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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It is very easy to be faithful when everything is going well; it is much more complicated to be faithful without having caught anything, in the hardest moments of our lives. This gospel calls us to faithfulness, dedication and perseverance. Even if what we are going to give to God seems little, let us offer it to Him and He will know how to transform it. Because in the face of the experience of the dark and sterile night, of the exhausting and fruitless effort, Jesus proposes to us the experience of sailing out into the deep, he is asking us to trust in him, if only because he is asking us to do so. This is what Peter did, who takes centre stage in this Gospel, and that is because, although everyone knows that no one goes fishing in the lake at midday, especially if they have not caught anything at night, Peter trusted in Jesus completely and cast his nets back into the lake again because Jesus asked him to do so. This story prepares the disciples to follow Jesus, because it was common in the Bible that, before entrusting an important task to someone, God would reveal himself through some sign that manifested his power. In this case he did so through fishing. Today's gospel suggests three moments. Jesus wants to get into our boat, that is, to enter into our world, into our relationships, into our family, into our work, into what we know how to do... He wants to enter fully into our world. Jesus wants us to sail out into the deep in our relationship with him, in our world, where we are used to; he wants us to sail and deepen our relationship with him so that we can transform our lives. Jesus wants to take us out of our world and into a new world: "I will make you a fisher of men". He wants to make us use all our qualities to make us a great instrument of Him. But how can we put all this into practice, following the model and example of Jesus?

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	

St Francis Xavier, Berrima **St Patrick's, Sutton Forrest**

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PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Psalm 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.' **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed. **The Word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Matthew 5:5-6

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

Monday 10: St Scholastica, virgin. Memorial. The liturgical vestment is white.

Friday 14: Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop. Memorial. The liturgical vestment is white.

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.

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Staff from CatholicCare Wollongong will be attending our parish mass and joining us for our BBQ on Saturday 15 February to share some information on how they can be of value to both us as a parish or within your own family circumstances.

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.

Mass at Warrigal Bundanoon will be held on Friday 14 February at 2.00pm.

Mass at Harbison will be held on Wednesday 19 February at 1.30pm.

METANOIA - LENTEN PROGRAM 2025

The Lenten program will commence with Fr Marek on **Monday 10 March in the parish meeting room at 11am.** All parishioners welcome

You will be able to purchase the Lenten booklet from the parish office at the start of Lent.

**What is Metanoia?**

Metanoia—meaning transformation—reflects the deep change of heart that God invites us into during Lent. No matter where we are in life, God lovingly calls us back to Himself.

Lent is the 40-day season of preparation for the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday).

We are encouraged to look at this period of Lent as a journey. Lent reminds us that this is the season to turn away from our worldly distractions and journey home to God. This should be a time of inner reflection, and at the end of the Lenten journey, we should expect to find ourselves at a different place spiritually than when we started.

At the end of our Lenten journey, if we have truly humbled and submitted ourselves to the Lord, the grace of God working in our lives should have conformed us more perfectly to the image of Christ, who is, himself, the image and likeness of God the Father.

PARENTS SACRAMENTAL MEETING

The Sacramental meeting for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be held on Tuesday **18 February at 6.30pm** in the school hall.

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End Date: Sunday 9 March 2025

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