



FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17
Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 9am OLOF Goulburn
5pm SPP Goulburn
5pm Taralga
Sunday - 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)
9am (Crookwell)
Binda - 10.30am (1st Sunday)
Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)
Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)
Bungonia: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

CONFESSIONS

SPP: 11.30 -12 (Fri), Sat *4.15pm
OLOF: 9.30am -10am
Taralga: *4.30pm (1st Sat)
Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)
*An hour later from September to April.

ADORATION & BENECTION

SPP 11am Fridays
Syra Malabar- Mass: 1st Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF
3rd Wednesday 5.30pm OLOF
Guided Adoration Friday: 5.30-6pm OLOF

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),
Wednesday, Thursday 7.30 am OLOF,
Friday- 9.30am STM Crookwell
Friday - 12 noon (SPP)
Sat - 9am (OLOF)

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We have committed to zero tolerance of abuse, and the Protection of all our people.

MISSION CALENDAR DATES

MAY -AUG: VIGIL MASSES AT 5.30- Confessions at 4.30
MAY 13: Crookwell Morning tea 10.30am Meeting room
MAY 20: Taralga Prayer Meeting 10am School
JUN 04: Sacramental Retreat: St Brigid's 9.30am-2.30pm
JUN 06: Men's Rosary Crusade 10am OLOF Forecourt
JUN 06: Women's Morning tea- 10am Wesley Centre
JUN 07: First Holy Communion
JUN 28: Feast of Sts Peter and Paul's Mass & Luncheon

The Community of the Goulburn Mission works hard to ensure we are a Safe Community for all our parishioners, visitors and residence. Healthy inclusion and safeguarding practices are at the heart of our administration. Please read the information regarding inclusion and accessibility on your church notice boards as we strive to be compliant and compassionate.

REFLECTION:

Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time when he is no longer physically present among them. He promises the Father that he will send them the Holy Spirit, 'another Advocate' to be with them forever. "Advocate" is a legal term. An advocate is one who pleads our case in court, who speaks on our behalf, who utters the words that we cannot, who stands beside us in very difficult situations. As we give thanks for the Holy Spirit who is our Advocate, we recognise that we in turn are called to be advocates for those people in our community who cannot speak for themselves. There are many organisations, often inspired by the Gospels, that are involved in advocacy-for refugees, for women and children being trafficked, for the mentally ill, the unborn and the aged who are unable to plead their own cause. And as St Peter reminds us in today's second reading, we are also called to be advocates for Christ by having an answer ready for people who ask us the reason for the hope we have. Let us remember that it is always the witness of our lives and our personal stories, rather than the complex theological doctrines, that attract people to Christ.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."



SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026

First Holy Communion
Sunday 7th June



Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day
13th May 2026

At OLOF Church 101 Lagoon St
 10am Morning Tea

10.40- 12pm Talk by Father Lim



OLOF Church

Family Adoration

Friday's 5.30-6pm

During School Term

The RCIA Team Invites you to join in the final session of RCIA for this season. Help us send forth the candidates with a catechism on the purpose and meaning of Holy Mass in Catholic Life.

6pm-7.30pm May 13th SPP Cathedral.



Sts Peter and Paul's Feast Day Luncheon

11.40 am Goulburn Workers Club
 After 10am Mass

Tickets available through the Goulburn Parish Office or QKR! App (Goulburn Mission)
 \$50 per person

Special Guest Speaker Ron Tesoriero-
Lawyer, Author and Documentary filmmaker

Mothers Day Prayer for Sunday 10th May.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOULBURN MISSION CEMETERIES, BURIALS AND NICHES.

The Goulburn Mission has many cemeteries in it's portfolio, across our 3 Parishes. All queries, sales and reservations of plots and niches can be made through the Goulburn Mission office- 0403 631 797-goulburn@cg.org.au

Recently Deceased: Mildred Hogan, Assunta Apap, Tom Moss, Ian McAleenan, Helen Gooch, Lenna Cotton, Lorraine Cassidy, Pauline Upfield, Nunzia Jasaravic, Douglas Craig, Sherri Foreman,

Anniversaries: Bernard Croker, Rod McCabe, Maria Misfud, Stefan Karwowki, Irene Bobrowski, Zdzislaw Peplowski, Val Elliott, Winifred Elliott, Peter O'Brien, Selby (William) Burgess, Perry McCormack, Dawn Cummins, Andrez Bobrowski, Sam Gravina, Arthur, Craicun-King, Anable Coffee and Craicun Family Deceased, Christian Justin Bag-au, Natalie Misfud,

Prayers: Arlo Saccilotto, Amber Pearce (25th Birthday day) Sarah Mackay, Dennis Boreham, Michelle Thamini, Eva Lowe, Anita Jeisman, Mike Ryan, Lisa Polley, John Murrell, John Bowen, Tony McCormack, Brendan Walsh, John Murrell, Christopher White, Leslie King,

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Isaiah 48:20
 Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
 proclaim to the ends of the earth:
 The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: John 14:23
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 All who love me will keep my words,
 and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Article provided by Fr Michael Lim

Mass Intentions in the Life of the Church An Explanation for Parishioners: The offering of Mass intentions is a long-standing and meaningful practice in the Catholic Church. When a Mass is celebrated for a particular intention, the faithful entrust their prayers for the living and the deceased, to the saving work of Christ made present in the Eucharist. Through this practice, parishioners participate spiritually in the Church's prayer and unite their personal intentions with the sacrifice of Christ on the altar. In our parish, parishioners are invited to request Mass intentions by submitting an intention envelope. Each envelope may contain multiple names or sub-intentions, whether for family members, loved ones, or others for whom prayer is sought. This helps ensure that, given the large number of requests, we are able to accommodate as many intentions as possible within the parish's Mass schedule. If more than one mass is intended, please state this clearly on the envelope. The customary stipend for each Mass intention is \$20, in accordance with diocesan norms and the Church's discipline regarding offerings connected to the celebration of the Mass. These offerings are not payments for sacramental grace which can never be bought but a voluntary contribution made to support the Church and the priest who celebrates the Mass. At the same time, it must be clearly stated that no one is ever denied a Mass intention due to financial hardship. If you are unable to afford the stipend, your intention will still be accepted and remembered at Mass.

The Church consistently teaches that the spiritual benefits of the Eucharist are available to all, regardless of material circumstances. Mass intentions are most often requested for those who have died, particularly our family members and loved ones who have "gone before us marked with the sign of faith." In praying for the dead, the Church expresses her enduring belief in the communion of saints and the power of prayer to assist the souls of the faithful departed. We thank you for your understanding, generosity, and continued participation in this important spiritual practice. Please be assured that every intention received is treated with reverence and is entrusted to the mercy of God through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Cited from the Sources below. 1. Catechism of the Catholic Church (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997), 1367. 2. Code of Canon Law, c. 945 §1. 3. Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2121. 4. Code of Canon Law, c. 848. 5. Roman Missal, Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon). 6. Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 958-959.

