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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We can hear our Father's pleas in today's Gospel story of the prodigal son, too. The father of the prodigal stands ready, on the lookout, to welcome his wayward younger son back into the family. And he goes out to beg his resentful older son to join him and experience the fullness of life that is already his. We can live as sons and daughters of God; we can experience all the riches of heaven filling our hearts. Sin might cloud our relationship with him, but our heavenly Father continues to offer us his mercy. It's as if we hear God calling out to us personally as we read Paul's words. Lent is a perfect season to lay hold of this restoration in a new and deeper way. And what better way to do it than through the Sacrament of Reconciliation! The examination of conscience can help you prepare to receive this sacrament with an open heart. So let your heavenly Father restore you through the life-giving power of Jesus' death and resurrection. Listen to his voice as he pleads with you to receive all the riches of his "home." It's all there come and receive it! "Lord, I say yes to the reconciliation you offer me!"

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf Isaiah 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. **The Word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3. 11-32**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Luke 15: 32

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES

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

First Reconciliation: Wednesday 9th April at 5pm for students from public and private schools

First Reconciliation: Thursday 10th April at 10:15 for students of St Paul's Moss Vale.

**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 has commenced with Fr Marek in the parish meeting room on Monday's at 11am. If you wish to join the Lenten program, please call the parish office. All parishioners welcome. Lenten books available for \$10.00.

UPDATE FROM PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

In this weekend's bulletin you will find a separate insert giving an update on the financial position of the parish after our audit. The update also provides a follow-up from the Parish meeting last November, including information on a preferred strategy to secure the long term financial sustainability of our parish.

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.**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024-2025

The new planned giving envelopes are due to commence on 5/6 July.

So that we order the correct number of envelopes, please advise Cathy in the office by 7 April if you **no longer** wish to contribute to the parish financially via weekly envelopes ie if you wish to move over to direct debit. Thank you.

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Day 2: Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with mass and dinner.

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025**

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