

Confirmation Programme 2019

Parents with children who have been baptised and who have celebrated first confession are welcome to register their children from next weekend for the Confirmation programme. Timelines will be distributed.

During the programme, parents are required to have a presence at Mass with their children. Parents are encouraged to invest seriously in the programme by also bringing their children to the Sacrament of Penance on a Saturday mornings from 9:30 AM to 10:10 AM.

If over the course of the programme there are children who are not feeling 100% on the Saturday evening or Sunday morning, please wait until Sunday evening before attending Mass without them. Children may be a little off-colour in the morning but may well improve over the day.



With Gratitude to so many Parishioners

Sincere thanks are extended to the very considerable number of people who have been involved in a variety of different ways during Holy Week. From the donation, cutting and arrangement of palms to the preparation of the Easter Candle, quite a large number of people have provided their invaluable assistance. 'Couldn't quite manage without them.

And, of course, our vocalists, choristers and musicians have enhanced our sacred ceremonies immeasurably by their participation. Just finally, gratitude is very much extended to all our parishioners for their presence and financial offerings. It's very fulfilling and life-giving to belong to our family of faith.

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Midweek Masses during the Easter Octave

At St Paul's, Mass this week will be celebrated as usual. Please note that although this Thursday is Anzac Day, the Octave of Easter takes precedence over any other commemoration. The Easter prayers and readings will provide suitable texts for remembering the fallen. Anzac themes can find expression in the music, homily and intercessions.

At St Clare's, Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday and Friday only.

Welcome Packs

In response to an initiative from the Parish Pastoral Council, a *Welcome Pack* was produced a few years ago for parishioners – and especially new parishioners – who might be interested in knowing a little more about the parish, and how easy it is to be involved. As the accompanying picture reveals, the *Welcome Pack* looks very much like our weekly Parish Community News.

So, if you haven't so far received a *Welcome Pack*, please come to the sanctuary after Mass and collect one. They're complimentary and contain a little treasure chest of information about the parish.

Please also keep in mind that these Welcome Packs are complimented by information on our parish website <u>www.stpaulscamden.org.au</u> Our website is updated most regularly and contains notices about all the upcoming parish events.







St Clare's New Church

Sunday 23 June is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ. It was on this Solemnity 10 years ago that after 25 years, Mass was celebrated for the final time at the old St Clare's Mass Centre in Smeaton Grange. For those who may be interested, the savings for the new church have been progressing and discussion with an architect will begin early next year. Through a process of direct debiting to the parish account, all parishioners are able to contribute monthly to this most worthwhile and highly desirable project. Forms have been included in the Welcome Packs. Please be supportive.