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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



The imprint of Paul's experience of conversion on the road to Damascus, and every choice he made to follow Jesus thereafter, transformed his perspective. The entire direction of his life was different. You can imagine something similar happening in the heart of the woman caught in adultery in today's Gospel reading. Her sin was laid bare before Jesus, and she was about to be killed by an angry mob. But she received God's unexpected and surprising mercy as Jesus dispersed the crowd and said to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:11). Surely, empowered by Jesus' words, she gladly accepted the loss of her old way of life, just as Paul had. She was happy to forget the emptiness of what lay behind her and, by God's grace, to strain toward his upward calling of a life free from her past sins. How have you encountered Jesus? You might have decided to give your life completely to him at a pivotal point. You might have brought a burdensome sin to Confession and been convinced of God's forgiveness and love. Maybe you're longing for an even deeper encounter right now! These experiences can change your heart and shape your perspective. They make losing your life for Jesus—even when it involves difficulty—completely worth it! You, like Paul, can hold onto the "supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus [your] Lord" (Philippians 3:8). "Jesus, I will follow you!"

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	

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PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf Psalm 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16-21**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people. Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises. **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125. R. v.3**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Philippians 3:8-14**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus. **The Word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL John 8:1-11**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON John 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS**PARISH NEWS**

Please keep in your prayers for the children who are preparing for their First Reconciliation.

Public & Private Schools

Wednesday 9th April at 5.00pm for students from public and private schools

St Paul's Moss Vale

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

I would like to say thank you to Mr Peter Pyett for his contributions towards the renovation of the liturgical items in our church. You will see them during the Easter celebrations. Well done and thank you. May the Lord Bless you in abundance.
Fr Marek.

HOLY WEEK ROSTER SHEETS

Sheets are in the foyer of the Moss Vale church. Please consider volunteering to sign up to participate in the Easter Triduum.

During the Holy week Mass will be held on Monday 14th April at 8am. There will be no Mass on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th April in our church.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATION AT ST PAUL'S PARISH MOSS VALE**Confession before Easter**

St Paul's Church – Monday 14th April at 5pm

Palm Sunday -13 April

We ask parishioners to bring your own palms or olive branches. Blessings of palms will be done at all the Masses. The procession to the church will start at 10am on Palm Sunday next to St Joseph's statue.

Mass at St Peter's Burrawang – Saturday Vigil 5pm

Mass at St Brigid's Bundanoon – Sunday 8am

Mass at St Paul's Moss Vale – Sunday 10am

Holy Thursday -17 April

No Morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.30pm Moss Vale

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday -18 April

Novena of Divine Mercy and the Stations of the Cross at 10.00am in the church.

The Lord's Passion Liturgy at 3pm Moss Vale

After the Liturgy will follow the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Saturday -19 April

No Morning Mass and no evening Mass at station churches.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8am – 11am

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at 6.30pm with the renewal of the Baptismal promises and Sacrament of Baptism of our Catechumens.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ - 20 April

Mass at 8am at St Brigid's Bundanoon & St Peter's Burrawang

Mass at 10am at Moss Vale to be held in the school hall.

No Evening Mass in our parish.

Easter Octave: Monday 21 April, Tuesday 22

April, Wednesday 23 April —No Mass

Thursday 24 April and Friday 25 April —10am Moss Vale

Saturday 8am at St Paul's International College

Divine Mercy Sunday - 27 April

Mass at St Peter's Burrawang – Saturday Vigil at 5pm

Mass at St Brigid's Bundanoon – Sunday 8am

Mass at St Paul's Moss Vale – Sunday 10am

Holy Hour -Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotion to the Divine Mercy will be at 3pm at St Paul's MV.

SETTING UP THE CHURCH FOR HOLY WEEK

On Holy Wednesday 16 April at 4pm we are looking for volunteers to help set up the church in Moss Vale for the Easter celebrations.



Morning tea at Peter's church, Burrawang after 8am Mass this Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

ST BRIGID'S 130th ANNIVERSAY

The Bundanoon History Group is celebrating St Brigid's 130th anniversary with a talk on the history of the church, next Monday 7 April at 10:30am at the Soldiers Memorial Hall. This will be followed by a BBQ in the church grounds at 12noon, all welcome.

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.



Mass at Harbison Nursing home — Wednesday 9th April at 1.30pm

Mass at Warrigal Nursing home — Friday 11th April at 2.00pm

WORKING BEE ST PATRICK'S SUTTON FOREST

A Working Bee will be held at St Patrick's Cemetery Sutton Forest on **Saturday 12 April** from 8am till 12 midday. BYO tools for weed removal, tree/bushes to be trimmed, grave tidy ups etc. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated in keeping the cemetery looking tidy.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 5th & 6th April

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