



FIRST READING: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ

both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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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: 11.30 -12 (Fri), Sat *4.15pm

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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MISSION CALENDAR DATES

SEP 05: MASS TIMES BACK TO 6pm

SEP 16: Taralga CTK MASS 10am

SEP 16: Baptism Enrolment Evening

SEP 17: Confirmation retreat 9.30-2.30pm.

SEP 18: Confirmation 6pm OLOF Archbishop Prowse.

SEP 20: Tarago Working Bee 10am-1pm

SEP 25: Family adoration (last one for term)

SEP 26: St Michaels Archangels Feast Day Mass 11am

SEP 26: Youth Discussion After mass 6.30

SEP 27: World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

OCT 03: Men's Rosary Crusade 10am OLOF Forecourt

OCT 10: Women's Morning Tea 10am, Bishops Dining.

OCT 16: Family Adoration 5pm OLOF

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REFLECTION

How often must we forgive? Like Peter, this is a question many of us have asked Jesus. However, we can sometimes hold double standards for ourselves and another for others. How readily do we forgive those around us? Are we generous in extending forgiveness to others especially when they seek our forgiveness? We are invited to model our forgiveness after Jesus, who was quick and generous in offering forgiveness to all.

However, offering forgiveness does not mean allowing ourselves to be mistreated or taken advantage of. In some unhealthy relationships, it may be necessary to create distance. While forgiveness is always possible, reconciliation may not be.

Jesus, we pray that you help us embrace a spirit of mercy and forgiveness, extending to others the same mercy and forgiveness you have shown us.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Confirmation

RETREAT-THURSDAY 17TH

St Josephs School Hall

Confirmation-Friday 18th September 6pm SPP

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Tuesdays 10am At the SPP Presbytery



FAMILY ADORATION

5.30pm Fridays during term.

ST JOSEPH'S TARAGO

CHURCH AND GROUNDS WORKING BEE

Please come and celebrate 8.30am Mass in St Joseph's, on Sunday the 20th of September, and stay for an hour or two to spring clean.

Bring water and a small plate of morning tea fare, and help prepare this lovely Parish asset for the summer!

Windellema Church yard and Cemetery

Clean up working bee for Saturday October 17th
9am -2pm RSVP- OFFICE

Please come and help clear the graveyard and tidy up this Cemetery.

Braddon Catholic Girls High School 50th Reunion
Year 10 (1974) and Year 12 (1976)

Saturday 17th October 2026 3pm - 7pm at Merici College, Wise St Braddon.

Bookings are essential and tickets cost \$30. Book via Humantix by searching "Merici Alumni" then select the event "Class of 1974/1976 Reunion Braddon" RSVP by 1 October.

Celebrations will continue from 7:30pm at the Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Avenue Ainslie.

ST MICHAEL'S BUNGONIA

Celebrate the Feast of

Sts Gabriel, Michael and Raphael

26th September 11am

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY----- SAFE CHURCH. SAFE PEOPLE.

Recently Deceased: Helen Bracia, Cletus Heffernan (June) , Denis Gulson, Clancy Branson, John Priora, Nilo Lumnatas, Celestina Aburto de Condezo, Simon Testa, Barry St Clair, Elizabeth Patricia Jack, Tony Habib, Timothy Prestia-Cook, Nancy Irvine,

Anniversaries: Tom Holland, Sam Gravina, Campbell McCormack, Rod Pugh, Gloria & Arthur Willis, Shirley & David Charnock, Kevin Falk, Harold Falk, Olive Thistleton, Joan Canning, June Harding, Suzanne Clarke, Ignaslo & Gerondia Juaniza, Gordon Edwards,

Prayers: Michelle Thamani, Sophie Bag-ao, Patrick Bag-ao, Gerry McCoy, Goulburn Parishioners, Fiona Williams, Mrs Jeanette Smith, The Ryan and Dignos Families, John Bowen, Brendan Walsh, Christopher White, Leslie King,

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.

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.

Article provided by Fr Michael Lim: Week 24 How Does Baptism Empower Our Vocation?

Baptism empowers our vocation by giving us a new identity, a share in Christ's mission, and the grace needed to live as faithful disciples. It is the sacrament through which God calls us and equips us to fulfill our unique role in the Church and in the world.

First, Baptism empowers us by making us children of God. Through the waters of Baptism, we are freed from sin and become members of God's family. This new identity is the foundation of every Christian vocation. Whether one is called to marriage, priesthood, religious life, or dedicated lay service, the first and most fundamental calling is to live as a beloved son or daughter of God.

Second, Baptism unites us with Jesus Christ. Saint Paul teaches that in Baptism we die and rise with Christ (Rom. 6:3-4). Because we share in Christ's life, we are also called to share in his mission. Baptism empowers us to continue Christ's work of proclaiming the Gospel, serving others, and building the Kingdom of God.

Third, Baptism bestows the Holy Spirit. The Spirit strengthens and guides us in fulfilling our vocation. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are given wisdom, courage, faith, and perseverance to respond to God's call. We do not rely solely on our own abilities; God's grace works within us, enabling us to live faithfully even amid challenges and difficulties.

Furthermore, Baptism gives us a share in Christ's threefold office as priest, prophet, and king. As priests, we offer our lives and prayers to God. As prophets, we bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. As kings, we serve others with humility and charity. These baptismal gifts empower every Christian to participate actively in the mission of the Church.

Baptism also incorporates us into the Christian community. Our vocation is not lived alone but within the Body of Christ. The Church nourishes us through the Word of God, the sacraments, and the support of fellow believers. This community strengthens us to discern and live our vocation generously.

In short, Baptism empowers our vocation by giving us a new identity in Christ, the gift of the Holy Spirit, participation in Christ's mission, and the grace to live as disciples. It is both God's call and God's gift, enabling us to become the people we are created to be and to serve faithfully in the mission entrusted to us.

