorded improvements in many different ways. Toni has been able to contribute quite wonderfully to the morale of the staff. Toni will take up a new appointment at the CEO in Wollongong. Her successor is Mr Michael Reardon, a well-known parishioner of many years with a long and impressive track record in school leadership.



WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE: Over the past 12 months, our parishioners have contributed with remarkable generosity to a succession of appeals, the most recent being the SVDP Christmas Appeal. All have been supported without any fall in much-needed parish income. This continuous expression of holy charity is truly a most wonderful reflection upon the spirituality of our parish. May the Lord bless you and all your families at Christmas time!