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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

If you are the Son of God . . . (Luke 4:3) Well, that's one way for the devil to try to trip Jesus up! Get him to doubt his Father's love and care for him. Come on, Jesus! You're the Son of God. You don't need to punish yourself like this. Look, here are some rocks you could use! Or, Son of God? No one will ever believe you—you look like an everyday carpenter. If you want followers, you need to do something dramatic. I know! How about jumping off the roof of the Temple? That will draw people to yourself much more quickly! But as tempting as all this must have been, Jesus could see through the devil's twisted logic. Being the Son of God isn't about special perks and privileges. It isn't about never going hungry or never being able to walk out the front door without being met by admirers. It's about being like your Father: pouring yourself out to lift up the wounded. It's about loving everyone selflessly, even if it means giving up your life on a cross. As a child of God, you, too, will encounter temptations this Lent. You may be tempted to hold a grudge, to treat someone poorly, or to break your Lenten resolutions—or to commit any number of sins. But no matter what you face, it's founded on some version of the lie that the devil tried to use on Jesus. It's the false notion that God is holding something back from you, so you'll need to bend some rules—or break them—so you can get what you think you need. As the old saying goes, "Forewarned is forearmed." So when you find yourself wanting to justify sin, recognize the voice of the tempter and stand firm. When you find yourself doubting God's goodness, label those thoughts as coming from our enemy, the accuser. And run to Jesus for help. He knows exactly how to overcome the devil! "Jesus, be my shield and strength in times of temptation!"

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 Psalm 90:15-16
When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:4-10
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.' **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15
(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Romans 10:8-13
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 4:4
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Matthew 4:4
One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.


FIRST RECONCILIATION



Enrolment for First Reconciliation closes this Sunday 9th March.

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

Classes held on Sundays only: 16th, 23th, 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

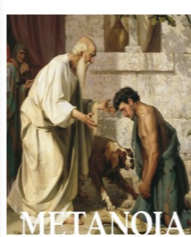
LENTEN DONATION BOX

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.

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.**

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY
Sunday 8 - 9 March 2025



Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

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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

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