

# ST PAUL'S

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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C*

*3rd November 2019*

Zacchaeus was a tax collector who ripped off many people. Eventually, his conscience must have bothered him. He became seriously penitential and offered to repay anyone he had cheated four times the amount. By any measure, that was an extraordinary penance.



## FATHER JOE

After five years of devoted service, Father Joe has been appointed as Administrator of All Saints, Shellharbour. Father's final Mass in our own parish will be on Sunday 8th December at 5:00 PM. Following Mass, all are invited to an informal gathering in the Heritage Hall with finger food and beverages. Some parishioners may recall the gourmet menu provided at the regional farewell for Bishop Ingham which featured three backyard buckets of KFC. If interested in attending, there could be some value in advising the parish office for catering. There will be just a few formalities and a presentation. Not to be missed!



## *First Holy Communion*

Parents are asked to collect a leaflet with names of First Communicants allocated to FHC Masses. If seriously unhappy, please advise the parish office this week by email. Parents are asked to read page ten this week and assist their children with the home activity on page eleven

## *Significant Anniversaries and Advent Event ~ 30 November*

An invitation is extended to all our parishioners to come along to SA&AE. So far, about 50 people have registered. A full-house is 90 people. So here's an idea: There are lots of people who gather around and talk together after Mass. Why not attend as a group of up to 10 on the same table. The cost is just \$15/head and includes two courses plus complimentary beverages. Also, we've had no parishioners reporting significant wedding anniversaries so far. But Father Michael is coming up for a special celebration. Bishop Ingham would remark occasionally that with the passing of years we call to mind milestones, gallstones and tombstones. For catering purposes, please contact the parish office if wanting to come along.



### *Canice's Kitchen ~ Elizabeth Bay*

Our parishioners involved with Canice's kitchen are reminded that the next rostered day is Sunday 10 November. All the usual needs and requirements apply. Any parishioners interested in knowing a little more about this outreach are welcome to contact the parish office. Those attending in this way to the homeless are ambassadors of the Lord, and ambassadors of our parish.



### *Sunday Evening Mass 24<sup>th</sup> November ~ 4:00 PM*

In keeping with the successful arrangements from the past few years, the Sunday evening FHC Mass will be held at 4:00 PM (as a one-off) instead of the customary time of 5:00 PM. The earlier time allows the families and visitors of our First Communicants to enjoy a social gathering afterwards without continuing too late into the evening. Our regulars at this Mass are asked to attend as usual and offer support by a prayerful presence. For this year, there are only about 20 first communicants so Mass will be barely any longer than usual.