



FIRST READING: [Isaiah 5:1-7](#)

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

[Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7](#)

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

SECOND READING: [Philippians 4:6-9](#)

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with

everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: [See John 15:15](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: [Matthew 21:33-43](#)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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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 3 rd Friday of Month (CTK)
Sat -	9am (OLOF)

Mass Offerings: Please send to office or collection plate

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Protection of all our people.

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MISSION CALENDAR DATES

OCT 09- 12pm Mass- Anointing of the Sick

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: The Chosen Screening & Youth Discussion 3.15

OCT 31: Collector Mass ST Bartholomew's 11am Saturday

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

© God's Word Daily Reflection 2026

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God will find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard. Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to as new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub Sahara Africa, Nigeria, the Philippines, Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression. I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. This is a challenge for us. It is wonderful to see the energetic work of the new immigrants and refugees in our parishes (including the Bishop of Parramatta!). We could pause for a moment to commit to taking up the privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church.

STS PETER AND PAUL'S
The Church remains closed for the foreseeable future, as workers assess the mould. An update will be made again in Mid October, for Christmas and new years schedules.

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

FATIMA ROSARY – CHRIST THE KING
The Rosary will be recited on Saturday 10th October commencing at 5.30pm before Mass to commemorate the anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions.

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: local parishioner grown herbs, plants and veggies, to be on sale monthly from OLOF piety Shop. Please donate spare plastic tubs pots plant containers etc for use in this endeavour. Drop off at the office or church.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
October 9th Friday 12pm Mass

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, William Clune, Betty McDonald, Theo Heynis, Lesley Marshall-Brown, John Hill (aka Jungle), Gerry McCoy, Helen Bracia, Cletus Heffernan (June) Denis Gulson, Clancy Branson, John Priora, Nilo Lumnatas, Celestina Aburto de Condezo,
Anniversaries: Tony Gardener, Nora Trompp, Graham White, Tony Hollands, Sam Gravina, Campbell McCormack, Rod Pugh,
Prayers: Refugee and Migrant families, Adi and Lydia (Getting Married!) Majorie Izzard, Peg McEntee, Mike Ryan, All Srs of Mercy Worldwide, Michelle Thamani, Fiona Williams, John Bowen, Brendan Walsh, Christopher White, Leslie King,

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Communion Antiphon: Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Article provided by Fr Michael Lim

Mary, Mother of God

The title “Mary, Mother of God” is the oldest and most fundamental Marian doctrine of the Catholic Church. It proclaims that the Virgin Mary is truly the mother of Jesus Christ, who is both fully God and fully man. This dogma does not mean that Mary is the origin of God's divine nature or that she existed before God. Rather, it affirms that the child she conceived and bore is the eternal Son of God made flesh. Because Jesus is one divine Person with two natures, human and divine, Mary can rightly be called Mother of God (Theotokos, meaning “God-bearer”).

The foundation of this teaching is found in Sacred Scripture. At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel declared to Mary: “The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God” (Luke 1:35). Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is truly the Son of God. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, greeted Mary with the words, “And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Luke 1:43). In the Jewish understanding, “Lord” was a title commonly used for God. Thus, Elizabeth recognized Mary as the mother of the Lord, the Messiah and Son of God.

The Church formally defined Mary's divine motherhood at the Council of Ephesus in AD 431. The Council rejected the teachings of Nestorius, who argued that Mary should be called only the mother of Christ's human nature. The bishops declared that since Jesus Christ is one divine Person, Mary is rightly honoured as Theotokos, the Mother of God. This definition protected the truth that Jesus is one Person, both fully divine and fully human. The early Church Fathers strongly defended this belief. St. Ignatius of Antioch referred to Jesus as the Son of God who was “truly born of a virgin.” St. Irenaeus of Lyons taught that through Mary's obedience, God's plan of salvation was advanced, contrasting her faith with Eve's disobedience. St. Cyril of Alexandria, a leading figure at the Council of Ephesus, wrote: “If our Lord Jesus Christ is God, how is the holy Virgin who bore Him not the Mother of God?”

The title “Mother of God” reveals Mary's unique role in salvation history. Through her free consent at the Annunciation, she cooperated with God's plan for the redemption of humanity. Her words, “Let it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38), express perfect faith and obedience.

For Christians today, Mary as Mother of God is a source of comfort and hope. Because she is the Mother of Christ, she is also a spiritual mother to all who belong to Him. The dogma ultimately points to Jesus Christ, affirming His true divinity and humanity. As the Mother of God, Mary teaches believers to trust God's will, welcome Christ into their lives, and remain faithful disciples of her Son.

