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# RESTORATION NEWS

STS PETER AND PAULS OLD CATHEDRAL GOULBURN NSW



## OUR RESTORATION JOURNEY CONTINUES

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESAN RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Dear Parishioners and friends of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral,

It gives us much pleasure to report on the wonderful progress that has been made on the restoration of this important Goulburn heritage site. The roof restoration, involving the replacement of all the old slate tiles, is nearly complete.

Work is also well underway repairing the walls, removing lead paint, and getting ready for the next stage.

We ask for your continued prayers during the next 6 months and am sure you will welcome the regular updates with anticipation as the restoration continues.

The Fundraising Appeal is progressing well. Thank you to all those who have supported the restoration by donation, prayer, encouragement, and positive support.

### SEE INSIDE

**HERITAGE CATHEDRAL FAMILIES  
STAINED GLASS WINDOWS  
INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL  
VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOU!**

Work is just about complete **repairing and replacing** the slate tiles on the roof.

Walls inside are being repaired and renovated ready for preparation and painting.

Stained glass windows are currently being cleaned and repaired.

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



## BECOME A CATHEDRAL HERITAGE FAMILY

- Do you have a generations-long connection to Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral?
- Have you attended one of the Catholic institutions that have contributed so much to Australia?
- Has your family witnessed milestones here and commemorated special events within its walls?
- Do you celebrate this historic church want to secure its future, and the renewal of the community it represents?

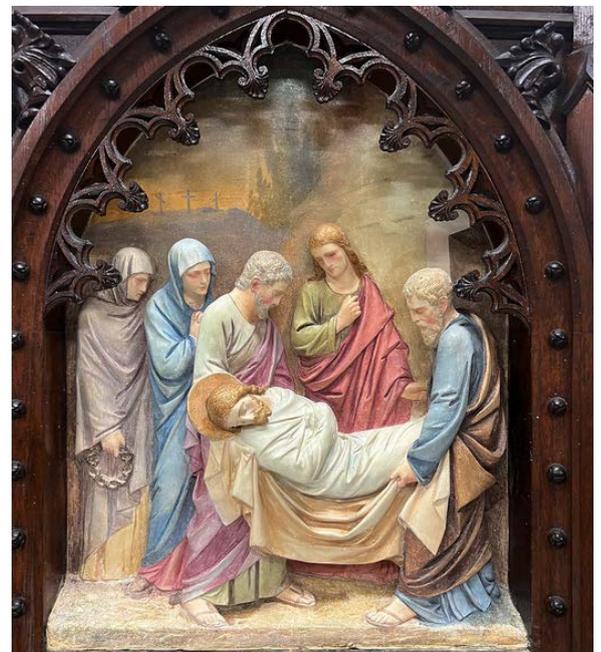
If you have answered yes to one or more of these questions, you might like to consider joining the growing list of *Cathedral Heritage Families* by pledging your family's support and commitment.

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If you would like to Sponsor a Station of the Cross please contact the Restoration Office - [admin@sppoc.com.au](mailto:admin@sppoc.com.au)

What is something we can do as a family?

Consider pledging a joint family donation to sponsor the restoration of one of the beautiful *Stations of the Cross*. Each Station of the Cross is costing \$15,000. Your family's name will be acknowledged with a plaque. Your family could even consider paying for this restoration over a three-year period.



**There are many opportunities to support the restoration, from sponsoring a pew to restoring a Stained Glass Window. Information on what your donation can support is available from the Restoration Office.**



## 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.

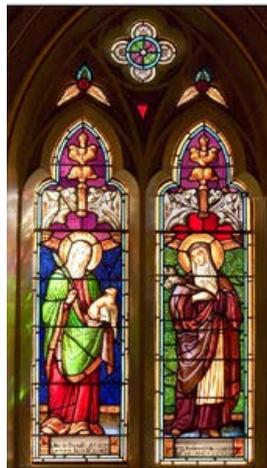
Every contribution makes a difference - can you help us? You can make a secure, regular pledge through this link [www.sppoc.com.au/donate](http://www.sppoc.com.au/donate) or contact the Parish Office for a donation pledge form.

All Donations to our Restoration Appeal are Tax Deductible.  
Consider an EOFY contribution today.

Let us protect the heritage that God has entrusted to us so that future generations may enjoy it.  
Pope Francis.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The beautiful stained glass windows from the Old Cathedral are being repaired and cleaned. The window above the main altar will be removed for major restoration work. There are over 20 windows to be restored. Each one costs a different amount depending on the size and condition. You might like to consider sponsoring an entire window or make a contribution towards part of a window.



This window showing Saints Agnes and Rita was originally gifted from the Ladies of the Boarding School of 1873. It will cost \$7,500 to repair and restore.



This stunning window shows the Blessed Virgin and Christ. It was originally a gift from the Holy Family Society. It is in dire need of restoration at a cost of about \$60,000 to repair and restore.

Follow the journey -

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

## WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE INSIDE?

The inside of the Cathedral is still a no-go zone and will be for a few more months.

There is lead paint on the walls, and where the render is drummy it falls away, leaving the stonework exposed. So, the first job is to remove this carefully - which the tradespeople are doing under Work Safe regulations.

Once the render is repaired, it will need to dry out before the painting can start.

## MANY HANDS ARE NEEDED TO DO GOD'S WORK!

A small band of parish volunteers is working on projects associated with the Restoration of the Cathedral.

Can you help? We guarantee good company, lots of laughter and tasty morsels.

**There's so much to do to prepare for re-opening the Cathedral in November:**

- Invitation lists and mailouts
- Acknowledging donations and contributions
- Fundraising
- Documenting memorabilia and heritage items;
- Newsletters
- Social media
- Receiving donations to the fundraising appeal
- and so much more.

If you have some spare time and talents and would like to join our volunteers please contact Fr Joshy or the Restoration Committee.



Work in progress to restore this beautiful Cathedral: both a Sacred site and an important part of Goulburn's heritage.

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