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PARISH PRIEST: FR MAREK DUTKIEWICZ, PP

**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.

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



This fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, coinciding with the second of February, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. It is a feast with a great popular tradition, and although it is essentially Christological, it has its Marian connotations. In many places the candles are blessed during the Holy Mass. This Feast of the Presentation still has a certain Christmas flavour. Jesus has presented himself to us in the form of a child as "God with us". He manifested himself in the cave of Bethlehem to the shepherds and was witnessed by his parents Mary and Joseph. Later he continued to manifest himself to the Magi, involving the wise men of Israel in order to find him. This fact already gives signs of concern to the powerful. It seems that the Evangelist Luke feels the need to present us with another important manifestation for the future of what this Child will be. He brings him out of anonymity by presenting him in the Temple in Jerusalem as the Messiah sent by God. He does so, not before the religious leaders, but before two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, prototypes of the "faith of the simple". This kind of "simple faith" makes them open hearted to God's plans for his people and for all humanity. They represent every man and woman of any time and place, who live their faith in simplicity and have an open heart to welcome God, which also has repercussions in knowing how to welcome their brothers and sisters. This is the first step to evangelise and, in this Jubilee Year, to walk towards a "hope that does not disappoint".

**Fr Marek Dutkiewicz PP**


**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. Saturday night at St Paul's from 5pm to 5.30pm 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 - 6.30 pm	1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday Vigil - 5pm	2nd, 4th, Saturday Vigil - 5pm	Sunday - 8 am, 9.30am, 11am , Weekday 11 am
Sunday - 10am	2nd, 4th Sunday - 8am	1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 8am	

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PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf Psalm 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**FIRST READING** Malachi 3:1-4**A reading from the prophet Malachi**

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old. **The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

**(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**
2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **(R.)**
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**
4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 2:14-18

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

**The Word of the Lord.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Luke 2:22-32

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.****COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Luke 2:30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

**FEASTS AND MEMORIALS**

Wednesday 5: St Agatha, virgin, martyr. Memorial. The liturgical vestment is red.

Thursday 6: St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs. Memorial. The liturgical vestment is red.

**ST BRIGID'S FEAST DAY**

St Brigid's church will be celebrating the feast of its patroness, St Brigid of Ireland, on **Saturday 1st February at the 5pm Vigil Mass.**

You are very welcome to join us and afterwards, weather permitting, we will gather in the grounds for a nibbles, drinks.

Please bring a chair and whatever you would like to eat for yourselves or to share. All welcome.

**There will be no 9.30am Mass at St Paul's church on Thursday 6 February.**

**Mass will be held at St Paul's International College at 7.15am**

The next PPC meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 February at 5pm.

**ST PAUL'S PARISH BARBEQUE**

The next parish barbeque will be held on **Saturday 15 February** after the 6.30pm Vigil Mass.

Please call the office on 4868 1931 if you plan to attend by **Wednesday 12 February** so that we have an idea of numbers and prepare for how much barbeque meat we will need. Please bring a salad or sweet to share.

**DRY PALM BRANCHES NEEDED**

If you have dry palm branches left over after Palm Sunday, please bring them to church in a bag. We will use them to make ash for Lent.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

If you know of any parishioners who are house bound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office on 4868 1931 so we can arrange someone to visit them.

**Please remember in your Prayers**

Deceased Anniversary - Catherine Sheil

**A Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrimage to Italy & Poland with****Fr Marek Dutkiewicz**

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**For more information, please contact St Paul's Moss Vale Parish office on (02) 4868 1931 or by email [mossvale@dow.org.au](mailto:mossvale@dow.org.au)**

**Believing 'All shall be well' with Julian of Norwich 7 – 9 February**

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**ABOUT**

Julian of Norwich is the English mystic who has assured us that 'all shall be well'. This wonderful insight about creation, prayer and the Trinity will be the inspiration for our retreat. What makes Julian's most famous saying 'All shall be well', more than a medieval 'Don't worry! Be happy'? That's the question Julian herself wrestled with for 20 years. Julian understood that at the heart of her visions there was a bold assertion about the fundamental nature of reality itself—that God is love.

To enquire or register: Phone 02 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email [cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au) More information can be found at [jamberooabbey.org.au/events/2025-02-07](http://jamberooabbey.org.au/events/2025-02-07)

**Hope for the Illawarra Inter Church Evangelisation Event 2025**

Bishop Brian Mascord is eager for Catholics from around the Illawarra to be attend and be involved in an Ecumenical Event Called Hope for the Illawarra, to be held at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre 28 and 29 March.

**Main Events**

Friday 28 March - An Evening for Youth (7pm)  
Saturday 29 March - A Morning Event for Children (11am)  
Saturday 29 March - A Celebration with Dr Michael Youssef (7pm)

**Training**

This is a great opportunity for members of our Catholic Parishes especially to be involved in outreach, especially as members of Prayer Teams, after some the Sharing Hope course in February being held in 6 locations around the Illawarra.

For more information go to <https://www.hopefortheillawarra.com.au/about-1> or contact [jude.hennessy@dow.org.au](mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au) / P: 4222 2407