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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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"This is my commandment: that you love one another, as I have loved you.... This I command you: love one another". Love, a commandment? Can love be made a commandment without destroying it?

Loving God with all your soul and with all your strength is defined as "the first and greatest of commandments" and loving your neighbour as yourself, the "second commandment" similar to the first (Matt 22:37-39)

The great philosopher Kierkegaard wrote: 'Only when there is a duty to love, then only love is guaranteed forever against any alteration; eternally liberated in blissful independence; secured in eternal bliss against all despair'. The man who truly loves, wants to love forever.

Love needs to have eternity as its horizon, otherwise it is no more than a joke, a 'lovable misunderstanding' or a 'dangerous pastime', as this philosopher, who himself had made human love a painful and profound experience, calls it. For this reason, the more intensely one loves the more distressfully he perceives the danger that this love of his runs, a danger that comes from none other than himself.

Help that comes from above, that heals our capacity to love wounded and weakened by selfishness, and gives constancy and perseverance. The evangelist John himself, who in the Gospel conveys to us the "commandment" to love, in the second reading also points us to the source where we can draw the strength to put it into practice. He says: "It was not we who loved God, but he who loved us and sent his Son as a victim of atonement for our sins... We love because he first loved us". **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 St Patrick's, Sutton Forest

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PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:25-26.34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged to him to stay on for some days. **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R cf. v.2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R)**

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

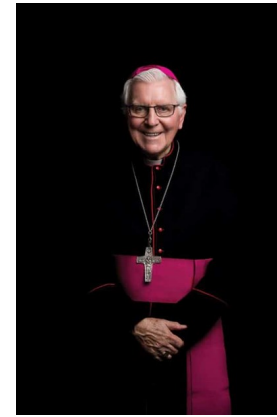
John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

COMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

The liturgical vestment is white.

FUNERAL & VIGIL FOR BISHOP PETER INGHAM

A SOLEMN RECEPTION of the body of Bishop Peter will take place at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong on Thursday 9 May 2024 at 6:30pm followed by Evening Prayer.

A SOLEMN VIGIL LITURGY will follow at 7:30pm.

A SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Bishop Peter will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, on Friday 10 May 2024, commencing at 10:30am. Interment will take place in the cathedral grounds at the conclusion of Mass.

Relatives, friends, and the people of God are invited to attend the vigil and funeral. Due to the large number of invited bishops, clergy, relatives, dignitaries, and close friends attending the funeral, there will be very limited seating inside the cathedral. Therefore, a large marquee containing overflow seating with television screens will be erected in the carpark adjacent to the cathedral. Bishop Peter's casket will process past the marquee at the conclusion of the funeral Mass. Please note, there will be street parking only for the public.

Livestream Provisions The funeral will be livestreamed at <https://dow.sh/livestream>.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Bernard Gordon Snr (father of Very Rev Dr Bernard L Gordon VG)

Death Anniversary: Tom Gill

READING/FLOWER ROSTER FOR MOSS VALE

The new roster is available in the church foyer. We are in need of more volunteers for reading and donation of flowers for the altar. If you can assist please contact Suzana on Thursday or Friday to let her know if you can help. Thank you

PLANNED GIVING

Our planned giving envelope programme for 2024-2025 will commence from 1 July. If you would like to join by the envelopes or direct debit, please contact Cathy in the office on Monday or Wednesday. All funds received via the second collection, envelopes, direct debit and the Tap machine at Moss Vales goes to supporting the running of your parish.



Mothers Day Raffle tickets are still on sale this weekend at Moss Vale & Burrawang

Raffle tickets—\$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The raffle will be drawn on Monday 6 May in the parish office. Please support this raffle as all funds raised go towards the parish.

MASS AT WARRIGAL NURSING HOME

Mass will be celebrated at Warrigal Bundanoon Tuesday 7th May at 3pm.

Parishioners are welcome to attend provided they have completed a RAT test that is shown at the desk (this is a requirement of entry to Warrigal Care)



Moss Vale Conference has so far this year been very busy within our local community assisting:-families, mothers with young children, single people, victims of domestic violence and homeless people. Recently we assisted two adult brothers who were victims of domestic violence and sleeping rough. We assisted them by providing emergency accommodation for two nights until they were able to be accommodated in a Vinnies hostel on the south coast. Thank you for your ongoing support to our parish poor boxes.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please ensure that you return your boxes/envelopes to the parish office by this week as we need to forward the funds to Caritas. Thank you

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR LOCAL FOOD AID! (not for profit group)

We need reliable team players to help load a van from a cottage in Queen St, Moss Vale with boxes of foodstuff to nearby *Connect Church*.

This is where we prepare hampers on a Friday. We are not affiliated with the Church, but they kindly donate the space for us to use on Friday mornings between 8am-9am. The current team are three reliable folk who could do with occasional relief.

More details from Lesley Mooney 0403 412 459 (Volunteer Coordinator)

catholiccare CatholicCare are running an Ageing with Confidence forum. It is available to all the community.
Diocese of Wollongong

The half-day information session will provide seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing.

□ Campbelltown Wednesday 8 May at 9.30am-1pm. Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown.

Places are limited. To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events. For any other information, contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au.