



FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death forever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 22. R. v.6
(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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**ALL SPP MASS CONDUCTED AT OLOF FOR NOW
WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday - 9am OLOF Goulburn
6pm SPP Goulburn
6m Taralga
Sunday - 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)
9am (Crookwell)
Binda - 10.30am (1st Sunday)
Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)
Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)

CONFESSIONS: SPP CONFESSION CONDUCTED AT OLOF

SPP: 11.30 -12 (Fri), Sat *5.15pm
OLOF: 9.30am -10am
Taralga: *5.30pm (1st Sat)
Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)
*An hour earlier from May-August

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

SPP 11am Fridays
Syra Malabar- Mass: 1st Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF
3rd Wednesday 5.30pm OLOF
Guided Adoration Friday: 5.30-6pm OLOF
Bungonia: Rosary 7pm, Thursday
Taralga: Rosary 10am 1st Friday of the Month
WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),
Wednesday, Thursday 7.30 am (OLOF)
Friday- 9.30am (STM) Crookwell
Friday - 12 noon (SPP)
Friday- 10am 3rd Friday of Month (CTK)
Sat - 9am (OLOF)

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

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MISSON CALENDAR DATES

OCT 14: Crookwell Morning Tea 10.30am Parish Centre
OCT 16: Taralga Mass 10am
OCT 16: Family Adoration 5.30pm OLOF
OCT 17: Men's Breakfast 7.15 for a 7.30 start TATTS
OCT 17: Windellema Cemetery Working Bee. 9am and 11am
OCT 24: 10am Gardening Bee SPP Presbytery
OCT 24: The Chosen Screening & Youth Discussion 3.15
OCT 31: Collector Mass ST Bartholomew's 11am Saturday
NOV 01: MARIAN PROCESSION 10am-3pm
NOV 07: Memorial Mass OLOF 9am, Morning tea at 10
NOV 07: Men's Rosary crusade 10.30!!! OLOF Forecourt
NOV 07: Women's Breakfast Bishops dining Room 10am
NOV 08: Children's Liturgy and Parish morning tea.

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REFLECTION

About 600 years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Isiah wanted to give a message of hope to the Jewish people in exile, and he searched for an image that would help him understand what a restored Jerusalem, a restored Mount Zion will be like when the Israelites return to their homeland. And the image he thought of, the image he knew would speak to the people, was the mage of a banquet: 'On Mount Zion the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, of fine strained wines. He will remove the mourning veil covering all the people. He will wipe away the tears from every cheek. The people will rejoice in the Lord, their saviour, in whom they hoped'. Later, the Christian tradition took up this vision of Isiah to speak of the banquet to which we are all called. All images have their limitations, but the banquet image certainly conveys in some small way the joy and communion with God and with each other that we will experience in Heaven. The banquet to which Gos is inviting us is not reserved only for the next life. In the Midst of it's many challenges, our lives have their joyous moments when we are called to pause and celebrate with God and with our friends and loved ones. Today's liturgy urges us not to be so caught up in the challenges of life that we fail to respond when God, the gracious and generous host, invites us to pause, to sit down and enjoy the banquet prepared for us.

Goulburn Mission Notice board

SHEILA GRAHAM
100 years strong!
Congratulations and blessings for a Happy Birthday

CONGRATULATIONS and BLESSINGS
For ADI AND LYDIA
Married at OLOF Church on Saturday 3rd October 2026

EARLY RELEASE SCREENING
OF
'THE CHOSEN' (PG)
3.15pm SPP Presbytery
Followed by youth discussion Group
4.30pm
Saturday October 24th

MEMORIAL MASS
SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER
9am -Our Lady of Fatima
A special Mass to remember our family
and friends who have gone before us.
This will be followed by morning tea in
the church grounds.
The men's Rosary Crusade will begin
at 10.30am

MARIAN PROCESSION
Sunday November 1st 2026
Ecumenical procession from 12.30 pm after
the Open air Mass at 11.30am
at Our Lady of Mercy Maronite Church,
Goulburn
All Parishioners interested in joining the
choir for this event please contact Sr
Gabrielle Owen on **0400 406 010**
For volunteering for this massive
undertaking please call the office to
register your interest!
USUAL 10AM MASS CANCELLED
Gardening Bee 10am Sat October 24.
Weeding, cleaning & tidy up.

MEN'S BREAKFAST
7.15am for 7.30am start.
Guest Speaker- Joh Allison
Testimony of the prodigal Son
RSVP Michael Lamarra on 0419 109 304

Windellema Church yard and Cemetery
Clean up working bee for
Saturday October 17th 9am or 11am -2pm
RSVP- OFFICE
As the trip to the actual site is unusual, please
call for information regarding travel from the
road to the church grounds.
Please come and help clear the graveyard and tidy
up this beautiful Cemetery.

