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HERITAGE NEWS

STS PETER AND PAUL'S OLD CATHEDRAL GOULBURN NSW

HISTORY AND HERITAGE



On Friday 16th May, tour guides from Sts Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral hosted a "History & Heritage" afternoon. This event brought together around 30 participants from various interest groups around Goulburn - including the Mayor of Goulburn Mulwaree and five Councillors, representatives from the Goulburn Heritage Group, the Goulburn Chamber of Commerce and the Goulburn Visitor Information Centre.

Following an informative guided tour of the Old Cathedral, participants were treated to an organ recital by Mr Glenn Amer. The tour then continued to the Crypt, a visit to the famous "School Strike" toilet block, and a behind-the-scenes look at some of the fascinating treasures and memorabilia housed in the Archbishop's previous residence, including a display of historic vestments.

Fr Michael Lim, addressing the group, highlighted the importance of Sts Peter & Paul's heritage to the wider heritage of Goulburn, and how the various groups can work together for mutual benefit, especially in this Year of Hope.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Here are two important dates to include in your diaries right now:

On Sunday 29th June we commemorate the Feasts of St Peter & St Paul. As it's our patronal festival, we will come together for a larger than usual 10am Mass, followed by a delicious Parish Morning Tea in St Brigid's.

On Sunday 26th October, we will once again be hosting the Archdiocesan Ecumenical Marian Procession. More information in the next edition.





R.C.I.A. IN PICTURES



On Saturday 19th April, during the Easter Vigil ceremony, our Catholic community welcomed with acclamation eight new members.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an intensive programme offered to adults who want to explore a deeper commitment in their faith. Coming from diverse backgrounds, they are guided by our expert volunteers through various aspects of Christianity and Catholicism.

This culminates with their reception into full communion with the Church during our Easter celebrations. Congratulations to our newest members!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Over 60 children across the parish are enrolled in our preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Sessions are conducted by our dedicated Sacramental Team, taking place at St Mary's Crookwell and in St Brigid's hall.

Following a Reflection Day on Thursday 19th June, our children received their First Holy Communion during Mass on the weekend of 21st and 22nd June - the Feast of Corpus Christi.

We keep our sacramental candidates in our prayers, as well as their families and also the wonderful teachers who guide them on this journey.



JOIN THE CATHEDRAL RESTORATION CLUB

Our Parish community has been protecting our beautiful cathedral from the ravages of age for decades. We understand that we are custodians of the rich heritage that the Cathedral represents. Your support has never been more important.

A **regular donation** to the Cathedral Restoration will help us to meet the costs of the once-in-a-century restoration that is currently underway. Every contribution makes a difference - can you help us? To make a secure, regular pledge just contact the Parish Office for a donation pledge form.

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We look forward to welcoming you to future events in the Old Cathedral!

ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHIVIST

In early 2025, Mr Richard Marson was appointed to the role of Archdiocesan Archivist, replacing Mr Denis Connor who retired at the end of 2024.

On Tuesday 24th June, Mr Marson paid a visit to the archive collection here at Sts Peter & Paul's, accompanied by Fr Joshua Scott.

Mr Marson was excited to see highlights of our historical collections, and looks forward to working closely with our History and Heritage team to conserve, preserve and celebrate the historical contribution made by the Catholic church in Goulburn over almost two centuries.

"I am in equal parts excited and humbled to be taking on this role for the Archdiocese", said Mr Marson. "We have such a rich history to acknowledge, and I look forward to assisting the people of Sts Peter & Paul's to bring this impressive collection to a wider audience."



Pictured: Mr Richard Marson, Mrs Diane Green, Mrs Patricia Groves and Fr Joshua Scott.

BISHOP TONY PERCY

Parishioners of Sts Peter & Paul's were delighted to learn that their previous parish priest, Fr Tony Percy, was named auxiliary bishop of Sydney earlier this year.

Anthony Gerard Percy was born in 1963, one of seven children. After completing undergraduate studies, Bishop Tony entered St Patrick's Seminary Manly in the 1980s, being ordained a priest by Archbishop Francis Carroll in 1990.

Following studies in Rome for a Doctorate in Sacred Theology, Bishop Tony returned to Australia, where he was appointed Parish Priest of Goulburn. This began Bishop Tony's passionate enthusiasm for the restoration of our beautiful Old Cathedral - an enthusiasm that still burns brightly for him. His effervescent energy for Sts Peter & Paul's has been a significant factor in our fundraising efforts.

Bishop Tony's episcopal ordination was on 2nd May 2025 at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. The ceremony was well represented by members of our parish, to celebrate the recognition of "one of our own".



We look forward to welcoming you to future events in the Old Cathedral!

TEMPORARY BELL INSTALLATION AT STS PETER & PAUL'S



Over the ANZAC Day long weekend in late April, the City of Goulburn hosted the annual festival for the Australia and New Zealand Association of Bellringers (ANZAB). Over 70 ringers from around Australia and New Zealand attended the event.

Church bellringing is a unique musical tradition dating back to the 17th century, and is practised around the world. As well as ringing out on Sundays and feast days, bells are rung to commemorate significant occasions, both individual and communal. In a way, bells provide the backing track for life events, becoming part of the soundscape of our lives.

Sts Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral has a large half-tonne Irish bell mounted in the church tower, which rings the Angelus every day. This bell dates from 1869, purchased by Bishop Lanigan.

For the ANZAB ringing festival, this was augmented by a portable installation of eight bells, called a "mini-ring". This was erected between Sts Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral and St Brigid's. Parishioners and other passers-by had the opportunity to try out bellringing for the first time, under the tutelage of experienced ringers.



To paraphrase Psalm 81, we "rang out our joy to the Lord!"

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES



"Ring out the old, ring in the new." Many will know Christopher O'Mahony's familiar face (and voice) around the parish. Although he isn't going anywhere, his domestic circumstances oblige him to step down as our Restoration and Sacramental Administrator, a role he has filled since March 2023. Thank you Christopher!

Stepping into the breach is Carly Shirley, who brings a depth and breadth of experience in office administration in the education sector. Welcome Carly!



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