

ST PAUL'S

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Bulletin Highlights

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

31st December 2017

Pope Francis New Year's Resolutions



1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the more humble purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy: (The Joy of the Gospel).



Mass 1st January ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass will be offered at 9:00 AM on this Monday New Year's Day by Father Joe. All are invited to Mass which will include sacred music. Quite beautifully, Catholic teaching acknowledges Mary as our spiritual mother.



With Gratitude.....

Over the past 12 months, the life and progress of the parish could be best described as **steady**. There's been a simple emphasis on attending to the fundamentals of parish life.

1. Masses have been generally well resourced, especially with sacred music. They've almost always started on time and finished without undue delay. Other sacraments have been administered with the customary care and reverence.
2. The pastoral life of the parish has been in keeping with expectations. The parish pastoral council met on about eight occasions, sharing thoughts and offering insights towards making improvements. Various adult and sacramental programmes have been operated and managed to the benefit of hundreds of people. The elderly and unwell have been visited and anointed.
3. The temporal affairs of the parish – property, buildings, maintenance and finances – have been largely predictable. Funds have been set aside for the new church at St Clare's. After years of frustration, this project is now gathering momentum.

The parish is benefitting from the accumulation of small improvements each year over many years. Thanks to all our parishioners. Your presence, friendliness, helpfulness and financial support – when provided by many hundreds of people – makes our parish a place of life and vitality.



New Parishioners

Please see Father for a moment after Mass to receive a Welcome Pack. It's a wonderful resource, for free.