

ST PAUL'S

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## *Bulletin Highlights*

*Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C*

*3rd February 2019*

### *Sincere Gratitude*

Father Michael would like to extend his own personal thanks for the very large number of people who have extended their condolences over the past week over the passing of his mother, Beth. The messages and cards were so caring and supportive.

Indeed, Father Michael had no idea that so many parishioners had his mobile number. But that's ok, of course. Among our parishioners almost all have had an experience of separation and loss, and there are invariably feelings of love, sorrow and grace. There's also a little nostalgia as our thoughts and memories stretch back across the years.

So at times like this, we are comforted not only by our prayers and sacred music but also by the presence of family, friends and fellow parishioners who have had similar experiences in years past. It's so reassuring during moments of bereavement to be included as a member of the family of God.

BTW, Beth attended Mass here in Camden on Christmas morning. It was the final time that her health allowed her to come to Church. She remarked how she really enjoyed being present and made special comment on the beauty of the sacred music.



### *Information Technology at Mass*



Participation with the prayers and sacred music at Mass is enhanced enormously with the words on the overhead screens. If there are any parishioners who might be interested in assisting at Mass in this way, then please contact our parish secretary during the week in office hours.

So many little details require careful attention for the smooth celebration of Mass, especially when congregations are large. So, if you have an interest and an aptitude in IT, then perhaps you might like to become part of the team. It's also a good way of meeting other parishioners.

## *Sacrament of Penance Programme*

Parents are advised that it is very necessary this weekend to collect a worksheet selection form after Masses this week and complete before returning home. The smooth operation of the programme is heavily dependent upon the presence of parents and children at Mass.

Attendance at Mass should be viewed in a very positive manner because when parents bring their children to Mass, they are investing in their spiritual formation which, in turn, is investing in their future happiness. Children and teenagers who have had quality spiritual formation are far less likely to be wanting to become stoned at music festivals. Parents should never be dismissive of the need for a loving spirituality in the family home.



### *Parish Web Site:*



If ever travelling away from home, please keep in mind that the parish web site is updated weekly. All the latest developments are reported, with special references to any new initiatives or pastoral programmes.

[www.stpaulscamden.org.au](http://www.stpaulscamden.org.au)



### *Update on the Holy Land Pilgrimage*

For those who may still be thinking about the Holy Land pilgrimage, it may be worth knowing that there's about 20 people who have so far submitted deposits. Organisers have suggested that around 25 people would be a good number for this kind of tour which includes the celebration of Mass at many of the churches and sacred sites. Please direct enquiries to Father Sean or Father Michael if requiring a little more information.

