

# ST PAUL'S

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## Bulletin Highlights

*Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B*

*16th Sept 2018*

### *Parish Web Site ~ Latest News*



**Question:** When was the last time you visited our parish web site? Well only a few months ago our Parish Mission Statement was added. But in the past few weeks there have been two further additions:

Firstly, there is a new navigational option that contains pictures and captions of all the [stained-glass windows](#) in the church. At your fingertips, it's now possible to have a greater awareness of the extensive variety of stained glass in the church. This new addition will assist in developing a deeper personal appreciation of the wonderfully artistic features of our parish church which is now over 30 years old.

Secondly, there is new navigational option for [rosters](#) for weekend Masses. The conventional way of notifying all our ministers will remain, but the parish web site with this information offers an extra convenience. However, access to the rosters requires a password. Please contact our parish secretary Elizabeth during parish office hours for the password.



### *Parish Pastoral Council*

It's been a few months since our last meeting so the next is now scheduled for the final Tuesday of this month – 25<sup>th</sup> September. The main item for discussion – led by Mr Ken Garland – will be the Plenary Council which has been scheduled for 2020.

Father Peter Maher, editor of The Swag – a magazine produced by the National Council of Priests – writes the following:

*"There are a number of comments on the Plenary Council 2020. The efforts of some to contribute to this event are growing dim as they are ignored, dismissed or summarised into compliance. The bishop's cry, **everything's on the table**, already seems a distant hope for some who have tried to get something on the table. People are slowly losing hope as details emerge such as who will be present, how they will be chosen and only bishops get a vote. The church is not a democracy and if we are unsure about this, many fear that the plenary council will underline this."*

All are welcome to come to the meeting of the PPC and listen to Ken as well as contributions from others. Please advise Elizabeth. Refreshments and conviviality afterwards.

## *Bishop's Annual Appeal*

Our parishioners have been exceedingly generous in recent times to various appeals. Would you believe there's yet another? This week's appeal around the diocese is for retired priests. It's actually a worthy appeal especially since another four or five priests are expected to move from active ministry into retirement over the next 18 months. Plans are already well advance for a retirement complex to accommodate the extra surge.

Three have retired this year alone plus the Bishop – Father Bernie Dowdell, Father David O'Brien and Father Davidanthony Davies. So, there will be a *Leaving Appeal* for those who may like to contribute. Envelopes are also available from the various magazine tables for those or might like to make a contribution in a different way. Please note that if you complete an envelope and supply personal details, the chances are that you will continue to be contacted for other appeals as well.



~~ *Parish Over 55s* ~~



**OVER 55's:** The Parish Over 55's Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10.00am in the Heritage Hall which is on the parish site and adjacent to Larkin Lane. The Over 55s is a fellowship gathering over morning tea, and also includes bus outings and special lunch venues. This is a very friendly group. Make new friends and bring some of your own friends along. All welcome. Next meeting to be held on this coming Tuesday 18 September.

For enquiries please ring Robyn on 0407-162 875.

*"He summoned  
the crowd with  
his disciples  
and said to  
them, 'Whoever  
wishes to come  
after me must  
deny himself,  
take up his  
cross, and  
follow me.'"*

Mark 8:34

