

ST PAUL'S

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Bulletin Highlights

The Presentation of the Lord

2nd February 2020

Presentation

The second day in February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple which is also called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. Forty days after his birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple of Jerusalem to present him to the Lord as the Law of Moses prescribed. They carried with them the usual offering of the poor, a pair of turtledoves.

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Gratitude is extended to all our parishioners who last weekend contributed \$3,120.65 to the Bushfire Appeal. Holiness is often thought of in terms of piety. However, charity is a just as important, especially when personal funds are offered to those most seriously in need. As recorded in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said: "what you do to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do to me". The cheque has already been mailed to Saint Vincent de Paul who have announced that all proceeds of the collection are going directly to victims of the fires and that no fees are being withheld.

Sacrament of Penance Programme

Parents who have enrolled their children in the programme are asked to remain after Mass for a few moments to collect & complete a 'Workshop Preference' form. Please try to exercise care in making selections and to be as flexible as possible.

For the duration of the programme, parents need to have a presence at Mass with their children. And if children are unwell, please wait until Sunday night before parents attend Mass without them. Children are resourceful little people who can often improve through the day. The experience of Mass with our own parish community is most important for children (and parents) to develop a sense of belonging. Thanks.



Macarthur Parishes Luncheon.

Do you know people from other parishes in the Macarthur and don't get to see them often, or are you new in the parish and would like to get to know people on a social level? Well, as part of **Senior's Week in February**, our senior parishioners are invited to join with others in the Macarthur parishes for a fun social lunch at Campbelltown Catholic Club on Friday 14 February in the food court at 12pm.

The food court at CCC offers a great menu with senior's price suitable for all budgets. If this is a successful gathering, future social lunches will be organised every second month with the next tentatively scheduled in April.

It would be great if you could RSVP to CatholicCare on 0417018152 (ask for Jane) or if more convenient, then janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au by Monday 10th February to ensure that we get seating together. Look forward to seeing you for what promises to be a lovely social gathering, Jane, Parish and Community Liaison Officer CatholicCare.



Church Bells

Our parishioners are reminded of the standing invitation to learn the ancient art of bellringing. On most Saturday evenings throughout the year, parishioners are able to listen to our bellringers as they arrive for the Vigil Mass. If at all interested or even just a little curious, please contact our parish office for more details. And there's great fraternity. And did you know that our own parish was the first in the diocese to have a peal of seven bells. Rosemeadow, which was blessed and dedicated in early 2019, has a tower with eight bells.



Mass for Teachers and Ancillary Personnel



On Tuesday 28th, teachers and ancillary personnel from our four schools gathered for Mass on the Feast of St Thomas Aquinas. The Mass has become a tradition in our parish, having been celebrated continuously since about 2006. Well over 2,000 children and teenagers will again be entrusted to the care of these teachers for their intellectual, pastoral and spiritual formation. May our school communities continue to be guided in this invaluable apostolate by the Holy Spirit.