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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



In today's Gospel, Jesus concludes his call to repentance with a parable about a barren fig tree. The owner of the tree, after three years without any fruit, decides to cut it down. The gardener intervenes, however: "Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down" (Luke 13:8-9) We all know that God is patient, but we don't know when our day of reckoning will come. Look what happened to the Galilean Jews that Pilate killed (Luke 13:1-3). The people who heard of this tragedy asked Jesus what these victims had done to deserve such fate. Were they being punished for their sin? Jesus refutes this logic and reminds his listeners that they were no greater sinners than anyone else. Instead, he warns, this tragedy should urge us all to repent. God calls us not only to repent, but to "produce good fruits as evidence of (our) repentance" as well (Luke 3:8). This fruitfulness lies at the heart of Lent: Repent and be faithful to the gospel. The good news is that we are not left to bear fruit on our own. Jesus, our faithful Gardener, is here to help us face the areas of our lives that need repentance. He will tend the soil of our hearts, prune the branches that lead us to sin, and pour out his grace to help us grow. "Thank you, Lord, for helping me to repent of my sins and bear fruit!"

The Word Among Us.

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



PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf Ezekiel 36:23-26

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord

FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15**A reading from the book of Exodus**

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.' **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. 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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall. **The Word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf Psalm 83: 4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

Wednesday 26 March: The Annunciation of the Lord. Solemnity. The liturgical vestment is white.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES

Classes are held on the following Sundays:
23rd, 30th March & 6th April.

**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

To prepare ourselves for the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ the church recommends to practice prayer, fasting and alms giving during the Lent Season.

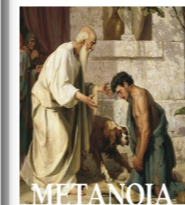
LENTEN PENANCE

Friday's are days of abstinence from meat for everyone

- All who are over 14 years or older are obliged to abstain from meat.
- All who are 18 to 59 are obliged to fast (Canon 1252)
- Anyone who is sick or infirm is not obliged by these laws

LENTEN DONATION BOX

During Lenten observance, prayer, fasting and alms giving we will have in the church a donation box. This will go towards flowers, which will be used to decorate the altar during Easter, the Paschal candle and the Lenten decorations. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.
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.

Vinnies NSW Disaster Appeal – Help those affected by Cyclone Alfred

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW has launched an appeal to support communities in Northern NSW impacted by Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

Vinnies NSW is providing immediate relief such as food, clothing, and essential household items, while also supporting long-term recovery efforts. Financial donations are the most effective way to help.

To donate, call 13 18 12, visit www.vinnies.org.au/nswdisasterappeal, or donate at any Vinnies NSW Shop. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please remember in your prayers

Deceased Anniversary
Janet Laverty

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next parish pastoral council will be held on Wednesday 26 March at 5pm.

“24 Hours for the Lord” at Mt Schoenstatt Mulgoa

Join us for an hour between the **28th – 29th March for “24 Hours for the Lord”** a worldwide Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation, introduced by Pope Francis.

This special event will begin at Mt Schoenstatt on Friday 28th at 6 pm with Holy Mass in the Shrine and conclude on Saturday 29th at 5 pm with Holy Mass. Reconciliation will be available after Mass on Friday and before Mass on Saturday. The Shrine will remain open for the entire duration, with continuous adoration throughout the 24 hours.

For more info please reach out to Ramani 0424955859. Additionally, the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa, is a designated pilgrimage site in the Parramatta Diocese during the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.

Pilgrims can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting the shrine during this Jubilee year, provided they fulfill the necessary conditions. You are warmly invited to make a personal pilgrimage or organise a jubilee pilgrimage group from your parish.

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Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

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