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PARISH OFFICE

To make an appointment please call 4868 1931. If you need to speak to Father urgently, please call the office and select option 4.

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Deaf Christians: they are those who repeat inside themselves "the same old thing", what they have learned and are losing the power of the Spirit. They have closed their ears and sometimes consider themselves to be experts in the Word, without feeling that Jesus continues to call them in the new. They live self absorbed and in continuous self referentiality.

And there are mute Christians: who, out of fear or lack of confidence, or because they never feel ready, have never pronounced the name of Jesus to others, nor have they told their experience of salvation; they fulfil, pray, live the commandments and read the Bible: but they renounce to be witnesses.

Faith has this double dynamism that nourishes it: we are open to God in his Word and in the signs of the times, but at the same time we speak, with our lips and deeds, of what the Lord is doing in us. One leads to the other! Are we aware of the greatness of baptism and of the faith we profess? Are we people of fraternity and hope, of healing encounters without prejudice? Do we know how to match the faith we have received with the witness we give? **Fr Marek Dutkiewicz PP**

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Mon, Wed, Fri 8am & Thurs 9.30am including School Mass (During School Term Only)

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 Psalm 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak. Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water. **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING James 2:1-5**A reading from the letter of St James**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him. **The Word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

Friday 13: St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor. Memorial. The vestment is white.

Saturday 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Feast. The vestment is red.

The liturgical vestment is GREEN.

Parish Pastoral Council

At the PPC meeting on Wednesday, the upcoming Mass for the Anointing of the Sick was discussed. This Mass will be held 10 October at 9.30 am.

Transport will be provided for those who need it from all areas of the parish. However, we need the help of parishioners to let us know who the people are. You can ring the parish office and leave the names of people who would like to take part in this Mass and who will need transport. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Please note that this Mass is not just for the elderly and infirm. Anyone, young or old who are not well, or who are in need of any healing can gain solace and comfort through this beautiful sacrament. The Mass will be followed by morning tea in the school hall.

Since COVID St Paul's Moss Vale has not re-introduced the Offertory procession. At the suggestion of a parishioner, this matter was also discussed.

We would like the names of individuals or families who would be prepared to go on the roster to take part in this – even the oldest and youngest members of the family can participate. Fr Marek will explain the significance of having an Offertory procession.

More PPC news next week!



A special thank you to all the parishioners who came to help with the morning tea last Sunday and made it a memorable occasion for Dennis.

Mass will be celebrated at Warrigal Nursing Home on Friday 13 September at 2pm.

CONFIRMATION GIFTS

Please remember to visit our piety stall in the parish office if you are looking for a gift for your child.

We have gifts for Sacraments together with holy medals & cards. All goods sold help to support the parish.

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

Class 4: 8th/9th September (Sunday and Monday class)

Class 5: 15th/16th September (includes rehearsal)

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.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation for this Sacrament.

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
8 SEPTEMBER 2024



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>



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The Journey This Week:

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'

Gospel Reflection – Fr Simon Apablaza – *Profound Healing*
Mother Hilda – *What Can You See?*
Fr Tony Percy – *Skin in the Game*
Byron & Francine Pirola – *oving Smart*
Fr Mike Delaney – *Tasmania Wine Festival*

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**Please remember in your Prayers**

Recently Deceased: Mr Allyn Wray RIP
The Funeral Mass will be held at St Paul's Church Moss Vale on Wednesday 11 September at 11am.

Recently Deceased: Anita Reyes

Deceased Anniversary: Mary Mizzi