

ST PAUL'S

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Bulletin Highlights

Pentecost Sunday - Year C

9th June 2019

Confirmation Programme 2019



The 2019 Confirmation programme is now moving into the advanced stages with the third week of workshops coming up. Parents are asked to continue reading their pages in the booklet (this week, page 25) and assist their children complete their activity sheets on pages 26 and 27. The various objectives of the programme include the presence of parents and children together to be part of our worshipping community at Mass, and sharing a little of their faith together at home. On either count, that shouldn't cause too much suffering! Children are requested to come to the sanctuary at the Offertory to collect a leaflet that contains their names for the Confirmation ceremonies. Parents are asked to be extra mindful of the rehearsal times. With thanks, Fr. Michael.



Sunday Choir

Parishioners at our Sunday morning Masses – especially 10:00 AM – have been able to experience the beautiful sacred music of our choir almost every week of the year. Indeed, the quality of music at all our Masses is invariably beautiful and engaging. The choir is open to all our parishioners who have an interest and a little talent when it comes to leading the music together at Mass. If interested in knowing a little more, please speak to our choir director, Ilona, after Mass. Males are especially encouraged.



Parish Finance Council

A meeting took place last Tuesday evening to review the parish finances. The following points were noted:

The major categories for Expenses were:

General Administration of the Parish \$63,763 This includes church requisites (candles, altar breads, wine, incense), administration staff salaries and superannuation, printing/postage/stationary, phone/fax, website, envelopes for planned giving, and so on.

Pastoral Expenses \$50,479 Clergy motor vehicles & superannuation, and part-time housekeeping wages for two presbyteries

Property Costs \$112,656 Part-time salaries for Cleaning Church and Gardening, Heat/light/power, R&M, Cemetery, security/fire protection, council rates, insurance

GST on 'Before and After School Care' \$17,947

Diocesan Tax & Levies \$50,213

Sacraments, Scripture and Catechists \$17,100

Ministry Expenses and Miscellaneous \$9,277

PLANNED-GIVING INCOME declined but just enough to cover expenses. **Conclusion:** (1) Costs a lot of money to operate a big parish. (2) Parishioners really need to be generously committed. Please note that Fr. Michael contributes \$125/month.



Applications ~ Magdalene & St Benedict's

Fr. Michael wishes to advise that numerous reference forms were completed and returned to both schools over the past week. The best way of ensuring objectivity and fairness was to note each family's weekly attendance at Mass during the 2019 Confirmation programme. The attendance at Mass of many families over the past few months has been excellent and is a real credit to the parents. Mention was also made of any other instances where families have had involvement in the parish. Applications at both schools are far in excess of places available. Good luck to all our families.

Total Expenses to operate the parish during 2018 amounted to \$321,435 or \$880/day.