



St. Paul's Parish

ONE PARISH - SIX CHURCHES - MANY NEEDS - WORKING TOGETHER

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.

Safe Return: Chris, Adam, Zachary and Eli - missing at sea

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

BLESSING OF PETS MASS Sunday 26TH NOVEMBER



It's customary that in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals."

Join at the 10am Mass St Paul's Moss Vale, which will be held under the hall awning. All pets are welcome, large and small, furry, feathery, finny, slithery. For

safety's sake, we ask that nonhuman living critters be leashed, crated or otherwise restrained. (Toilet bags will be available for your use.)

This will be a great opportunity for our parish and school to come together and meet the "other" members of the family.

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL



St Vincent de Paul Society

NSW

good works

The annual Christmas Appeal will be held across our Parish this weekend. When you are rejoicing with family and friends this Christmas, please remember those who are less fortunate than yourself.

The Jesse Tree for your gifts for specific persons and families in need will also be set up in our churches on the 2nd and 3rd December. Parishioners who would like to participate can select a recipient from the tree.

Remember those who would like to help, however feel that this could be beyond their budget, please consider a joint effort with another parishioners.

As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



MONTH OF NOVEMBER



ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE
UPON THEM.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN

ADVENT PARISH RETREAT DAY

RETREAT MASTER – FR MARK DE BATTISTA
GENERAL THEME OF ADVENT / CHRISTMAS
2ND DECEMBER 2017



- 12 Noon:** Gather for a light lunch
- 12.30 pm:** First Conference – Fr Mark (for everyone)
- 1.15 pm:** Activities for children – Quiet Time for adults – Short shared reflection - Church and entire complex open - Quiet wander around the grounds or wherever participants desire
- 2.00 pm:** Exposition and Reconciliation (*Examination of Conscience on screen in the church*)
- 3.00 pm:** Gather in the church for Chapel of Divine Mercy and Benediction
- 3.30 pm:** Afternoon Tea
- 4.15 pm:** Second Conference – Fr Mark (In tandem with separate activities for children)
- 5.00 pm:** Wrap up and Parish Regular Confessions
- 6.00 pm:** Third conference – Mass Fr Mark

Please bring a plate to share for lunch and afternoon tea- thank you

CONGRATULATIONS

There was one \$5 sweep. The winners were: 1st: Brian, 2nd: Lynne, 3rd: Sue Thank you to all who participated. Proceeds to Parish \$85

“RED COW FARM”

FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for Red Cow Farm. **Tickets are \$10 each and are available for purchase up to 30th November 2017.** Entry to the garden can be used up to May 2018.



FEAST DAY ST FRANCIS XAVIER SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Please join us for a Solemn Mass at Ber-rima 11.30am to celebrate this Feast Day.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP PETER INGHAM ON THE YES VOTE

The Yes vote has prevailed in the marriage postal survey and while we are disappointed, we accept the result of the survey and the democratic process undertaken. Following an amendment to the Marriage Act, civil marriage will be open to same-sex couples.

The postal survey was never a vote on the worth or dignity of people with same-sex attraction, which is beyond question, but on the meaning of marriage and the unique roles of a husband and wife in a family.

The Catholic Church will continue to promote and practise the tenet of our Faith that marriage is a lifelong union of a man and a woman, open to the possibility of children. The survey has confirmed that this is a position shared by millions of people in this country.

The focus is now on our parliament to ensure that the proper freedoms are legislated to guarantee that the many people who hold to the traditional definition of marriage are free to speak, teach and act on this belief.

Copies of a Media Release from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference are also available in church foyers.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2017

His Holiness Pope Francis has designated the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19 November 2017, as the First World Day of the Poor, the theme of which is:

“Let us love, not with words but with deeds”.

Pope Francis reminds us that there are many people who have devoted their lives to serving the poor. We recall our own Australian Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Pope Francis calls on us to truly “encounter” the poor and to see how poverty challenges us in so many ways, “in faces marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced migration.”

His Holiness describes the Our Father as a prayer for the poor and hence an appropriate prayer for this occasion: “The Our Father is a prayer said in the plural: the bread for which we ask is “ours”, and that entails sharing, participation and joint responsibility. In this prayer, all of us recognize our need to overcome every form of selfishness, in order to enter into the joy of mutual acceptance.”

It is the Holy Father's wish that this occasion will provide a time for “Christian communities (to) become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need.”

Most Rev Terence Brady
Chair, Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life

PIETY STALL

Please visit the Piety Stall during office hours, we have recently increased the variety of our stock. We now have in stock Baptismal & Wedding Candles, gifts for Christmas, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, a variety of Holy Cards & greeting cards - all at reasonable prices. All proceeds from purchases remain in the Parish.



ST PAUL'S INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Happy Birthday Jesus Party



Children in Years 4 and 5 are invited to attend a party in honour of Jesus Saturday 2nd December 2017 1.30pm-3.30pm



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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Although Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, attending the Vigil of Christmas is not your Sunday Obligation.

Saturday/Sunday - 23/24 December

- 6pm Vigil Moss Vale
- 8am Bundanoon
- 10am Moss Vale
- NOTE:** No Sunday evening Mass

Christmas

- 24 December:** Vigil 5pm Burrawang and 7pm Moss Vale,
- 25 December:** 8am Bundanoon, 10am Moss Vale in the Hall.
- NOTE:** No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Octave of Christmas: Daily Mass at 9.30am (including Tuesday)

- New Year's Eve (30/31 December):** Usual Sunday Mass times in the Parish.
- New Year's Day (1 January)** 9.30am Mass Moss Vale

PENROSE PARK MASSES

- Christmas Eve:** 12 Midnight
- Christmas Day:** 9am and 11am English 10am Polish
- New Year's Eve:** 11pm Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at Midnight to welcome the New Year

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

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates:

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5. R v. 1

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R)

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It

is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to over take you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4.5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

*Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability: Then he set out. *

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant, you have shown, you can be faithful in small things, I will trust

you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents: here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." *The Gospel of the Lord. *
*Shorter Form read between **

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tues 21: The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed 22: St Cecilia, *virgin, martyr*

Fri 24: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, *priest and companions, martyrs*

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