

ST PAUL'S ST CLARE'S

Bulletin Highlights

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

22nd July 2018

Sacred Vessels

Established in 1859, our parish celebrated its sesquicentenary in 2009 – 150 years old. It also turned out that 2009 was the year in which Father Michael celebrated his 20th Anniversary as a priest. There were some special celebrations throughout the year as well as the production of a parish DVD. Father Mark De Battista was with us at the time and – with the help of some very willing and capable parishioners – organised the Eric Genius concerts. The year was most successful and very memorable.



During this significant year, the parish encompassed four Catholic schools and still reached northward to Leppington. It was not until a few years afterwards that St Justin's and St Benedict's were established, and a few years later again that the parish of Oran Park was established.

So the four schools in the parish – St Paul's, Mater Dei, St Clare's and Magdalene wanted to offer a gift. Father Michael insisted that he needed nothing for himself but suggested a gift for the parish. The four principals responded by buying a beautiful chalice at a cost of \$4,000. The chalice had been used for just about every Sunday of the year since then, as well as for special occasions. It has never been dropped or dented but had become a little discoloured. So in recent months it was presented to the experts for restoration. After nine years, the chalice has now been restored very beautifully and will be used on special occasions.



Restoration Work



In the courtyard between the church and the chapel, there's a rather beautiful outdoor statue of Mary holding her Son as he was taken down from the cross.

The statue was damaged about three years ago when sandstone blocks and part of the slate roof crumbled for unknown reasons in the middle of the night. The roof to the chapel has long since been restored but the statue required a little extra attention. And as the accompanying picture reveals, it's now been beautifully restored. Our gratitude is extended to Mr Vince Coorey who is obviously a man of very considerable talent and artistry.

Planned giving envelopes

Our parishioners may have noticed by now that the boxes containing planned giving envelopes are available for collection from the back of the church. About half of our planned givers contribute electronically. And if parishioners are even interested in contributing in this way, then please contact our secretary Elizabeth during office hours. Many thanks to all who support the finances of our parish. We do have substantial and continuous to meet.



Macarthur Men Alive Weekend

4-5 August 2018, Parish Hall, St John the Evangelist Church, 35 Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown: menALIVE – Last Chance to Register The menALIVE weekend for men is happening VERY SOON (4-5 August) at Campbelltown. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from menALIVE will be running the weekend. For last minute registration or inquiries, contact Ian Boorman 0427 006 021 or email Jude on jude.hennessy@dow.org.au



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