

**St John of God**  
**Auburn 1915 –2015**  
**Celebrating 100 years of Prayer , Faith & Parish**

Dear Parishioners,

**Happy feast day** and welcome to the launch of the centenary celebrations for St John of God Parish Auburn.

The parish will celebrate the mass of the Feast day tomorrow Monday with our parish schools. This is the first of many newsletters to keep you informed of the plans and happenings for our centenary. We have a very active Parish centenary committee. The committee has proposed five key parish events, please put these dates on your calendar and consider:-

1. **Sunday 8 March 2015** – Third Sunday in Lent – after 10am Mass - St John's Parish annual reunion – launch of our centenary celebrations.
2. **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015** – celebrate the St John of God Liturgy at the **9.15am** Mass. The Mass will be followed by morning tea in McDermott House. You are welcome to bring something to share.
3. **Sunday 3 May 2015** – Centenary Mass - celebrant Bishop Terry Brady
4. **Sunday 24 May 2015** - Parish Centenary Party – St John's School grounds after 10am Mass.
5. **Friday 18 September 2015** – Parish Centenary Dinner – Renaissance at Lidcombe.
6. **Sunday 22 November 2015** – Feast of Christ the King - closing Mass and laying of the centenary memorial stone.

On a Sunday in March 1915 , Father Woulfe held a meeting of the senior men from Auburn in the front room of St Joseph's hospital. Here it was decided to accept the Bishop's charter to form the Catholic Parish of Auburn under patronage of St John of God. The new parish separated from the parish of Rookwood / Lidcombe because of the growing number of Irish Catholic railway workers in the Auburn municipality and the need for a fulltime priest.

The wishes of Father Woulfe and his successors was for a Catholic community with deep a faith, love of the church and a community that supports each other. This centenary is a time to remember, celebrate and forge ahead with our pioneers as our guide.

Today we start nine months of dedicated celebrations and parish events that will renew interest in our parish and create a spirit of respect and gratitude for the achievements of our pioneers.

Yours sincerely,  
Michael Perry  
Centenary Committee Chairman

