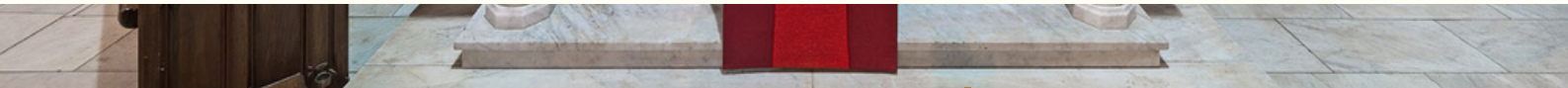




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HERITAGE NEWS

STS PETER AND PAUL'S OLD CATHEDRAL GOULBURN NSW



ORGAN RESTORATION

During the last few months of 2023, expert organ restorers have been working hard inside our beautiful and historic Hill organ. The work is painstaking and detailed, clearing out accumulated dust and debris that has built up over 40 years.

Our organ is recognised as “one of the most important and original Hill organs in Australia”. It was built in 1890, and brought to Australia on the same ship that transport another famous Hill organ - at Sydney Town Hall. The restorers are hopeful that work will be completed in time for our Christmas celebrations. We look forward to hearing its glorious sound once more!



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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:

- Damp proofing of the sacristy walls;
- Restoration and conservation of our beautiful Hill organ;
- Installation of “Way of the Family” icons;
- Replacement of broken glass windows in the sacristy;
- Building compliance works for Sts Peter & Paul's Presbytery.

To **receive the e-newsletter**, please send an email to admin@sppoc.com.au with your full name and email address.



WAY OF THE FAMILY ICONS INSTALLED



These beautiful icons are the work of Sue Orchison, a contemporary iconographer based in Canberra. A lifelong artist, her love of iconography developed in adulthood out of her deep religious faith. Her work may be found in many cathedrals, churches, parishes and private collections across Australia. Thank you for these inspirational icons!

MARIAN PROCESSION 22ND OCTOBER

Over 350 parishioners and pilgrims joined in the event, which ran from 10am to 12noon, followed by Mass and then a picnic lunch.

Many commented on the beauty of the restored Old Cathedral, and described how the sacred space enhanced their experience.



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.

Follow the journey -

Donations to our Restoration Appeal are Tax Deductible.

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NEW AUDIO TOURS AVAILABLE

There are many beautiful and prayerful elements to be found inside Sts Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral. To encourage you to take time to appreciate this sacred space, we have created three "audio tours".

You can listen to them in the tranquility of Sts Peter and Paul's, or in the comfort of your own home.

Simply scan these QR codes with your smartphone to access the audio tours.



Meditations on Sts Peter & Paul:



Meditations on the Stations of the Cross:



Meditations on the "Way of the Family" icons:



*We look forward to welcoming you
back to the Cathedral!*

GALA LUNCH WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS



On Saturday 17th November the faithful gathered to celebrate a special fundraising gala Mass and luncheon at Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral in Goulburn.

Lunch afterwards was held at the Mercure Goulburn, where over 100 benefactors enjoyed a delicious meal and listened to a number of speakers detailing specific points of interest regarding the restoration.

Donors dug deep, and so far proceeds from the fundraising event have topped \$35000!

Events like these all help to pay down our outstanding restoration debt.

FUNDRAISING NEWS



This month the Parish received an amazing gift from the "Associazione S Sebastiano Martire Da Cerami (Enna)". The Association bought a property in Marulan many years ago, and recently disposed of the property. The Committee decided to share the proceeds of the sale with a range of charities with whom the Committee had a connection.

We are blessed that they considered the Cathedral Restoration as an important project that they have followed for many years.

Ursula Stephens, Tony Lamarra and Peter Mylonas attended a special event in Sydney, where Ursula received a cheque on behalf of the Heritage Committee for \$40,000 contribution to the restoration of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral.

Thank you to our very generous donors!