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**PARISH WEBSITE**

Website www.stpaulsmossvale.org.au  
The Parish Facebook "St Paul's Catholic Parish, Moss Vale". We continue to ask parishioners to contact the office via email mossvale@dow.org.au where possible.

**PARISH OFFICE**

To make an appointment please call 4868 1931.  
If you need to speak to Father urgently, please call the office and select option 4.

Office Hours: MON, WED, THURS, FRI 10:00am-1:30pm.  
The office will be closed on Tuesday.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**TEN THE COMMANDMENTS**

- I. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.
- II. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.
- III. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY.
- IV. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.
- V. YOU SHALL NOT KILL
- VI. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
- VII. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.
- VIII. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.
- IX. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.
- X. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.

The Decalogue is a choice of life that God proposes to man: "I set before you today life and death, that is, good and evil; I command you to keep the commandments that you may live" (cf. Deut 30:15 ff). The Decalogue is for man, not against him; it is not meant to bind or limit his freedom, but rather to liberate it. What it forbids, in fact, is not something capricious that displeases God we do not know why, but is what compromises man himself and his possibility first of all to have balanced relationships with others: to be, in other words, authentically man. Sabbath rest, for example, is useful to man so that he is not reduced to a beast of labour, any more than is required by God, and it is required by God precisely because it is good for man. The Decalogue is also 'secular' in the sense that it touches the everyday, profane situations of life: the family, social relations, work, sexual life. It truly fulfils that task of authenticating worship with life. This is how the word of God becomes an occasion for Lenten renewal today.

**His Eminence Raniero Cardinal Cantalamessa**

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Mon, Wed, Fri 8am & Thurs 9.30am including School Mass (During School Term Only)**

**St. Paul's Int. College (Sat) 8am**

**Confessions:** 1st Friday of each month following morning Mass. After Saturday 8.00 am Mass at St Paul's International College or by appointment.

St Paul's Moss Vale	St Brigid's Bundanoon	St Peter's Burrawang	Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park
Saturday Vigil - 6.30pm	1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday Vigil -5pm	2nd, 4th Saturday Vigil -5pm	Sunday - 8am, 9.30am, 11am, Weekday 11am
Sunday - 10am	2nd, 4th Sunday -8am	1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 8am	

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf Psalm 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**FIRST READING** Exodus 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17**A reading from the book of Exodus**

The Law was given through Moses. God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

**The Word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God. While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. **The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**GOSPEL** John 2:13-25**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

The liturgical vestment is violet.

Dear Parishioners,

Fr Marek is recovering well following his recent surgery and is very grateful to Fr Richard and Fr Joseph for assisting with the Masses in the parish during this time.

Fr wishes to thank you for all your prayers and well wishes that have been received during this time.

Fr Marek is looking forward to celebrating Easter Sunday with the parish community.

The Contact number for the Penrose Park Monastery is 4878 9192.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES BEGIN****CLASS TIMETABLE:**

Classes will be held in the school hall.

Sunday 3 March, 10 March, 17 March and 24 March at 8.30am  
OR

Monday 4 March, 11 March, 18 March and 25 March at 4pm.

Attendance of Mass is compulsory.

**Lenten Penance & Obligations**

The Church's Canon Law reaffirms our obligation to do penance. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the season of Lent.

**Days of Penance**

On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing and one of the following:

A) Prayer—for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.

B) Self-denial—for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country (eg, Project Compassion).

C) Helping others—for example, special attention to someone who is poor, physically or mentally ill, elderly, lonely, bereaved, addicted or overburdened.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

St Paul's, Moss Vale - Friday at 6pm  
St Peter's, Burrawang - Friday at 6pm  
St Brigid's, Bundanoon - Friday at 5pm



Death Anniversary: Michael McCarthy, Freda Nihell



St Paul's is now accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2025. Applications can be submitted online via the school website <https://spsmvdow.catholic.edu.au/enrol/>

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

In November 2023, each family in the parish was given a set of 3 books produced by the Diocese of Wollongong – “Come and See, Go and Make”. These books, an outline of Bishop Brian's vision for parishes, were accompanied by a letter from the bishop. The bishop has now asked each parish to respond to these documents. This response is to be returned to the diocese by the end of March.

Today you will be asked to take home a 4<sup>th</sup> booklet – “Come and See, Go and Make. Worksheet Activities”

To help with the process of reflection on the documents and formulating a response, a committee of parishioners is being set up, chaired by Steve Press, to meet three times over the next few weeks. It will not be an onerous task, but the parish needs to reflect the views of everyone.

You are invited to be an active participant in these meetings which will be held in the parish meeting room. The meetings will be held at 5 pm over three evenings and last for **one hour. Wednesday 28 February - 5pm, Wednesday 6 March - 5pm, Wednesday 20 March - 5pm**

**Because this meeting, 6 March, is taking the place of this month's PPC meeting all PPC members are requested to attend.**

**Cannot attend a meeting?** You can still help by filling out any of the relevant activities in the booklet you receive today and dropping it in to the parish office. That way your suggestions, thoughts, hopes and dreams can still be considered by the committee for inclusion in the submission by St Paul's Parish to the Diocese by the end of March. This is an important time for the parish and vital that our views are recorded. Thank you to all for your participation.

**The Journey This Week:**

Sr Katherine Stone MGL - burdensome detail can overtake the relationship we have with God  
Mother Hilda  
not all obstacles in life are bad, some are God saving us from ourselves  
Plus, Fr Tony Percy on the 10 commandments, and Fr's Sean Cullen and Chris Sarkis



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2 & 3 MARCH**

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