

# ST PAUL'S

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## Bulletin Highlights

*Pentecost Sunday - Year B*

*20th May 2018*

### *Awareness Mass*

**Mater Dei ~ Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 19 May**

Our parish is blessed this evening with the presence and participation of the Mater Dei fraternity. Known as the Awareness Mass, we're invited to be extra mindful of the special challenges that are before the many families whose children attend the Mater Dei school.

After Mass, parishioners are warmly invited to the parish meeting room adjacent to the church to share in a little fraternity. Beverages will be available as well as a mouth-watering finger food. All complimentary.



"You heard me! Spit it out!"

**GOLF:** The interparish golf day will be played today, Sunday 20 May. The Highlands course at Mittagong is quite spectacular this time of year. Our team is a little smaller than in previous years with 18 golfers making the trip along the Hume. Full wrap-up next week.

Children can collect little mementos this weekend. Parents should resolve to continue bringing children to Mass. Enrolment for Holy Communion begins early September.



### *Parish Pastoral Council*

Meeting scheduled for this Wednesday 23 May at 7:00 PM. Beverages & Smith's Chips available afterwards.

## St Paul's School Playground ~ Further Upgrade



The upper part of the playground adjoining John Street is soon to be upgraded. The existing bitumen cover is uneven in many places, especially around the trees. Indeed, there are quite a few places in which roots from the trees have created hazards that could easily cause the children to trip. The upgrade has the support of the school fraternity as well as our own parish finance council.

The new playground will consist of more artificial turf under the sails to provide the little children with an improved surface for physical exercise.



There will also, around the artificial turf, be a concrete boarder that will be coloured with an oxide.

With the permission of Camden Council, two trees have been removed but will be replaced by two others that don't have the same aggressive root system. There would not have been much sense in laying new concrete which would be cracked within a few years. This project is being financed by contributions from the parents as well as funds raised by the P&F. Should look really good upon completion. (see pictures on the adjoining page)



During Masses this week, parents will be able to collect another leaflet – a second version – to confirm the workshop details for their children. Another form requiring completion will also be distributed as an insert within the leaflet. Upon being completed, this form can then be exchanged for a personalised workbook. The workshops begin tomorrow 21 May. Before the first workshop, parents are asked to read page 3 and assist their children to complete page 4. Please try to be punctual and avoid using mobiles. In fairness to all families, smaller children who may be

### ***New Feast Day***

Pope Francis has declared that the first Monday after Pentecost Sunday shall be the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. Father Joe will be celebrating 9.00am Mass