



ST PAUL'S

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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*22nd December 2019*

*Christmas Masses ~ All Indoor with vision and audio in the chapel.*

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Musicians and Vocalists</i>	<i>Especially suited for...</i>
Tuesday 5:00 PM Vigil	Father Michael	Maria and Sarah	Little children & elderly folk
Tuesday 7:00 PM Vigil	Father Joseph	Belinda, Tasha, Damian & Betty	Older kids and teenagers
Tuesday 9:00 PM Vigil	Father Michael	Craig, Brian, Sally, Colin	Families a little older
Midnight Mass	Father Joseph	Choir ~ carols from 11:30 PM	Those who love solemnity
Wed. 9:00 AM Mass	Father Michael	Jen and Josh	All families, all ages

*Christmas Masses ~ The Oaks and Oakdale*

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>Locality</i>	<i>Especially suited for...</i>
Tuesday 5:00 PM Vigil	Father Joseph	Joanne	Oakdale	All families, all ages
Tuesday 7:00 PM Vigil	Father Michael	TBA	The Oaks	All families, all ages

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Because of the various public holidays and administrative personnel having a much-deserved break, there will be not a PCN edition next week. Any notices that require presentation to our parishioners should be written neatly and handed to the celebrant to be read after Holy Communion.

## *Wrap~Up Fr Joe's Farewell*

Parishioners showed remarkable generosity and gratitude in farewelling Father Joe a few weeks ago. And thanks to the great contribution of St Paul's school and the many teachers who BBQed and served at the sausage sizzle. The Church was full for Mass, and a great number enjoyed perfectly cooked snags and onions.

The whole of the occasion was really quite wonderful and, just for the record, parishioners contributed \$3,500 as a parting gift. And many parishioners also offered a personal card that also contained a little gift. Thanks to all who contributed



## *Mass 28<sup>th</sup> December*

**Saturday Morning**

Mr Anthony Crook, will be ordained a deacon at St Thomas Aquinas, Bowral on Saturday morning 28<sup>th</sup> December. Ordinations are generally occasions when people including clergy gather from 'far and wide' to offer prayer and fraternal support for the ordinand. Father Joseph and Father Michael will both be attending. The normal Saturday morning Mass and confession are cancelled for this weekend only.



## *Sacrament of Penance Programme*

Official business is now suspended until the beginning of February. However, if there are any families who would still like to enrol, please see Father Michael after Mass. An essential requirement is for parents to have a presence at Mass with their children during the course of the programme. Such presence should be considered, not as burdensome, but as a wonderful way in which parents can contribute to their children's spiritual formation. In the event that a child is sick, parents should wait until the Sunday evening mass before coming alone. Children who may be unwell on Saturday or Sunday morning may well recover quite quickly.



## *Feasts and Midweek Masses*

The next midweek Mass at St Clare's will be on Thursday 2 January at 8:00 AM. The midweek Mass timetable at St Clare's will return to normal from this time onwards.

The midweek Mass timetable at St Paul's will be as normal with the exception of Saturday morning 28<sup>th</sup> December. Parishioners are reminded of the following feasts that would normally apply from Christmas Day onwards.

### **26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, ST STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR**

As a deacon, he was accused of blasphemy. He was brought before the Sanhedrin and condemned to be stoned to death.

### **27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

The beloved disciple who was the only one of the 12 who did not forsake the Saviour in the hour of His Passion

### **28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**

In an attempt to kill baby Jesus, King Herod ordered all the males in Bethlehem two years and younger to be killed

### **29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP AND MARTYR**

Born in London in 1117, he refused to tolerate certain abuses of King Henry II. He was murdered at the foot of the altar in 1170.

### **31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, ST SYLVESTER (D. 335)**

Pope for 24 years. The Council of Nicea, which decreed the doctrine of the Church, was assembled in his time.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2020, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

At the Annunciation, Mary became the Mother of God. This is the most exalted of all her titles.