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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.

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Words are a basic component of our communication. They can express our thoughts, feelings, beliefs, describe what is around us and in ourselves. Our words can express love, care, support, give hope and bring back to life, but also be a transmitter of hatred, jealousy or disregard, hurt, humiliate and take away hope. Today's word of God reminds us that what we live, it is reflected in our speech and in our behaviour.

The words we say to ourselves and others can bring life and be light among the worries and problems of everyday life, but they can also plunge us into darkness, sadness and isolation. If we live in God's presence and His Love, it will also be present in our words and in our behaviour.

Our words will be filled with life-giving love, touching us and others with goodness and tenderness. Like a monsternce, we will radiate God's presence. It is easier for us to see imperfection in others than in ourselves. We don't feel comfortable looking at our own weaknesses, sins, stumbles. We are afraid of our own smallness. Meanwhile, we can stand with God in a safe way as we are, without pretending, whitewashing. He and only He can cope with our sin, the lack of fruiting, the empty treasury. Let's focus on our own conversion, and we will see that others are changing around us. God is waiting for us and our readiness to adhere to Him.

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. 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 - 6.30 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**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf Psalm 17:19-20

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING Sirach 27:4-7**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

Do not praise someone before they have spoken. In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men. **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2**(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:54-58**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.

ASH WEDNESDAY—fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and on Friday's during Lent season

Ash Wednesday 5th March 2025 Holy Mass 8am & 6pm St Paul's Moss Vale.

PARISH NEWS**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Enrolment for First Reconciliation will commence this weekend 22nd February and close 9th March.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the parish office 9am to 1.30pm or from Father Marek.

Classes held on Sundays only: 16th, 23th, 30th March & 6th April.

Forms MUST then be returned to Father Marek after any of the weekend Masses.

**Lenten Adoration**

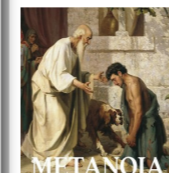
Every Thursday during Lent we will have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8am until Mass starts at 9.30am.

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent

St Paul's Moss Vale – 5pm
St Peter's Burrawang – 6pm
St Brigid's Bundanoon – 5pm



Special thanks to all the parishioners who came along last week to help with the parish clean up. We were pleased to see so many willing people. Your generosity and hard work was greatly appreciated. May God bless you.
Fr Marek

METANOIA - LENTEN PROGRAM 2025

The Lenten program will commence with Fr Marek on **Monday 10 March in the parish meeting room at 11am.** If you wish to join the Lenten program, please call the parish office. All parishioners welcome. The Lenten books have now arrived and are available from the office for \$10 each.

New reading rosters are available in the church foyer.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Due to a recent resignation from the Parish Pastoral Council a vacancy has become available.

If you think this is a role that you may be interested in or you wish to nominate a person that you think may be perfect for this position Fr Marek is calling for nominations.

Nomination forms can be collected from the office and returned to Father in a sealed envelope. **Closing date for nomination is 1st April 2025.**



Please pray for the repose of the soul of SUE FREESTONE former Diocesan President of the Catholic Women's League who passed away this week after a long battle with cancer.

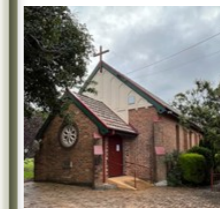
Sue was very supportive of Moss Vale CWL and a great friend of members and their spouses. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she Rest in Peace.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY**Sunday 1 - 2 March 2025**

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion, Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

St Brigid's Church 130th Anniversary

2025 sees the 130th anniversary of the opening of St Brigid's Church in Bundanoon. A celebration will be held later in the year, but first we need to raise some funds to enable the celebration. Our first event will be at The Bundanoon Club on Friday 7th March at 6pm, where the St Brigid's community will be having

dinner and running the raffles. We'd love to see you there to support the community as it prepares to celebrate a very special anniversary. Please let Steve Press know if you'd like attend by emailing him at spre3149@gmail.com.

Jubilee Day of Prayer: You are my Hope | Saturday, 22 March 2025 | St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 8am - 8pm

A day of extended Eucharistic adoration and reflection at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong (36 Harbour Street). The day will commence with Lauds, leading into Mass, followed by extended Eucharistic Adoration with the opportunity for reconciliation. There will be a time of adoration and talks by Fr Bernard on St Francis Xavier and St Thérèse of Lisieux, exploring Hope through mission and contemplation. The day will conclude with Sung Vespers and Solemn Benediction. Visit: jubilee.lumenchristi.org.au

2025 Catholic Business Connections Memberships are now open and you are invited to join us

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Deceased Anniversary
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