



ST PAUL'S

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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B*

*11th February 2018*

*Parish Mission Statement (Draft)*

Following the explanatory information that was provided in last week's PCN (parish bulletin) the following draft is now being presented for your thoughts. There are five parts (i) an introductory paragraph setting out the context (ii) three areas of particular emphases, and (iii) an outcome that will be, hopefully, to the benefit of all our parishioners.

A survey form for completion has been included as an insert in this week's PCN. The results will be presented back to the parish council for review. It is anticipated that our parish mission statement will be completed by Easter Sunday.

Established in 1859 and among Australia's oldest parishes, the parishioners of St Paul's Camden embrace renewal and regeneration:

- a. by regularly contemplating the riches of Sacred Scripture, and by the frequent reception of Holy Communion and Absolution in the Confessional,
- b. by extending warmth, inclusion, and friendship to all who want to participate in our sacred ceremonies in prayerfulness and reverence, and
- c. by a commitment to pastoral care and holy charity, producing a harvest of good works both within our own parish and far beyond.

With the grace of God, St Paul's parish aspires to provide a path of discipleship that is deeply life-giving and seriously life-changing. *(please feel most welcome to complete the survey which can be left on one of the magazine tables or taken home for thoughtful reflection and returned to the parish office).*



**Masses for Ash Wednesday**  
St Clare's Hall: 8:00 AM & 9:00 AM (w. children)  
St Paul's 9:15 AM (with children) and 7:00 PM



*Ash Wednesday*  
*Remember that you are dust,*  
*and to dust you shall return.*

*-Ecclesiastes 3:20*

## *Ash Wednesday ~ 14 February*

### *Day of Fasting and Abstinence*

The eating of meat is prohibited and should not be substituted with, for example, gourmet seafood and boutique desserts. All parishioners should most willingly embrace some kind of special discipline for the duration of Lent. 'Mortification' is not such a fashionable word in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. However, in instances where people have become too accustomed to satisfying bodily desires and appetites, a little restraint and denial can have valuable spiritual and practical benefits. As an evening meal, Fr. Michael recommends grilled fish fingers on fresh bread with a little salt and lemon to taste.



### *Valentine's Day*

For all the parishioners who are married, we have this weekend a little Holy Card that can be collected from the front of the church after the celebrant and servers leave the sanctuary. Please, one card per married couple.



### *Men's Evening*

Our first Men's Movie and Pizza night will be held in the Heritage Hall on Friday 16th February commencing at 6:45pm. Cost is \$10.00 including movie, gourmet pizza and liquid refreshments. Come along and join in the fellowship. For more information and catering please contact Ken on 0417 244 059 by Friday morning.



### *Sacrament of Penance Programme*

Parents are requested to collect a leaflet after Mass which includes all the workshop groups to which families have been assigned. Please try to be accepting of your assigned group. The difficulty is that at the end of last year when enrolments had officially come to completion, an appropriate number of books has been ordered, and a corresponding number of groups had been organised.

About a dozen late enrolments last weekend complicated the planning. So please try to be understanding. In instances where it is impossible to make the assigned group, please email the parish office by Tuesday. There is still a little extra capacity in some groups at St Clare's.