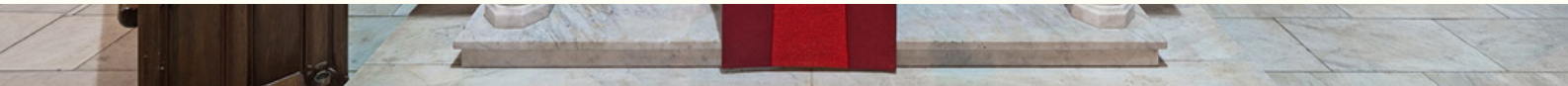




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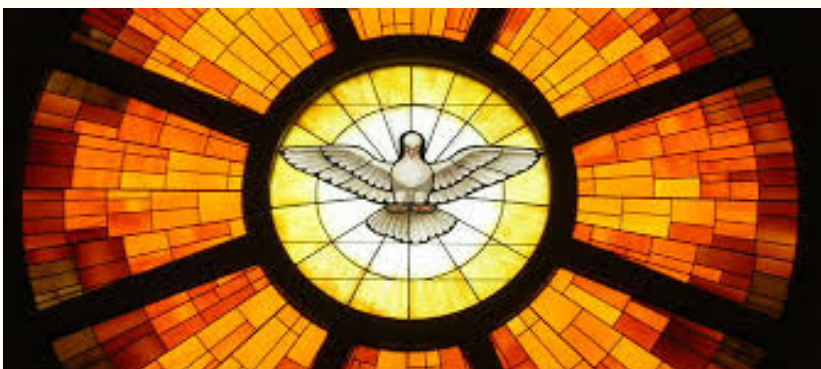
## CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

This September, we celebrate with 52 young people as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The children have been ably prepared by our dedicated sacramental team drawn from our parish primary schools. Parents, families, sponsors, priests, religious and the wider parish community have all rallied behind the candidates with their prayers and practical support.

On Saturday 16th September we were delighted that Archbishop Christopher Prowse was able to preside and confer the sacrament to over 30 candidates. Other candidates received the sacrament on Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th September with Fr Joshy.

Our prayers and congratulations go with all those involved in the Confirmation programme.



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### **CURRENT PROJECTS:**

We're never short of projects around the parish, with a long list of restoration and conservation tasks needing attention. Here's a selection:

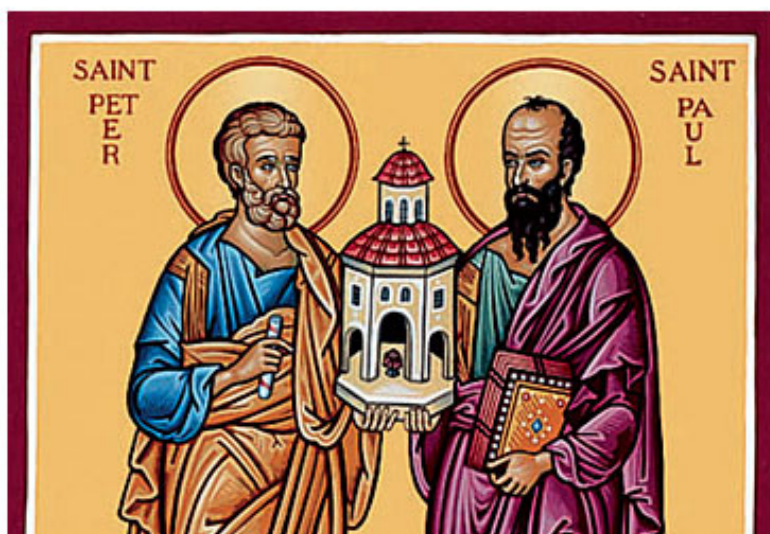
- Refurbishment of St Brigid's;
- Refurbishment of North Goulburn Presbytery;
- Restoration and conservation of our beautiful Hill organ;
- Completion of central heating installation;
- Building compliance works for Sts Peter & Paul's Presbytery..

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## FUNDRAISING MASS AND GALA LUNCHEON SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER



Come and join us for a very special occasion! Saturday 18th November is the Feast of the dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul in Rome. We will celebrate Mass at 12noon that day, followed by a Gala Fundraising Luncheon at 1pm. Book your tickets here!

[www.trybooking.com/CLEOK](http://www.trybooking.com/CLEOK)

## 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.

## MARIAN PROCESSION 22ND OCTOBER

Save the date! The annual Marian Procession, usually held at Galong, is this year relocating to Goulburn.

The programme commences at 10:00am, with the procession continuing around the Sts Peter & Paul's precinct, praying the Rosary. Mass will be at 12noon, with music provided by our youth music group.

Did you know? On Friday 22nd September, the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, the Sisters of Mercy have acknowledged 164 years of ministry and service here in Goulburn. Congratulations!





## HISTORIC RELICS TO VISIT GOULBURN

2023 is the Golden Jubilee Year of the Australasian Eparchy of the Maronite Orthodox community, having been established 50 years ago in 1973. As part of their Jubilee Year, Maronites are touring around Australia with a unique religious artefact - a reliquary containing relics of five saints. The reliquary has been created by Lebanese-Australian sculptor Toufic Mourad.

Carved in the shape of a ship, the reliquary incorporates many religious symbols that highlight themes from the Maronite community. Inside the ship are relics of five saints - St Maroun, St Charbel, St Rafqa, St Nehmetallah, and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

The relics will visit Our Lady of Mercy Chapel in Goulburn on 7th and 8th October this year.



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We look forward to welcoming you  
back to the Cathedral!

## MANY HANDS ARE NEEDED TO DO GOD'S WORK

A small band of parish volunteers works on projects associated with Cathedral Heritage.

Can you help? We guarantee good company, lots of laughter and tasty morsels.

If you have some spare time and talents and would like to join our volunteers, just contact Fr Joshy or members of the Heritage Committee.

### TOURS - TOURS - TOURS

Trish Groves and her merry band of Cathedral tour guides are hosting a growing number of tour groups to our beautiful Old Cathedral. Visiting groups have come to us from far and wide, and area always fascinated by the rich history to be found both inside and outside the building. Would you like to get involved as a tour guide? Just drop us a line! E: [admin@sppoc.com.au](mailto:admin@sppoc.com.au)

*Let us protect the heritage that God has entrusted to us so that future generations may enjoy it.*

*Pope Francis.*

## JOIN THE FUN FOR OUR SPRING BALL!



Our annual Spring Ball is all booked for Friday 27th October. Come and join us for a fabulous evening of fun, food and friendship (and a bit of dancing!) Our venue is Goulburn Workers Club, and it's sure to be a fabulous and memorable evening.

Keep an eye on the Parish Bulletin for more information on theme, prices and ticketing.

### PRESBYTERY NEWS

Work on the Presbyteries at Verner St and North Goulburn continue. In anticipation of a commercial tenancy at Verner St, our priests will take up accommodation at North Goulburn from the end of September. Compliance works will continue at Verner St, with the expectation of new tenants by the end of the year.

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