

PARISH VISITATION

In July, the parishes of St John's Lismore, St Joseph's Derrinallum, St Brendan's Cobden and St Patrick's Camperdown received a visit from Bishop Paul Bird as a part of his visits around the diocese program to allow for all voices to be heard.

Over the course of the four days Bishop Paul certainly lived up to his brief and made himself available to everyone with a fairly punishing schedule of meet and greets. Whether it was visiting the elderly at Merindah Lodge, Sunnyside and Leura Lodge or meeting with the many groups associated with the church, the CWA, Knights of the Southern Cross, St Vincent de Paul Society or even visiting the schools and going into every classroom to say hello to over eight hundred students across St Patrick's School and Mercy Regional College, he was certainly enjoying his time talking and meeting with people.

Bishop Paul attended a dinner with the Parish Council, their partners and other leaders of the church on the Friday evening and he also visited all the parish centres to celebrate Mass and catch up with parishioners there. The weekend Masses culminated in Bishop Paul celebrating a whole parish Mass on the Sunday which was followed by a light lunch and afternoon tea. The grade 1/2 students from St Patrick's School led this Parish celebration, which had a 'Grandparents' theme and where Bishop Paul spoke about the importance of the parish community in today's world.

Many thanks to Bishop Paul for making his time available to visit our Parish and to the Parish Council and parish priest, Fr Neville Stanislaus, who planned and facilitated the Bishop's visit ensuring it was a successful one. Thank you to all.

Michael McKenzie - Parish Council Chair



L-R: Michael McKenzie, Principal St Patrick's, Sarah van der Schans, Student Executive Mercy Regional College, Bishop Paul Bird, Darren Egberts, Principal Mercy Regional College, Lucas Williams, School Captain St Patrick's, Fr Neville Stanislaus Parish Priest. Front: Eloise Chivell, School Captain St Patrick's, Tara Suri, Student Executive Mercy Regional College.