



St. Paul's Parish

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St. Paul's Moss Vale
 Saturday Vigil - 6 pm
 Sunday - 10 am
St. Peter's Burrawang
 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 8 am
 2nd, 4th Sunday - 5 pm
St. Brigid's Bundanoon
 2nd, 4th Sunday - 8 am
 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 5 pm
St. Francis Xavier's Berrima
 1st Sunday of the month (*except Jan, June, July, August*)
 - 11.30am
Penrose Park Monastery
 - 9am & 11am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Paul's Moss Vale
 Mon, Wed, Fri 8am
 Thu 9.30am
St. Paul's Int. College (Sat) 8am
Public Holidays 9am
Octave Easter & Christmas 9.30am
Penrose Park Monastery 11am Daily

RECONCILIATION

St. Paul's Moss Vale
Saturday 5 - 5.30 pm & on request
St. Brigid's Bundanoon
 1st Sunday 4.30pm followed by 5pm Mass
St. Peter's Burrawang
 2nd Sunday 4.30pm followed by 5pm Mass

ST. PAUL, PRAY FOR US

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Richard Green, *osppe*

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We pray for our Parish

Benefactors: Those who so generously donate their time and resources towards projects in our Parish: that God will richly bless them for their generosity.

Sick: Ludvinia, Matthew Simpson, Charles Bullock, Alwyn Kelly, Sr. June, Gerard, Rodney Clarke, Tricia, Margaret, Catherine, Len, Cathy, Moira Ritchie, Tracy Gammel, Dorothy O'Halloran, Nora Waugh, Desmond, Kevin, Kaye, Phil, Kylie, Emily, Harley, Elaine, Bruce Shepherd, Muriel Dromgold, Marilyn, Anthony, Julia, Catherine, Anne, Stuart, Mike, Nicole, Brian, Peter, Elizabeth, Jacqui Mack, Bridget, Paula, and all on the Intercessory Prayer List.

Deceased: Keith Wallis, Ethel Harrison, Indiana, Richard and John Zaranski, Ethel Wrightson, Kenneth Fleeton, Silvana Pugliese, Fran Bullock, HansPeter Diamant, Karel Martinek, Ozzie Emery, Marie Halls, Eileen Fleming, John Charles Dewey, Maree Gregg, Joyce Waters, Tom Van Kints, Valentina Tanas, Hazel Gowland, Muriel Halls, Alison Lawson, Neville Parmenter, Kim, William Pettifer-Newell, Sheilah Carey, Michael Burten, Neil Gilbert, Tom Gill, Greg McRae, Keith Williams, Noel Tilden, Colin McCue, Harry Clout, Barry Ellsmore, Jack Simpson, Dromgold, Hyde, Tilden, Conroy, Poidevin, Murphy, Dwyer, Halls, Lawler, Allport & Saker Families & All Holy Souls.

Recently Deceased: Winifred Casza, Gail Fitzgerald

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Prayer requests for the Intercessory Prayer list to mvprayerlist@gmail.com or Sue at the parish office.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

in support of sick and retired clergy

Each parish provides "living" support to its active clergy, but it is the responsibility of our Diocese to fund the support and care for those sick and retired clergy who have dedicated their lives in service of the Church.

For your convenience, this year's Appeal video can be viewed at <http://dow.sh/caring2017> or on Bishop Peter's Facebook page www.facebook.com/BishopPeterIngham. The video gives a sensitive insight into "a week in the life" of one of our retired clergy, Fr Doug Rheinberger.

In our Diocese, this support is partly funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which will be held in our parish this weekend. Envelopes are available in all churches or if you wish, for your convenience, donations can also be made online via the Diocese of Wollongong's website www.dow.org.au

Your generosity towards this appeal will be appreciated.



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation will be celebrated at St Paul's Moss Vale next Saturday 23rd September 6pm in the hall. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament.

Please be aware that there will be a slight change in some dates for our Sacramental Programme effective next year. As a parish community, it is our aim to include all children in our programmes especially those who may have a disability. If you have a child or know of someone with special needs, please speak with Father Richard.

HYMN BOOK MEETING

A reminder for those who are involved with this, that we will meet on **Wednesday 20th at 5pm** in the meeting room.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



The committee will meet again on **Wednesday 27th September at 5.15pm** in the parish meeting room to discuss ideas. Any parishioners who would like to help are most welcome to come along and join us.

**ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
P & F**



St Paul's Primary 2017 Golf Day
Sunday 15th OCTOBER 2017
(Please note incorrect month last week)
Moss Vale Golf Club

Cost: \$50 per player
Inclusions: Green fees, breakfast roll, on course packaged lunch, afternoon tea
Cart Hire Extra at \$36 per cart (first in to hire)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00am – breakfast & registration
 - 9:00am – shotgun start
 - 12:00pm – lunch on course
 - 2:00pm – afternoon tea & presentations
- Great prizes & trophy for winning team. Come along & support our school, and have a great day out. Contact school on 4868 1794 for registration and details.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Next weekend 24 September, is Social Justice Sunday. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person.

Prevailing notions of justice often have much to commend them - yet are diminished compared to God's love and justice. Our vision can be restricted if what we regard as 'fair' and 'equal' simply asks: why should someone who works one hour receive the same pay as someone who works eight hours? Or why should some receive subsidised housing, electricity, council rates? Read, and read again, Matthew 20:1-16 – then reflect on God's justice.

<http://dow.sh/socialjustice2017>

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING:

Communion of the Sick & Dying
Saturday 4 October St Michael's Parish, 20 North Street, Nowra, 10:30am – 2:30pm. Morning tea and lunch provided
Facilitated by Trish Hyett, Diocesan Liturgical Commission RSVP please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

**CATHOLIC
CEMETERIES & CREMATORIA**

are celebrating 150 years of Rookwood Cemetery with an Open Day on 24 September 2017 from 10am-3pm. There is an opening ceremony at 11am, followed by the grand parade at 11.30am. There will be plenty of activities for young and old including face-painting, pony rides, live entertainment, talks from the Naval Graves Project and author of the new book "Celebrating 150 Years of Rookwood Catholic Cemetery", crematorium & mausoleum tours, grave-digging demonstrations, ancestry searches and food stalls. For more details go to www.catholiccemeteries.com.au

**POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON
"SAME-SEX MARRIAGE"**

Last Thursday's decision by the High Court to let the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey proceed has set in motion a unique process for our nation. It represents a once in a generation moment for the Church to contribute to a conversation about the nature of marriage, the importance of religious freedom and a range of other associated rights and freedoms that are essential for human flourishing. A change in the marriage law has consequences for all Australians, and particularly for people of faith. It is crucial that you have your say. To keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man, vote NO. Visit coalitionformarriage.com.au/catholic for more information.

**THE AUSTRALIAN MARRIAGE LAW
POSTAL SURVEY TIMELINE**

- September 12:** The Survey forms mail out begins.
- September 25:** The Survey forms mail out finishes.
- October 20:** Requests for replacement survey forms closes.
- October 27:** Voters are strongly encouraged to post back their survey form by this date.
- November 7:** Responses received after this date won't be processed.
- November 15:** The Survey result will be released on the ABS website.

MARRIAGE PLEBISCITE RESOURCES

A web page on the ACBC web site has been established to provide some information on the Postal Survey: www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite. There are also a number of marriage resources at www.sydneycatholic.org/marriageinfo/

**MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING
FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES**

The Month of Prayer and Fasting is intended to be held in parishes across Australia during October 2017. Parishes are encouraged to celebrate Mass, pray the Rosary and undertake Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this time with the special intention of marriages and families in mind.

**HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
19TH-21ST OCTOBER 2017**

Fairfield RSL Club Sydney presented by The Catholic Guy. Notices in foyers.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed on **Wednesday 27** and **Thursday 28 September**.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

God may be calling YOU
but probably not on your mobile phone.

Please turn off
your mobile phone
during the celebration of
the Holy Mass



FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 27:30- 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8 v

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

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. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R)

4. For as the heavens are high

above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R)



SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you, Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. 'Give me time,' he said, 'and I will pay the whole sum.' And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell

at his feet and implored him saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound; then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



REFLECTION



'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of

forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

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FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wed 20: St Andrew KimTae-gon, *priest, martyr*,

Thurs 21: St Matthew, *apostle, evangelist*

Sat 23: St Pius of Pietrelcina, *priest*

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