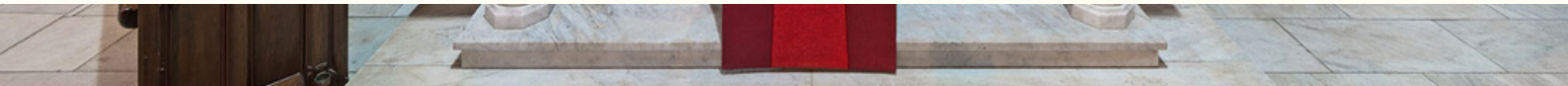




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# HERITAGE NEWS

STS PETER AND PAUL'S OLD CATHEDRAL GOULBURN NSW



## CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

Following the re-opening and re-dedication of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, we are increasingly being asked to host concerts and tours. These events bring fresh faces into the building, and serve to highlight the beautifully restored interior. Two recent concerts have included the marvellous "Cellissimo!" cello quartet from Wollongong, and the wonderful Chamber Philharmonia of Cologne. Both of these groups performed a selection of classical works, making the most of the wonderful acoustics in the church. Truly heavenly!

In addition, Stephen Hart is coordinating a schedule of visiting organists wishing to come and play on our restored Hill organ. Keep your ears open for future concerts and organ recitals!



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## ST JOSEPH'S MOTOR PILGRIMAGE

The 4th annual St Joseph's Motor Pilgrimage took place from March 15-17, including a visit to Goulburn. A group of around 30 travelled by car and motorcycle from Sydney to Bathurst, thence to Goulburn on March 16, finally returning to Sydney on March 17. While in Goulburn the group attended Mass at Sts Peter & Paul's, celebrated by Fr Tony Percy, followed by a meal and meditation on the character of St Joseph.



## SURPLUS PEWS AVAILABLE

We currently have around 40 surplus pews in storage, looking for a good home. These beautiful pews are over 100 years old, made of a combination of cedar, maple and ash. Here is an opportunity to preserve a piece of Catholic heritage and history, and make a wonderful addition to a dining room, hall or verandah. To enquire, please get in touch with the Parish Office - M: 040 363 1797



## 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.

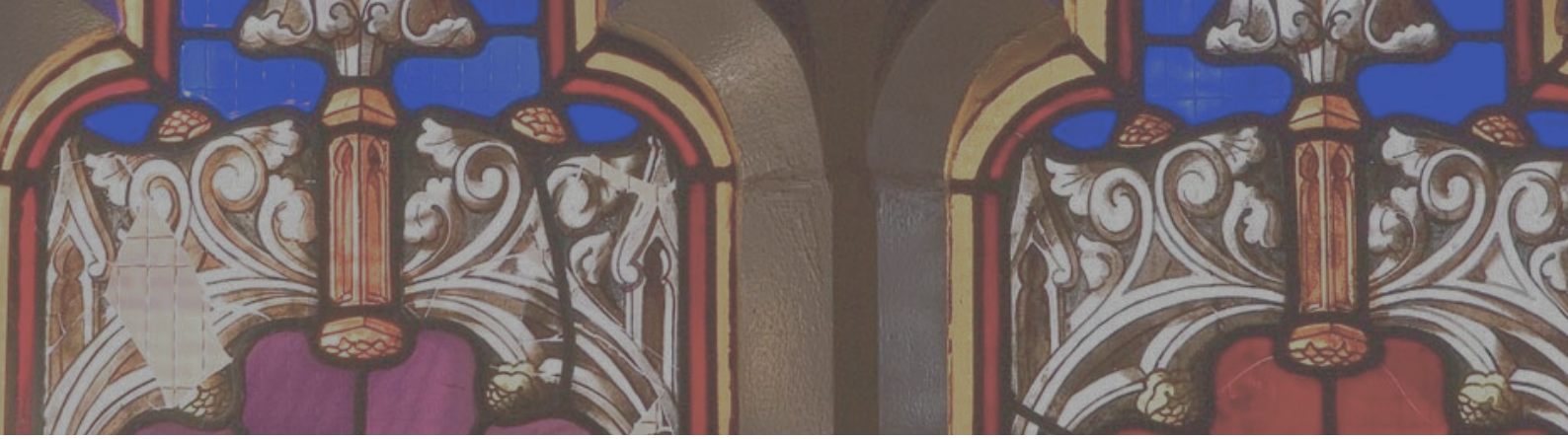
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## ST PATRICK'S DAY - MARCH 17

Despite inclement weather, many members of the parish community and friends gathered together to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

Following 10am Mass, a sumptuous brunch was laid on in St Brigid's. Green was the theme, as we were entertained by local folk musicians, followed by an enthusiastic Irish sing-a-long led by Stephen Hart and our newly-formed men's choir.



## SACRAMENTAL NEWS

During February and March, 90 parish children from Goulburn, Crookwell and Taralga have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Ninety! They have been ably guided in their preparation by teachers from our primary and secondary schools, along with essential support and backup from parents. We celebrate with our parish children as they continue their faith journey.



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



## RESTORING THE “CONVICT WALL”



Over the years, the boundary wall on Bourke St has been gradually deteriorating, to the point of being at risk of collapse. We are grateful to Matthew Chamberlain and his team for donating labour and materials to restore this historic element of our parish estate.

It is hoped that this work will be completed soon after Easter. Once complete, a further stage of work will see the St Brigid’s carpark re-sealed with new tarmac.

At the same time, remediation work has begun in the upper levels of St Brigid’s, clearing out decades of pigeon carcasses, guano and other debris.

Exciting times ahead!

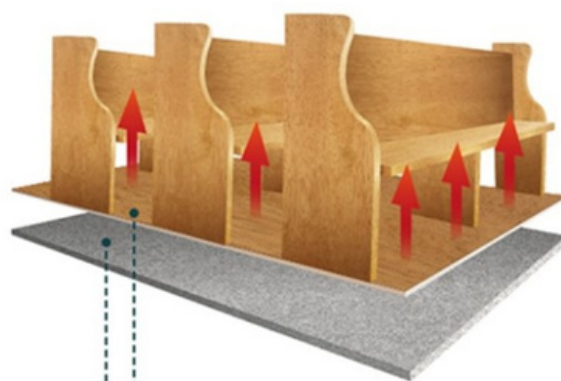
## FUNDRAISING NEWS



A significant grant towards the restoration of Sts Peter and Paul’s Old Cathedral was a pre-election commitment from the Australian Labor Party. Once elected, the Federal Government acted on this commitment.

Through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, we have been awarded a grant of \$250,000.

The terms of the grant are specifically to address the costs of our new central heating system and associated costs. Hooray!



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