



FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
 About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.
 The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22
 (R.) Alleluia!
 1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
 2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
 3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9
 The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it

will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:6
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14:1-12
 Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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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)

Mass Offerings: Please send to office, or central Collection boxes.
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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 6/7: First Holy Communion enrolment STM/ SPP
- MAY 08: Family adoration 5.30-6pm OLOF Church
- MAY 09: Women's Morning Tea- Wesley centre 10am
- MAY 13: Crookwell Morning tea 10.30am Meeting room
- MAY 13: OLOF Feast Day Morning tea & talk-10am-12pm
- MAY 13: RCIA Final Session 6-7.30pm SPP Cathedral
- MAY 14: PFC Meeting SPP Presbytery 5.30pm
- MAY 20: Taralga Prayer Meeting 10am School
- 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:

Struggles and tensions within the Christian community are nothing new. They have been there from the very beginning, as evidenced by today's first reading where we hear about a conflict that had arisen between the Christians of Jewish background and the Christians of Greek background. There were theological differences between the two groups and also Cultural differences and the issue that brought things to a head concerned food, which is always cultural-what we eat and how we prepare food always reflects our cultural backgrounds. We can learn much from the way the apostles handle this conflict. Their approach is one of inclusiveness. They don't take sides but seek to address the matter in a way that keeps the community together. Because the Greeks are in a more vulnerable position, they encourage the Greeks to select a number of men of good reputation who can take care of their needs. This inclusiveness is also found in today's gospel where Jesus tells his disciples that 'there are many rooms in my Father's house'. The Gospel also gives wise advice: 'Trust in God still, and trust in me.' Let us always remember that Jesus is the head and cornerstone off the church, as St Peter reminds us in today's second reading, and we should set ourselves close to him. The church will always be fragile, because it is made up of human beings, but it will also be strong and life-giving as long as its cornerstone is faith in Jesus Christ. © God's Word Daily Reflection 2025

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SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026

First Holy Communion 7th June

Enrolment & Session 1

May 6th Crookwell & May 7th Goulburn

Winter Mass times in May: 6pm Vigil mass will become 5pm.

ALL OTHER MASSES REMAIN THE SAME

Men's

Rosary Crusade
10am 1st Saturday of every month

TARALGA

Prayer meeting
10am
School Hall
Wednesday May 20th

POPE LEO ELECTION MASS
Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral
Friday May 8th
Adoration 11am
12pm Mass
Please come and call for Peace as we pray for our Pope on this day.



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

Planned Giving The 1st and 2nd Collections

Our collection is divided up so that 70% goes into the Second Collection (for the Parish) and the remaining 30% goes to the First Collection (for all the Priests of the Archdiocese). Of course, this may apply to some parishes and not others.

Planned Giving encompasses Direct Debit, Credit Card, QKR! or Envelopes.

Parishioners can give in a number of ways: They can:

Place money on the plate each week or each year.

Use envelopes provided by the parish (costing \$10 per Parishioner);

Directly deposit it into the Parish Account through internet banking or credit card, as with tap & go;

Direct Debit deducted straight from their account. or QKR! App on regular basis.

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



The RCIA Team Invites you to join 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.

WOMEN'S MORNING TEA

Moved to the
2nd Saturday in May
9th at the Wesley Centre



OLOF Church
Family Adoration
Friday's 5.30-6pm
During School Term

CROOKWELL
Morning Tea
Wednesday May 13th
Parish Meeting Room
10.30am

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: 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: Amber Pearce (25th Birthday) Sarah Mackay, Dennis Boreham, Michelle Thamini, Suffering Children in the world, Diane McAlister, 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 Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Cf John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Article provided by Father Dominic Byrne

When Jesus died on the cross, he took divine love to where no one had ever thought divine love could go. He went where no one had been. So, it's easy to see how St Thomas can question Jesus about knowing the way. Jesus went beyond a life hemmed in by fear and apprehension, beyond a life merely based on material existence and instead moved reality into a new existence with our Father. Having revealed that our made in God's image nature does allow us to find God, we can see that Jesus dies and is not separated from life but rather goes to the Father of life. The meaning behind Jesus death clarifies what life is all about. It shows us that the love of the Father is behind creation always furthering it, nurturing it, nourishing it. It is this that we are a part of. He points to the Father to explain that there is someone greater who is the source of life. To see and feel the love Jesus has for the Father is to have felt that same love he had for everyone he spoke to. Standing in his presence gave each person an experience of this love; his love for that person is the same love he had for the Father. The people who fulfil the promise that some will do greater things who have not seen Jesus are in the First Reading—the new Deacons. They act not like Thomas and Phillip who have seen Jesus. Instead, they act without the experience of hearing the incarnate son of God actually speak nor seeing him. They are like us doing greater things.

