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To make an appointment please call 4868 1931.  
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"These people honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Their worship of me is empty, for the doctrine they teach is human precepts. True worship is that which establishes a concordance between the lips and the heart; that which springs from a heart attached to God.

Jesus also criticises them because they set aside the commandment of God in order to cling to the tradition of men. This way of trivialising the word of God is serious, and it destroys true religion, in which God must have the first place, and everything else must take second place.

This behaviour is a constant in the history of religions. Jesus takes the opportunity to instruct people about something very important and liberating at the same time, and which has not been learned and accepted by some religions: Only what comes out of the heart defiles a man, not what goes in through the mouth. But our heart will be truly pure if it is attached to the source of holiness and purity. Do I seek the wisdom that comes from God? Do I listen with respect to God's Word and hope that it will transform me? Is my heart attached to God, or is it more attentive to other realities or people?

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

**Confessions:** 1st Friday of each month following morning Mass. After Saturday 8.00 am Mass at St Paul's International College or by appointment.

St Paul's Moss Vale	St Brigid's Bundanoon	St Peter's Burrawang	Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park
Saturday Vigil - 6.30pm	1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday Vigil -5pm	2nd, 4th Saturday Vigil -5pm	Sunday - 8am, 9.30am, 11am , Weekday 11am
Sunday - 10am	2nd, 4th Sunday -8am	1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday- 8am	

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf Psalm 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**FIRST READING** Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

**The Word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27**A reading from the letter of St James**

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

**The Word of the Lord.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Matthew 5:9-10

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

**FEASTS AND MEMORIALS**

Tuesday 3: St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor. Memorial. The vestment is white.

The liturgical vestment is GREEN.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY PRAYER**

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Loving Lord,  
On this joyful Father's Day, I rejoice in the blessing of having an amazing dad who reflected Your heart for me. Thank You for his life-giving affection, patient instruction, and integrity that set an example for me to follow. His sacrificial provision, protective care, and selfless compassion displayed Your unfailing love tangibly. Today I express my profound gratitude for the ways his nurturing presence has tremendously impacted my life. Lavish him with abundant favor, renewed strength, and a powerful awareness of how cherished he is by our family and by You.

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**PPC MEETING**

The next PPC meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 September at 5.00pm.

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**CONFIRMATION 2024****Class timetable:**

No class on 1st September – Father's Day  
Class 4: 8th/9th September (Sunday and Monday class)  
Class 5: 15th/16th September (includes rehearsal)

Classes are followed by attendance of the 10am Mass or any weekend Mass at one of the station churches which is compulsory.

**Reconciliation for children before Confirmation:**

St Paul's Primary children: Thursday 12th September at 10.15am

State School children: Friday 13th September at 5.00pm

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 18th September at 7pm.



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The Feast of Creation begins September 1 also known as Creation Day or World Day of Prayer for Creation, is the big celebration that inspires and nourishes the larger season that flows from it. Inspired by a rich tradition of the Orthodox Church, it was later embraced by most other churches.

Besides being a moment to repent for our sinful desecration of the gift of Creation and pray for its healing, the feast honors God as Creator and commemorates the great mystery of the creation of the cosmos (learn more about the feast's history and symbolism).

In other words, it is not just about celebrating "Creation as the created world" that God gifted us, but most importantly it is about celebrating "Creation as foundational mystery" of our Christian faith. In a nutshell, it is a moment to thank and praise God as Creator.

**Weekend Retreat Jamberoo Abbey**

The Jamberoo Abbey invites all people to come and join in a face-to-face retreat at the Abbey this September 2024, titled Encountering God in Lectio Divina.

The retreat will be co-ordinated by local author Sr Antonia Curtis, who has put together an amazing weekend of prayer, learning and reflection. The retreat will make use of the new resource written by Sr Antonia.

There is also the option of staying on at the Abbey for private reflection after the retreat ends on Sunday afternoon 28 September 2024. Please note that cottage accommodation must be vacated by Monday morning at 9am. For more information, please visit [jamberooabbey.org.au](http://jamberooabbey.org.au)

**The Journey, 25 August 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week:**

Fr Mark De Battista says this Gospel highlights while we may deceive others, we cannot deceive God. Mother Hilda says we're called to trust in God promises even in times of uncertainty. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton. The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).

**Please remember in your Prayers**

Recently Deceased: Mr Allyn Wray RIP  
We will update the parish regarding his funeral.

Deceased Anniversary: Mary Mizzi