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The Parish Facebook "St Paul's Catholic Parish, Moss Vale". We continue to ask parishioners to contact the office via email mossvale@dow.org.au where possible.

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.

Office Hours: MON, WED, THURS, FRI 10:00am-1:30pm.
The office will be closed on Tuesday.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Peter's confession: "You are the Messiah" Jesus is spoken of as the Suffering Servant of Isaiah who fulfils all that was announced on his way of the cross.

This is a perspective to be taken into account: life in faith and works, including the yoke of the cross. Three times Jesus announced his passion and death for us. Jesus knew well that he was heading from the cradle to the cross and resurrection, but the disciples could not understand that this was the end of a powerful and merciful Messiah in whom they believed.

Hence Peter began to rebuke him and Jesus had to rebuke him because his attitude was satanic and unfaithful. "Get out of my sight, Satan, you think like men, not like God!

The theologian Julio Lois when defining what authentic Christian spirituality consists of points out three features: to know reality, to bear reality and to change reality. God calls us to commit ourselves, from our faith, and with our works to bring down from the cross the crucified of this world. For faith without works is dead by itself. Both the letter of James and today's gospel account warn us against the temptation of an intimate spirituality, a mere intellectual adherence to dogmas, or a privatisation of faith. No, faith is a personal encounter with Jesus, lived in community, which leads us to live in a filial relationship with the God of the Kingdom and with people, our brothers and sisters. God becomes present in our sufferings. Do you carry your cross? How do you combine faith and works in your life? To say: I believe in God and not live according to God's plan is a mockery of the Lord and a scandal before men. **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	

St Francis Xavier, Berrima St Patrick's, Sutton Forest

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:5-9**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

I gave my body to those who struck me. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me? The Word of the Lord. **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) *I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

SECOND READING James 2:14-18**A reading from the letter of St James**

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.' **The Word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 8:27-35**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf 1 Corinthians 10:16

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

Monday 16: Lord. Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr. Memorial. The vestment is red.
Friday 20: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs. The vestment is red.
Saturday 21: St Matthew, apostle, evangelist. Feast. The vestment is red.

The liturgical vestment is GREEN.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

We welcome in our parish Most Rev Bishop Brian Mascord DD

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

PARISH NEWS

Thursday 10 October 9.30 am - **Mass for the Anointing of the Sick.** Transport will be provided for those who need it from all areas of the parish. Please ring the parish office and leave the names of people who will need transport. This Mass is not just for the elderly and infirm and will be followed by morning tea in the school hall.

Monday, 14 October 10.00am – **Faith Circles** recommences in Parish Meeting Room led by Fr Marek. This will be held on the second Monday of each month. All parishioners welcome.



The first **Parish BBQ** will be held on 19 October after the Vigil Mass.

Parishioners are asked to bring a salad, **OR** a dessert to share. Bring your own drinks.

Assistance is required to – Set up the hall
Cook the BBQ

We are still looking for individuals and families to take part in the **Offertory Procession** at the Vigil Mass and the 10.00am Sunday Mass at St Paul's. Please let the office know if you are able to help with this so that your names may be included on the roster.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) this year falls on a Saturday so the Mass for All Souls at St Patrick's Sutton Forest will be at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 5 November. This will be followed by a blessing of the graves.

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.

The office will be open from 9am for parents wishing to buy gifts.

**WORKING BEE**

Sutton Forest Catholic Cemetery Trust will have a Working Bee at St Patrick's Church and Cemetery (Illawarra Highway) on **Saturday 21st September from 9am to 12pm.**

Many hands are needed as there is plenty of catch up work to be done. No matter your skills, please come along!

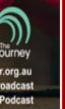
There will be no Mass at St Paul's Church on Thursday 19 September 2024. There will be morning Mass at St Paul's International College at 7.15am.

The Journey This Week:**Gospel: Mark 8:27-35**

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

Gospel Reflection – Fr Sheldon Burke CRS – No Jesus Without the Cross
Mother Hilda – Church on Sunday
Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Fr Dave Callaghan MGL, and Peter Abela

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**Foster Care Week 2024 – A Call For Foster Carers**

Foster Care Week, beginning on 8 September to 15 September, aims to raise awareness of the urgent need for foster carers. In NSW, over 350 children and young people are urgently seeking foster care, with close to 100 of those children and young people living in our diocese alone. CatholicCare is doing all it can to meet this need – but more carers are desperately needed. Bishop Brian has recorded a short video that outlines the challenges of the foster care system and is urging all parishioners within the Wollongong Diocese to discern if you can help: <https://dow.sh/bmfc24>.

**Please remember in your Prayers**

Ill: Carolyn Hannan
Deceased Anniversary: Mary Mizzi