



FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6 (R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

- 1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)
- 2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
- 3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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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 & BENEDICTION

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)

Mass Offerings: Please send to office, or central Collection boxes.
ROSTER Coordinator- judith.stuart11@gmail.com

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

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MISSION CALENDAR DATES

MAY -AUG: VIGIL MASSES AT 5.30- Confessions at 4.30
MAY 13: Crookwell Morning tea 10.30am Meeting room
MAY 15: Family Adoration OLOF 5.30pm Fridays
MAY 20: Taralga Prayer Meeting 10am School
MAY 23: Taralga Cuppa after Mass Bring a plate
MAY 30/31: St Vincent De Paul's Retiring Collection
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 07: BINDA MASS 10.30am
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:

For forty days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead, he appeared to his disciples, sometimes to One person, sometimes to a small group, and on one occasion to more than 500 people as St Paul reports. Then after about forty days these appearances ceased, and the disciples realised that he had returned to his Father having completed his mission on earth. He had ascended into Heaven. Jesus' return to the Father does not however mean He is no longer with us. St Matthew wrote his gospel to reassure Christians that Jesus is still with us. At the very beginning of His Gospel, the Angel tells Joseph that the child will be called Emmanuel, a name which means, 'God is with us.' And in the very last words of his Gospel, which we hear today, Jesus says, 'And know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.' And in the middle of the Gospel Jesus says, 'when two or three come together in my name, I am there with you. (Matthew 18:20). While Christ is with us in spirit, we are now the hands and feet and heart of Christ in our world. It is we who must go out and proclaim Christ to the ends of the earth. It is through us that people will meet the risen Christ.

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SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026

First Holy Communion
Sunday 7th June

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Christ the King will hold a
Cuppa after Mass
On Saturday 23rd May
Please bring a plate



OLOF Church

Family Adoration

Friday's 5.30-6pm School Term Only

SVDP Winter Appeal Bulletin Notice

Goulburn Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul will hold its collection for the Society's Winter Appeal on the weekend of **May 30/31**. This Appeal is our most important fundraising event. Requests for food assistance continue to increase. Our resources are being stretched to the limit. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible, and receipts will be available on request.



**Sts Peter and Paul's
Feast Day Luncheon**
28th June

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
Ticketing closes on Wednesday June 10th.

YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP

Saturday May 16th 6.30pm
Bishops House for PIZZA

Recently Deceased: Christopher Yeadon, Sr Patricia Bell, Mildred Hogan, Assunta Apap, Tom Moss, Ian McAleenan, Helen Gooch,

Anniversaries: Shirley Evans, Molly Johns, Fr Murphy, Patricia Anable, Brendan Small, Beatrice & Herbert Fardy, Foth Butz, Martin Stait, 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, Natalie Misfud,

Prayers: All Mothers, "Suluhisho": the wellbeing of the Kenyan Childrens hospital, Parnika Anju, Arlo Saccilotto, Amber Pearce (25th B-Day) Sarah Mackay, Dennis Boreham, Eva Lowe, Anita Jeisman, Mike Ryan, Lisa Polley, John Murrell, John Bowen, Tony McCormack, Brendan Walsh, John Murrell, Christopher White, Leslie King,

Entrance Antiphon: Acts of the Apostles 1:11
Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 28:20
Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Article provided by Fr Dominic Byrne

During Easter, more than anything, we are aware of the merciless passion that Jesus suffered. Today we can consider the joy of his Ascension. Could you imagine how joyful Jesus would have been as he ascended to the Father? It would have been his good pleasure to give the Holy Spirit to the Apostles to begin our Church—Jesus had been with them in body and now is with us in Spirit. The incarnate Jesus was present to the disciples as both God and man, a truly unique experience. His continuing second presence in the form of the Holy Spirit is even more so, because the first was quite limited. His presence is no longer restricted to a particular place, nor to a particular time. Now it's open to everyone, everywhere. His presence stops being spatial and starts being divine. As Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The Holy Spirit... is the power through which Christ causes us to experience his closeness. But the first reading also has something else to say: you will be my witnesses. The Risen Christ needs witnesses who have met him, people who have known him intimately through the power of the Holy Spirit; those who have, so to speak, actually touched him, can witness to him" (2005, Homily).

You are warmly invited to the Cenacle: Institute for Synodal Evangelisation Formation Forum, Who Am I? Who does God say I am? How can understanding my identity help me live with purpose and hope? The evening will feature interviews and personal stories exploring our identity in Christ, the gifts we are called to share, and the dignity we each hold.

Date: Friday, 22 May 2026 **Time:** 5 - 7 pm

Place: Veritas Building, Australian Catholic University as well as an online offering for those outside of Canberra.

Cost is free but registration is required: bit.ly/institute-forum-1

Livestream will be available, with the link provided upon registration. For more information: institute@cg.org.au.

Please direct all enquiries to [Crystal Lavien](mailto:Crystal.Lavien@cg.org.au), Evangelisation Institute Coordinator.

GOULBURN MISSION CEMETERIES, BURIALS AND NICHES.

The Goulburn Mission has many cemeteries in its 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

Cemeteries under the Legal operation of The Mission include

Spring Valley, Mummel, Bungonia, Marulan, Laggan and Collector.

Please call the office for any bookings, maintenance and hazard reporting.

INSTAGRACE is a three-day Catholic residential program organised by Jesus Youth Canberra for teenagers aged 13 to 17. Running successfully for nearly a decade, it helps young people grow in self-understanding and develop a personal relationship with Jesus through talks, music, and life testimonies.

Venue: Outward Bound Australia, Naas Road, Tharwa, ACT

Date & Time: Friday, 17 July 2026 (9:00 am) to Sunday, 19 July 2026 (4:00 pm)

Registration Fee: \$290

Registration Closes: 12 July 2026

Registration: Register via the [link](#) or QR code provided



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