



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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OFFICE HOURS

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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 : Maureen Steele, Noela, Alan & Peter Lawler, Dennis Lambourne, Ron Channels, Helen Burke, Marie Quinn, Maree Fitzgerald, Charles Hayes, 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.

May they rest in peace. Amen

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

SOLEMNITY OF ST Paul THE FIRST HERMIT

Monday 15th January 2018



St Paul the Hermit is traditionally considered as the first saint living the solitary life. He died at the age of 113, at which time, as related by St Anthony, two lions dug a grave for him. This story is captured in the coat-of-arms of the Order, showing the palm tree, two lions and a raven. The Pauline Order chose St Paul the First Hermit as its Patron and Patriarch and thus took the name "Order of St Paul the First Hermit". The feast of St Paul is solemnly observed by the Order on January 15th. In the spirit of appreciation, the Pauline Fathers offer each year a novena of prayers in honour of St Paul the Hermit for all their benefactors, friends and supporters.

Please keep the Pauline Fathers and Brothers in your prayers and pray for new vocations to their Order, especially in Australia.

Mass St Paul's Moss Vale 8am
Solemn Mass Penrose Park 11am
 (Renewal of Vows by the Pauline Community)

ORDINARY TIME



As we begin the season of **Ordinary Time** in the Church, let us take some time and remind ourselves of it's meaning.

Because the term *ordinary* in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression.

Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting

Why Is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!



ROSTERS FOR MOSS VALE

New rosters commencing from 13th January 2018 are in the church foyer. Please take your copy home with you. We are always looking for more volunteers to read, clean and to do the flowers, so if you would like to be included on the next roster, please just call the parish office.

UPCOMING FEAST DATES



25th January: Conversion of St Paul
9.30am Mass at Moss Vale



26th January: Mass will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier, Berrima on **Friday 26 January at 9.00am.** Please join us to pray, give thanks and celebrate for being blessed with such a beautiful country.

Note NO 8am Mass at Moss Vale

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT BRIAN MASCORD

PARISH SEATING AT THE ORDINATION OF BRIAN MASCORD



Our parish will be seated together as a group at the Ordination of our new Bishop-elect Brian Mascord at 7:00pm on Thursday 22 February 2018 at the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong.

The parish will need to RSVP by end of January, so could you please advise the parish office if you would like to attend the Ordination

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2018

First Reconciliation Friday 23 March
(3 weeks of preparation classes)



Classes will be held on Sunday 4th, 11th & 18th March

First Holy Communion Sunday 3 June
(4 weeks of preparation classes)



Classes will be held on Sunday 29th April, 6th, 20th & 27th May

Confirmation Saturday 29 September
(5 weeks of preparation classes)



Classes will be held on Sunday 19th & 26th August, 9th, 16th & 23rd September

All Sacramental preparation will begin with Mass at 10am at St Paul's Moss Vale of which attendance is compulsory followed by a light morning tea and the lessons will then commence at 11.15am in the hall and will take approximately one hour.



TO REQUEST VINNIES AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY HELP PLEASE PHONE 0437 509 449

DATE CLAIMER 2018 DIOCESAN LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

- Acolytes, Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers
 - Wollongong Saturday, 14 April; Campbelltown Saturday, 26 May; Nowra Saturday, 7 July
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REGIONAL FAREWELL MASS FOR BISHOP PETER INGHAM



Fr Michael Williams—on behalf of the Western Macarthur and Southern Highlands regions of the Diocese—has warmly invited our parish to attend a farewell Mass for Bishop Peter Ingham at **7:30pm** on Wednesday **7 February 2018** at St Paul's Catholic Church, Camden (Cnr John and Mitchell Sts). Bishop Peter will preside at the Mass and it will be a great opportunity for parishioners to say their farewells. Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass. No RSVP is necessary.

ADVERTISING IN PARISH BULLETIN

We have some advertising space on the back of our bulletin, if you know of a business which would like to advertise please have them contact the parish office.

EMAILING OF BULLETIN

It has recently been pointed out to the office that parishioners have not been receiving their bulletin via email. This appears to have been caused due to a recent update of our computer via the Diocese. We hope to have this corrected by next week. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



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

Samuel 3:3-10.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak; Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R vv.8. 9

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. (R)

SECOND READING

Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered,

'Rabbi,'- which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the ten hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Mon 15: St Paul the First Hermit



Tues 16: Our Lady, Queen of Hermits:



Solemn Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park 11am

Wed 17: St Anthony, abbot



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