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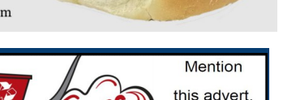

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**Website www.stpaulsmossvale.org.au**

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 PRIEST: FR JEREMY SANTOSO OSPPE

**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.**

## Reflection for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Leo's Lens***

'Are we content with material goods, immediate satisfactions, the countless little idols that promise us everything but leave our hearts empty?', Pope Leo asks.
Obviously not. 'We all long for happiness, love and fulfilment', he notes. Indeed, he affirms that 'only God can fill the emptiness within us.'

Reflecting on how 'Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, leads us, as a shepherd leads his sheep', the Pope reminds us that Jesus shows us how to love: 'He carries the weary and wounded sheep on his shoulders, and gently brings back those who have gone astray.'

Jesus' love is gentle and persistent, directed to each person in a unique manner. 'Jesus reveals God's unconditional love for us', the Pope reminds us. 'In his eyes, none of us is merely a number or an entry in a register, but a unique and irreplaceable person.'

Experiencing such divine love, we are called to share it with others. 'Do not keep this faith in Jesus Christ to yourselves', the Pope says. 'Let it overflow, so that those you meet may be refreshed and their thirst satisfied. You are called to bring hope wherever discouragement and spiritual dryness prevail.' Each of us is called to live 'the holiness of those who worship the true God and generously serve their brothers and sisters in charity.'

*[Quotes from Homily, 26 September 2026, Place de la Concorde (Paris): https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026/documents/20260926-francia-messa-parigi.html]*

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Mon, Wed, Fri **8am** & Thurs **9.30am.**

**St. Paul's Int. College** (Sat) **8am**

**Confessions**: 1st Friday of each month following morning 8am Mass. Every Saturday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm.

| St Paul's Moss Vale | St Brigid's Bundanoon | St Peter's Burrawang | Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park |
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| Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm | Sunday: 2nd & 4th - 8am | Sunday: 1st, 3rd & 5th – 8am | Sunday - 8 am, 9.30am, 11am, Weekday 11am |
| Sunday - 10am | Sunday: 1st, 3rd & 5th - 5pm | Sunday: 2nd & 4th — 5pm | |

**St Francis Xavier, Berrima**
1st Sunday of the Month –12noon

**St Patrick's, Sutton Forest**

# 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 25 October 2026

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 104:3-4
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face

**First Reading** Exodus 22:20-26
**A reading from the book of Exodus**
The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.
"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity." **The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2
**(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.**
1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**
You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming. **The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** John 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 22:34-40
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'
**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon** Ephesians 5:2
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

**Feasts and Memorials**
Wednesday 28: Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

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## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Classes will be held at 8.30am on the following Sundays: Sunday 18 Oct, 25 Oct, 1 Nov, 8 Nov and 15 Nov. Attendance at Mass is compulsory.

**Confirmation** will be held on **Tuesday 24 November** at 6.00pm.

## NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

All Masses will be offered for the intentions of the deceased, loved ones and members of our families.
If you would like Mass to be offered for a particular intention, please write name(s) clearly on an envelope and drop into parish office or place on the collection plate **no later than Sunday 25 October**. Envelopes are available in all church foyers.

## BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Sunday 8 November: St Peter's Burrawang at following 5pm Mass.
Sunday 15 November: St Paul's Moss Vale following 10am Mass.
Sunday 15 November: St Brigid's Bundanoon following 5pm Mass.

## What's on around the Diocese?

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place.

Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/staying-connected/ about what's happening around our Diocese!

Fr Jeremy will be holding a **WORKING BEE** on **Saturday 31 October, from 9:00** am to 10:30 am, to move furniture in preparation for painting the presbytery. Volunteers are needed, and anyone who is able to assist is kindly asked to notify the parish office.
Thank you for your time and generosity in helping with this work.

**WORKING BEE** at Sutton Forest Catholic Cemetery on **Saturday 31 October** 2026 from **8.30am** in preparation for Mass and the blessing of graves on All Souls Day.
Just a tidy up of the grounds etc. Morning tea provided.

## ALL SOULS DAY MASS

Monday 2 November at St Patrick's Church, Sutton Forest at 6pm.

## Parish Pastoral Council - PPC AGM and BBQ 8 November

The PPC is pleased to invite everyone to the Annual General Meeting and BBQ after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday 8th November.
Please call the office on 4868 1931if you plan to attend by Wednesday 4 November so that we have an idea of numbers and prepare for how much BBQ meat we will need. Please bring a salad or sweet to share. See you there!

## Mass Intention

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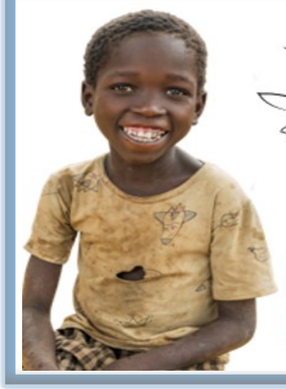

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR DATES:

Saturday 31: Working Bee at starting from 9am to 10.30am at the Presbytery
Saturday 31: Working Bee at Sutton Forest catholic Cemetery from 8.30am