POTS FOR PARISH PLANTS
PARISH PLANTS is underway: Please donate
spare plastic tubs, pot plant containers etc for
use in this endeavour.
Drop off at the office or church.

All Souls Days Mass 7.30am Monday 2nd
November St Partricks Cemetery Goulburn.

DONATIONS OF MULCH FOR THE SPP GARDEN WELCOME!!

GOULBURN MISSION SAFEGUARDING OFFICER
Step up and help our Mission stay safe by
donating your time to the Role of Parish
Safeguarding Officer.
Please contact the office to enquire.

SAFE CHURCH. SAFE PEOPLE.

Recently Deceased: Susan Bolton, Majorie Izzard, William Clune, Betty McDonald, Theo Heynis, Lesley Marshall-Brown, John Hill (aka Jungle), Gerry McCoy, Denis Gulson, Clancy Branson, John Priora, Nilo Lumnatas, Celestina Aburto de Condezo,

Anniversaries: Tom & Sheila Hogan, Michael & Madge Loughnan, Vonnice Loughlan, Martin & Briget Hogan, Patricia Bourke, Tony Gardner, Patricia Bourke, Nora Trompp, Graham White, Rod Pugh,

Prayers: Sheila Graham (100 yrs old!) Geoff Heffernan, Refugee and Migrant families, Adi and Lydia (Married!), Peg McEntee, Mike Ryan, All Srs of Mercy Worldwide, Michelle Thamani, Fiona Williams, John Bowen, Brendan Walsh, Christopher White, Leslie King,

Entrance Antiphon: **Psalm 129:3-4**
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord,
who could stand? But with you is found
forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Communion Antiphon: **Cf Psalm 33:11**
The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing.

Article provided by Fr Michael Lim:

The Perpetual Virginity of Mary

The Perpetual Virginity of Mary is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. It teaches that the Blessed Virgin Mary remained a virgin before, during, and after the birth of Jesus Christ. This ancient doctrine safeguards the mystery of the Incarnation and proclaims the unique holiness of Mary, whom God chose to be the Mother of His Son. The Church has consistently taught this belief from the earliest centuries, honouring Mary as the Aeiparthenos, the "Ever-Virgin." The Second Council of Constantinople in 553 formally referred to her as "Mary ever-virgin."

Mary a Virgin Before Birth

Sacred Scripture clearly teaches the virginal conception of Jesus. At the Annunciation, Mary asked the angel Gabriel, "How can this be, since I do not know man?" (Luke 1:34). Gabriel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you" (Luke 1:35). Through this miraculous action of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was conceived without a human father, revealing Him as the divine Son of God (Matthew 1:18-25).

St. Ignatius of Antioch (c. AD 107) testified to this belief when he wrote that Jesus Christ was "truly born of a virgin," emphasizing the reality of the Incarnation (Letter to the Ephesians, 18-19).

Mary a Virgin During Birth

The Church teaches that Mary's virginity was preserved in the very act of giving birth. Christ's birth was miraculous, reflecting His divine origin. The prophecy of Isaiah 7:14, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son," points to this extraordinary mystery.

St. Ambrose of Milan wrote, "Christ came forth from the womb without diminishing the integrity of His Mother's virginity." Likewise, St. Augustine declared, "A Virgin conceived, a Virgin bore, and a Virgin she remained" (Sermon 186). The Fathers saw Christ's birth as a unique event that preserved Mary's virginal integrity.

Mary a Virgin After Birth

The Church also teaches that Mary had no other children after Jesus. References to the "brothers" of Jesus (Mark 6:3) are understood as relatives or kin, since Semitic languages often used the term "brother" broadly. Moreover, from the Cross Jesus entrusted Mary to the beloved disciple (John 19:26-27), an action difficult to explain if Mary had other biological sons.

St. Jerome, defending this doctrine against Helvidius in the fourth century, argued vigorously that the "brothers" of the Lord were relatives rather than children of Mary. He concluded that Mary remained perpetually a virgin. Similarly, St. Athanasius referred to Mary as "Ever-Virgin," a title widely used throughout the early Church.

Spiritual Significance

Mary's perpetual virginity is more than a physical reality. It signifies her total consecration to God and her complete openness to His will. She gave herself entirely to the Lord in faith, obedience, and love. The dogma points ultimately to Christ, emphasizing that His birth was a unique divine intervention in human history. For Catholics, the Ever-Virgin Mary is a model of purity, discipleship, and wholehearted devotion to God. Her perpetual virginity reminds believers that God can accomplish extraordinary things through those who surrender themselves completely to His saving plan. As Mother of God and Ever-Virgin, Mary continues to lead the faithful to her Son, Jesus Christ, the source of all holiness and salvation.