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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.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



In the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar's empire, on the banks of the river Jordan, at a precise point in time and space, that prophecy became a reality in Jesus of Nazareth, when the Spirit came upon him. Jesus is not like Moses who merely promulgates the covenant; he fulfils it perfectly. He fulfils it perfectly in his own person. In him, God and man no longer speak to each other at a distance; the two allies are one undivided person. For this reason, the covenant is not only new, but also eternal. Before dying, Jesus establishes a memorial of this new covenant that is the Eucharist: "This is the cup of my blood for the new and everlasting covenant, poured out for the remission of sins. No longer the blood of a lamb or a goat (Ex 24:8), but that of the Son. This is the glorification of the name of God that we heard in the Gospel passage: on the cross, sins are forgiven, man is reconciled with his Creator, God's sovereignty and holiness are recognised in the obedience of the Son of man; Christ "draws all things to himself" in order to hand them over to the Father. The Church is the place and the wonderful experience of being fellow citizens of the

saints, friends and family members of God (Eph 2:19). Every Sunday, gathering around the table of Christ's word and bread, the community rehearses the profound story of its covenant with God, relives its milestones and fundamental gestures, up to the supreme gesture that we are now about to repeat with the consecration of the "cup of the new and everlasting covenant.

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	

St Francis Xavier, Berrima

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf Psalm 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind. **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12**(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:7-9**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL John 12:20-33**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON John 12: 24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

Tuesday 19: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemnity. The liturgical vestment is white.

The liturgical vestment is violet.

**SOLEMNITY OF ST PATRICK**

Mass for the Feast of St Patrick will be celebrated at
St Patrick's Church Sutton Forrest at 6pm on Monday 18th March 2024

**SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH**

Husband of Mary, foster Father of Jesus.

The Holy Mass will be celebrated on
19 March at St Paul's International College at 7am.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATION AT ST PAUL'S PARISH MOSS VALE**Confession before Easter**

St Paul's Church – Friday 22 March at 6pm

Palm Sunday (24 March)

We ask parishioners to bring your own palms or olive branches. Blessings of palms will be done at all the Masses. The procession to the church will start at 10am on Palm Sunday next to St Joseph's statue.

Mass at St Peter's Burrawang – Saturday Vigil 5pm

Mass at St Brigid's Bundanoon – Sunday 8am

Mass at St Paul's Moss Vale – Sunday 10am

Holy Thursday (28 March)

No Morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.30pm (Moss Vale)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm to 9pm

Good Friday (29 March)

Novena of Divine Mercy and the Stations of the Cross at 10.00am.

The Lord's Passion Liturgy at 3pm (Moss Vale)

After the Liturgy will follow the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9pm.

Holy Saturday (30 March)

No Morning Mass and no evening Mass at station churches.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8am – 12noon

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at 6.30pm (Moss Vale)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ (31 March)

Mass at 8am at St Brigid's Bundanoon & St Peter's Burrawang

Mass at 10am at Moss Vale to be held in the school hall.

No Evening Mass in our parish.

Divine Mercy Sunday (7 April)

Mass at St Brigid's Bundanoon – Saturday Vigil 5pm

Mass at St Peter's Burrawang – Sunday 8am

Mass at St Paul's Moss Vale – Sunday 10am

Holy Hour

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotion to the Divine Mercy will be at 3pm at St Paul's Church.

Easter Octave: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—No Mass Thursday and Friday—8am (Moss Vale) Saturday 8am at St Paul's International College

Regarding any update for the Mass times during Easter please visit the parish website or facebook.

HOLY WEEK ROSTER SHEETS

Sheets are in the foyer of the Moss Vale church. Please consider volunteering to sign up to participate in the Easter Triduum.

PPC - MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

The PPC would like to run a raffle each year for Mother's Day and Father's Day to boost parish funds. We have one prize donated for the Mother's Day Raffle. We would be very grateful if, parishioners who were able to, could donate new goods suitable for use as prizes. Suggestions are toiletries, heated throws, knee rugs, special treats for hampers etc - anything that you feel would make a nice treat for a mum. The only stipulation is that goods must be new. Donations can be left at the parish office until the end of March. Thank you.

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. You are asked to take home a 4th 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, chaired by Steve Press have come together to discuss the parishes vision. It is not an onerous task, but the parish needs to reflect the views of everyone.

You are invited to the last meeting which will be held in the parish meeting room at 5 pm Wednesday 20 March – 5pm

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. **Your workbook can be dropped off to the parish office.** This is an important time for the parish and vital that our views are recorded. Thank you to all for your participation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES

Sunday 17 March and 24 March at 8.30am. Followed by Mass at 10am. **Attendance of Mass is compulsory.**

OR

Monday, 18 March and 25 March at 4pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

**St Paul's —Thursday 11 April at 10am
State Public Schools - Friday 12 April at 5pm**

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