

ST PAUL'S ST CLARE'S

Bulletin Highlights

First Sunday of Advent ~ Year C

2nd December 2018



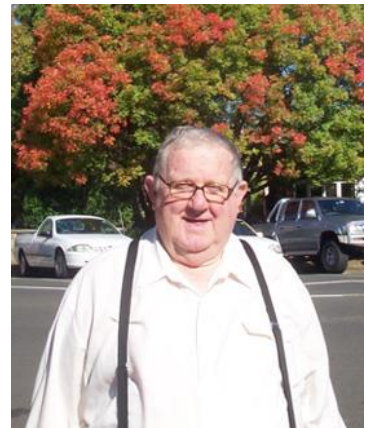
Father Whitty's 50th

Many parishioners would be aware of Father Whitty's 50th Anniversary of Priesthood on the 8th December. From among the 50 years of his priesthood, about 40 have been in our own parish of Camden.

After consultation with Father Whitty, a rather modest celebration was planned with the normal 9am Saturday Mass accompanied by a morning tea afterwards.

Unfortunately, Father lost sight from one eye almost two weeks ago and was soon after admitted to hospital where he remains.

It is not yet known whether his sight will return. He will remain in hospital under observation and undergoing further tests. Accordingly, it has become necessary to postpone indefinitely the plans for this anniversary. Our prayers and thoughts reach out to Father Whitty at this time.



Sacrament of Penance Programme

Parents who have children who have been baptised and are in Year 2 at school or higher are welcome to register and collect information forms for the Sacrament of Penance Programme. The first part begins on the First Sunday of Advent (from the Vigil 1st December) and continues until the Third Sunday of Advent. Understandably, with many families away over January, the programme is suspended until after the summer holidays. The second part of the programme recommences early February 2019. Participation in the programme requires parents to have a presence with their children at Mass. This experience will be valuable for the children, the parents and the relationship they share.



Christmas Roster Volunteers

So that a Roster for the various Christmas Masses can be prepared, we are asking for all Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers who will be available to either contact Elizabeth during office hours on 4655 8797 or please fill in your availability on the sheets in the blue folder which is in the Chapel

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2018

This year the Society will not be having a leaving collection as part of its Christmas Appeal. This year the conference will be only having its appeal for Christmas hampers. Instead of asking for food donations, this year we would like to give our families the ability to purchase their own food. Hence, each hamper will contain a Christmas pudding, toys for the children, a Christmas stocking of sweets, chocolates and other confectionary items, and gift cards which will enable the families to buy their own food. The Christmas tree on the sanctuary has cards which show items needed to make the hampers.



The conference is always grateful to the parishioners of St Paul's for their generous support and help. We hope that the change this year will allow us to treat the families that the parish assist with more dignity and respect.

We ask that all items donated can be returned on or before Sunday 16 December to allow time for distribution later in the week.

Thank you again for your support.



Men's Movie Night ~ 7 December



The next men's movie night to be held on Friday 7th December commencing 7PM. The evening of fellowship includes movie, liquid refreshments and gourmet pizzas all for only \$10 per head. All men of the parish are welcome and as this is the last for this year, bring along a friend. Please ring Ken on 0417-244 059 before 12 noon on Friday 7th for catering purposes. It should be a great night.