



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*

Presbytery: 24 Garrett St. Moss Vale

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1.00pm to 5.00pm Wed

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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, Lucinda and baby Indiana, Matthew Simpson, Charles Bullock, Rosie, 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: 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, Sheila 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.

Anniversaries: Richard and John Zaranski

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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

SAINTS ANNE & JOACHIM

Each year the Church venerates the memory of Saints Anne & Joachim on July 26th. An ancient story dating to the first centuries of the Church's life recalls how Saints Anne & Joachim, like Abraham and Sarah, were scorned by their neighbours because they had no children. Years of longing did not weaken their trust in God, but grief eventually drove Saint Joachim into the wilderness to fast and pray. Saint Anne, remaining at home, dressed in mourning clothes and wept because she had no child of her own. Seeing her mistress distressed, a servant girl reminded Anne to put her trust in God. Saint Anne washed her face, put on her bridal clothes and went to a garden to plead with God for a child. Angels appeared to Saint Anne in her garden and Saint Joachim in the desert, promising that, despite their old age, they would give birth to a child who would be known throughout the world. The new parents ran to meet one another at Jerusalem's Golden Gate, and with a kiss rejoiced in the new life which God had promised would be theirs. Saints Anne and Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as all who have grown old.



God of our fathers, you gave Saints Anne and Joachim the privilege of being the parents of Mary, the mother of your incarnate Son. May their prayers help us to attain the salvation you have promised to your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

On behalf of the parish we wish all grandparents a very happy and blessed day.

PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CONFIRMATION



Enrolments forms were collected for the Sacrament of Confirmation at the meeting last Thursday for those interested.

If you wish your child enrolled and did not attend the meeting please speak to Fr Richard as soon as possible.

These forms may be returned at Holy Mass on the following weekends: 23/24 July, 30/31 July, 5/6 August or 12/13 August.

Please note: No enrolments will be accepted after the 13th August.

All enquires, please contact the Sacramental Coordinator Mrs Helen Brearley at sacramentmossvale@gmail.com



EAST AFRICA FOOD CRISIS- CARITAS APPEAL



Caritas Australia is responding to these people. **Caritas Australia** will contribute to the work of **Caritas International**, which is closely involved with those most in need. The immediate need is for food and water, shelter and medical supplies to help reduce the loss of life due to malnutrition and disease.

Responding to Pope Francis' call for assistance the Wollongong Diocese have made available reply paid envelopes for the month of July, in church foyers, which parishioners can take home with them and mail their donation directly to Caritas Australia.

\$350 could provide emergency food aid for a family of seven in Malawi for five months

\$156 could provide enough sorghum to help feed a family in South Sudan for an entire month

\$65 could purchase a bag of 45 kgs of beans and feed a family for 3 months in Kenya

\$23 could provide maize flour to help feed a Kenyan family for an entire month.

"In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Matt 25:40

Please give generously

DURING THE WINTER MONTH OF AUGUST THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, BERRIMA



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We are looking for some people who would like to co-ordinate a fund raising committee for the Parish. You would have the support of the PPC and FC as well as many others, we just would like leaders to steer us in the correct direction.

Some of the ideas for fundraising are:

- Car boot sale
- Car wash - in warmer weather
- Bush Dance or similar
- Cake Stall at Bunnings
- Fashion Parade/supper
- Musical concert
- Bus trips e.g. Floriade, Factory Outlets, Car racing events etc.

Or you may have many others.....

If you feel you would like to take charge, please contact Fr Richard or the office.



CEMETERY PLOTS AT St Peter's Burrawang

Keeping in line with current costs, St Peter's Burrawang will also be increasing their costs effective **1st August 2017**.



MASS AT HARBISON & WARRIGAL NURSING HOMES

Parishioners are invited to attend the Masses held at Harbison, Moss Vale and Warrigal, Bundanoon. They are held once a month: Wednesday at Harbison and Thursday at Warrigal.

July Masses are as follows:

26th July Harbison 2pm

27th July Warrigal 3pm



FR JAROSLAW ZAN, OSPPE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

A Mass will be celebrated for Fr Jarek's 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood at St Gertrude's Smithfield on Friday 8th September 2017 at 7pm. Parishioners wishing to attend, please contact the parish office.

A bus may be organized depending on numbers.



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

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY P & F

Claim the dates:

St Paul's **Trivia Night** Saturday 19th August, 7pm in the school hall. Tickets are \$15 each, or table of 8 \$120. BYO drinks, glassware & nibbles. Booking forms available from the school office, or email stpaulscommunityfair@gmail.com

St Paul's **Golf Day** - Sunday 15th October, Moss Vale Golf Club. \$50 per player, 4 Ball ambrose. Further details available soon

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CATECHISTS

Just a reminder to all Catechists about Level 3 Training Course, details are as follows:-

Macarthur – Highlands: CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown

Start date: Monday, 7 August (6 week course on consecutive Mondays) 9.30am - 1.30pm

For bookings or questions please contact Mrs Cindy Oliver by 31 July, on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL IN SYDNEY FROM 7-9 DECEMBER 2017

The registration for ACYF in Sydney from 7-9 December 2017 has been launched! Groups and Individuals are encouraged to register early to secure their spot at the Festival. Early bird registration closes on 18 August 2017. The Festival registration process can be found online at www.acyf.org.au.

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

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.
The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:5-6.9-10.15-16. R. v.5

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R)



SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.
The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-43

*Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field: While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." **

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

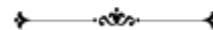
I will speak to you in parables, and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.'

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one;

the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter Form, verses 24-30. Read between



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The refusal of the householder to allow his slaves to separate the wheat from the weeds while they are still growing is a warning to the disciples not to attempt to anticipate the final judgment of God by a definitive exclusion of sinners from the Kingdom. In its present stage, it is composed of the good and the bad. The judgment of God alone will eliminate the sinful. Until then there must be patience and the preaching of repentance. We can learn much from God's patience as we see him allow both the good and the evil to grow together. How important it is to remember this point when we grow so impatient with God's role in human history. How often do we ask: "Where is the ultimate vindication that God has promised us?" How long, O Lord, until you show your might and power to rout our enemies? How long until you show your face to us? When we get stuck in such ruts, our moods are fixed more intently on the stubborn persistence of evil than on the slow emergence and growth of good. God loves goodness more than God hates evil.



FEASTS THIS WEEK

25 July: St James, apostle

26 July: Sts Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

29 July: St Martha



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