

ST PAUL'S

ST CLARE'S

Bulletin Highlights

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

26th January 2020



Australia Day may evoke different emotions. But at the very least, we can celebrate our cultural diversity, our shared values, our native animals, our unique flora and fauna and so much more. Citizenship in this nation is a blessing.

Our Church also recognises with gratitude the great blessing of our nation with the following prayers:

The **Opening Prayer** – known as the Collect – reads as follows:

Grant we pray O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old & new, & by saving grace, transform our lives.

And the **Preface** reads in part: “.....***for from ancient times you made this land a home for many peoples and became their rock of strength; when they were hungry you gave them food and when thirsty, water, even in the desert.***”



Mass for Teachers and Ancillary Personnel ~ this Tuesday 28 January

Notice is provided that our teachers and ancillary personnel from St Paul's, Mater Dei, St Clare's and Magdalene will be returning to work after a well-earned and much needed holiday which began only a few days before Christmas. To begin the school year, Mass will be celebrated in the parish church at **8:30 AM**. All our parishioners are invited to be present and offer prayerful support. Mass will include sacred music and a homily. There will be no 9:00 AM Mass at Camden on this day.

The children and families from St Paul's Primary School are supporting this by walking Argyle Street with Collection Buckets calling on everyone to dig deep on Australia Day and give generously to our Local RFS and families directly affected by these devastating fires that we are currently experiencing. The parade will commence at 10am and hope to see you there.

Sacrament of Penance Programme

Parents are reminded that the programme recommences next weekend with the selection of workshops. Attendance very necessary. Please bring the children. Thanks



The Bishop is inviting expressions of interest from prospective Diocese of Wollongong delegates to attend the Plenary Council 2020.

Some characteristics of the delegates to be called could include a demonstrated commitment to leadership in the Church/and or the ministries of the Church (e.g. parish ministries, Catholic Schooling, Catholic Social Services, Catholic Health or those associated with the various ecclesial movements etc).

Ultimately, the foundational characteristic for a delegate would be the person's ability and capacity to discern with an open heart, listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia.

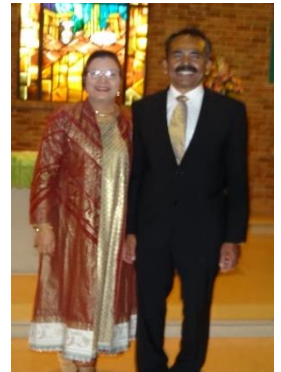


The delegate must be available for the following dates: 1. Preparation and Formation days for Delegates Sydney, Thursday 16 July to Saturday 18 July 2020 2. Plenary Council General Assembly 1 Adelaide, Sunday 4 October to Sunday 11 October 2020 3. Plenary Council General Assembly 2 Venue to be advised, Monday 28 June to Saturday 3 July 2021. Please contact Fr. Michael if interested. Applications need to be completed & submitted by 4 Feb.



Congratulations

50th Wedding Anniversary - After living and working in a variety of countries, **Prabha and Raja** have settled at Mount Annan since 1999. They've been wonderful parishioners with a strong sense of personal generosity.



Bushfire Appeal: The Bishops have requested all parishes in Australia have an appeal this weekend with proceeds to be dedicated to those people who have suffered so seriously. A leaving appeal will be available for those wanting to contribute.
