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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
28TH SEPTEMBER 2014

My Dear Parishioners of Saint Paul's

I am finally sorted out technology-wise and have an opportunity to prepare a bulletin this week. I am delighted to have been appointed to Saint Paul's: it is a parish which has a special place in my family history and also in my own life. I have been looking around this week and getting a general feel for how things are in the parish and seeing where I need to turn my attention. Clearly the role of Chaplain to Saint Thomas Aquinas is going to take some of my time away from the parish, but I want to emphasise that my first priority is the pastoral care of this community. My first actions are to do with the church, both liturgically and physically. The church is where we celebrate the liturgy and it deserves our finest care. I have asked that our Ministers of Holy Communion assist me regularly in the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds at all Masses. I consider this to be a normal manner in which to receive Holy Communion. In order to achieve this, more of you will need to be Ministers of Holy Communion. Prepare to be approached and asked to assist in this essential ministry. And be prepared to say "yes" when you are asked! I also intend to change the kind of wine we use—the fortified wine currently used is prepared to be long lasting after the bottle is opened, but it means that it is quite strong, my preference is to move to something with less alcohol and a more gentle taste therefore.

I want to open the church all day every day. That will mean a bit of thought regarding security, but it is perfectly possible, and I believe desirable, that the church is open for people during the day.

I also think our entrance to the church is looking a bit tired and in need of refreshing. Outside, the garden looks

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great and is well maintained, but our railings and our gates need some tender loving care! The walls are mossy and need cleaned, as do some of the steps and the main plaza outside the church. I think we can do that—and we should do that—soon before the winter is here. Inside, the church porch way is badly needing repainted. Years of sticking things on the walls have made the walls messy. I think we need to repaint the porch and get proper notice-boards with no more sticking things to the walls. It will make the porch look brighter, tidier and more welcoming. A good welcome is a great start to everything we do in the church.

Part of my future plans have been decide for me: on Friday the ceiling in the hall collapsed. Fortunately, it was just plaster that fell; unfortunately, there are about five square metres loose and waiting to fall. I cannot risk that it will fall, especially when people are in the hall, and must have it removed and the ceiling replastered. It makes sense to examine the whole hall ceiling and make sure we do the job properly so that we don't have this happen again. I am having surveyors come to the hall on Tuesday so we can discover the full extent of the problem and begin to prepare a solution. I will keep you informed. The upstairs hall is unaffected and the nursery will carry on.

The house too needs the work started in it brought to a completion and I will continue that work over the months ahead.

I could easily fill this page—and more—with thoughts, but let's leave it there for the moment, let me know please what you think about what I have said so far, I will be glad to hear from you.

Peter Smith, PP

There will be more items in the
bulletin next week: the PP won't take
up so much room

Sunday Mass:

Vigil Mass – 6.30pm, Saturday;

Sunday Mass 11.00am; 6.30pm

Daily Mass: 10.00am

Liturgy of the Hours:

Morning Prayer of the Church: 9.45am.

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30am; 5.30-6.10 pm

*As a community of faith
we have been asked to
remember the following
people in our prayers:*

Those who are sick:

*Brigid McDermott,
Brenda Manclarke, Honor Johnston,
Michael Burns, Pat Fitzpatrick,
Isobella Toland, Marie Prior,
David Warren, Gaia Lunardi,
Betty Shivers, Fr. Noel Barry,
Catriona McDonaId, Annie Jedrzejewski*

Those who have died recently:

Trudy McClay

Those whose months mind or six months mind is at this time

Eddie Cairney

Those whose anniversary is at this time:

*Joan Simpson; Paddy McCarthy;
Robert, Margaret, James and Ian
Grant; Esther Keenan; Ellen Bowman*