

Sunday Evening Mass 6pm from January 2016

St Bride's church will close for renovation in the week commencing Monday 4 January 2016. The church is expected to re-open for services in September 2016. Based on attendances, services will be held in the Parish Centre or the High School during the period of closure. The Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday morning Masses at 9:30 and 11:30 will be held in the High School. The Sunday evening Mass at 6.00pm and weekday services will be held in Parish Centre.

Because of the relocation of services, there will be increasing need to rely on parishioners to prepare for services. There are already dedicated groups of parishioners who assist in the preparation and operation of services. There will be additional tasks involved when the church closes.

What is involved?

The various tasks involved are shown below. The new tasks involved when the service moves to the Parish Centre are shown with an asterisk (*).

- 1) Open the hall (*)
- 2) Set up the hall seating for mass (*)
- 3) Act as sacristan, setting up everything needed for Mass (this takes about 40 mins)
- 4) Provide passkeeper services (including collections)
- 5) Provide readers
- 6) Provide Eucharistic ministers
- 7) Assist the priest during the service (if altar servers not present)
- 8) After Mass, act as sacristan, returning all the books, chalices, etc. back to the presbytery
- 9) Tidy the hall after use (*)
- 10) Close the hall (*)

There are existing problems with the Sunday 6pm Mass, e.g. there is no dedicated sacristan and uncertainty about whether or not there are Eucharistic ministers available. After the church closes, more will need to be done.

We need members of the congregation to come forward to provide the necessary services.