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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Whether it's the celebrity on TV or the disheveled person in the store or even the person we work with whose food choices are different from ours, we can find it so easy to pass judgment on people. And if we're honest, it may even seem like a very acceptable thing to do! But in his sermon to the crowds, Jesus is very clear:

"Stop judging.... Stop condemning" (Luke 6:37). So what should we do instead? The line that immediately precedes this passage gives us the answer: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). Consider the mercy of God our heavenly Father. When you catch yourself judging another person, think about the love that God has for you: he sent his Son to die for you when you didn't deserve it—when you didn't even ask for it! Or recall all those instances when you didn't get "what you deserved" in your life.

Maybe you spoke harshly to someone, and they spoke kindly back to you, or maybe your boss at work chose to overlook the fact that you were late on a project. Mercy flowed out to you, just as God's mercy extends to each and every person in the world. When you run into sinners today, consider the Father's mercy and then share it generously. Speak kindly in response to harsh words. Bless the person you disagree with. Forgive the aggressive driver in the next lane. Jesus promises that if you offer mercy to those around you, "Your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High" (Luke 6:35). **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 TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Psalm 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23**A reading from the first book of Samuel**

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.' **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of the Lord.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON John 11:27

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

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

**METANOIA - LENTEN PROGRAM 2025**

Ash Wednesday Mass at St Paul's Moss Vale on the 5th of March at 8am and 6pm.

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

The Lenten books have now arrived and are available from the office for \$10 each.

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.

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**



A big thank you to the PPC members in our parish and those that helped to organise the BBQ in our parish last weekend.

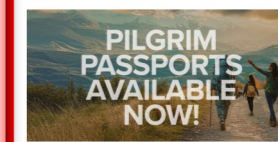
It was a great success, enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to organising the next BBQ, with your courage and commitment. WELL DONE !

Information about Notice of Motion to return The Prayer to Council Meetings

Fr Marek with the members of our parish attended the Council meeting last Wednesday to support the Notice of Prayer before each meeting.

The notice of Motion was defeated by 5 to 4. This is a disappointing result considering the large support shown.

Parishioners are encouraged to submit feedback to the council. Thank you for your support.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE SITES

In response to Pope Francis' call to embrace the historic tradition of pilgrimage Bishop Brian Mascord has designated a number of location within the Diocese of Wollongong as official Jubilee pilgrimage sites for the Holy Year.

Visiting the sacred places provides the faithful with a unique opportunity to participate in the grace of the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence.

To enhance the pilgrimage experience, the Diocese has released Pilgrim Passport, specially designed for the Diocese of Wollongong pilgrims. This resource includes:

- A welcome and introduction from Bishop Brian and Pope Francis' message
- An explanation of the Jubilee Practices, including Pilgrimage and the Plenary Indulgence
- Information and links to the six Jubilee Pilgrim sites, with a dedicated space to record and stamp visits at each designated pilgrimage site.
- Pilgrim Prayers and a guide to the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- QR codes to all essential Jubilee Year information on the Diocesan Website.

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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

Thanks again to the staff from **CatholicCare** for their presence at our Saturday vigil mass last week, and the video played at our parish BBQ. It is great to have such thorough information about our social services agency and how they can support all areas of our life. If you require anymore information, please contact CatholicCare on enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au or 42271122.

St Paul's Catholic Primary School

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2026. Applications can be made online via the school website www.spmvdow.catholic.edu.au. We also have vacancies in all other year groups from Year 1 - 6. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.