FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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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)***

Mass Offerings: Please send to office or collection plate
ROSTER Coordinator- judith.stuart11@gmail.com

BAPTISMS/RCIA: QKR, WEBSITE OR OFFICE
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our website:

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

MISSON CALENDAR DATES

OCT 27: *Choir Practice, for Marian Procession OLOF 6pm.*
OCT 28: *Ex-Students of St joseph K&GZ 10.15 for 10.30.*
OCT 31: *Collector Mass ST Bartholomew's 11am Saturday*
NOV 01: MARIAN PROCESSION 10am-3pm
NOV 01: *CHILDRENS LIT* ***CANCELLED AS NO 10 am MASS***
NOV 06: *Taralga Adoration 10am*
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.
NOV 11: Crookwell Morning Tea 10.30am Meeting room
NOV 18: *Taralga Weekday Mass 10am CTK*
NOV 18: *Baptism Enrolment Evening 7.30pm*
NOV 22: *Crookwell Parishioner Lunch 12pm Services club*

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

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate.

Did you notice that Jesus does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'. Then Jesus does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself .' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being. The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant. We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command

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Goulburn Mission Notice board

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

All Souls Days Mass

7.30am Monday 2nd November
St Partricks Cemetery Goulburn.
And
Crookwell Cemetery Crookwell.

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, Crn Clinton & Bourke Sts Goulburn

All Parishioners interested in joining the choir for this event please contact Sr Gabrielle Owen on **0400 406 010**

CHOIR PRACTICE
6pm Tuesday 27th October, after mass at OLOF.

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.
DONATIONS OF MULCH FOR THE SPP GARDEN WELCOME!!

Courtney & Timothy

Wedding 25th October St Patrick's Marulan

PARISHIONER LUNCH
CROOKWELL
Sunday 22nd November 12pm
Crookwell Services Club
Roast Dinner with Sticky Date Pudding $25
Children's meals available.

RSVP (15th November)
0407 254 954 or sign on sheet at back of the church

PARISH PLANTS
Plants for sale on Sunday the 15th November.
Herb,. Veggie and flower seedlings selling for $2, $3 & $5 . Please bring Cash for sales. ENJOY

POPE LEO's preferred prayer for his Health
Sweet Mother, do not part from me. Turn not your eyes away from me. Walk with me at every moment and never leave me alone. You who always protect me as a true Mother, obtain for me the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

November Mass Envelopes

Please find November Mass Envelopes at the back of the church.
We will collect the envelopes and publish them in the last week of November and first week of December. The names can be written in the Books of the Dead.

SAFE CHURCH. SAFE PEOPLE.

Recently Deceased: Annette Tynan, Fr Sebestian Luistro, Susan Bolton, Majorie Izzard, William Clune, Betty McDonald, Theo Heynis, Lesley Marshall-Brown, Denis Gulson, Clancy Branson, John Priora, Nilo Lumnatas, Celestina Aburto de Condezo,

Anniversaries: Peter Hewitt, Melanie McDonald, Natalie Mifsud, George Thistleton, Anne Patricia O'Brien, Tom & Sheila Hogan, Michael & Madge Loughnan, , Vonnie Loughlan, Martin & Briget Hogan, Patricia Bourke, Tony Gardner, Patricia Bourke, Nora Trompp,

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

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 104:3-4
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Communion Antiphon: Ephesians 5:2
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

Article provided by Fr Michael Lim:

Mary and the Assumption

The Assumption of Mary is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. It teaches that at the end of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. This doctrine highlights Mary's unique participation in the saving work of her Son and points to the future resurrection promised to all faithful Christians. The Church solemnly defined this dogma on November 1, 1950, when Pope Pius XII issued the apostolic constitution Munificentissimus Deus.

Although Sacred Scripture does not explicitly describe Mary's Assumption, the doctrine is deeply rooted in the biblical understanding of salvation and the dignity bestowed upon the Mother of God. Mary's preservation from original sin through the Immaculate Conception uniquely prepared her for her role in God's plan. Since death and bodily corruption are consequences of sin (Genesis 3:19), it is fitting that Mary, who was preserved from sin and remained faithful throughout her life, should share fully in her Son's victory over death.

Several scriptural passages are often associated with the mystery of the Assumption. In the Book of Revelation, St. John writes: "A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Revelation 12:1). While this passage has multiple levels of meaning, the Church has traditionally seen in this heavenly woman a reference to Mary, glorified in heaven. Likewise, Psalm 132:8 declares, "Arise, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might." Since Mary carried within her womb the Word made flesh, she is often called the Ark of the New Covenant, making this image particularly meaningful.

The belief in Mary's Assumption was present in the life of the Church long before it was formally defined. By the sixth century, Christians in both the East and West celebrated the feast of Mary's Dormition or Assumption. St. John Damascene (eighth century) preached that it was fitting that the Mother of God, who had carried the Creator in her womb, should dwell in heavenly glory. He wrote, "It was necessary that she who had preserved her virginity unstained should keep her body incorrupt after death."

Other Church Fathers also testified to Mary's unique holiness and glorification. St. Germanus of Constantinople taught that Mary's body remained incorrupt because she was the Mother of Life. While the Fathers did not provide a detailed historical account of the Assumption, they consistently expressed the Church's faith that Mary shares fully in the risen life of Christ.

In Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII solemnly declared:

"The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

The definition intentionally does not specify whether Mary died before being assumed, allowing for differing theological opinions. What the Church definitively teaches is that she now participates fully in the glory of the Resurrection.

The Assumption is a sign of hope for all Christians. In Mary, the Church sees the fulfillment of God's promise that those who belong to Christ will share in His victory over sin and death. Her Assumption reveals the destiny awaiting the faithful and reminds believers that heaven is their true homeland.

For Catholics, Mary assumed into heaven is both a powerful intercessor and a model of discipleship. As the first disciple and the Mother of the Church, she encourages all believers to persevere in faith, confident that God will bring His saving work to completion. Her Assumption proclaims the triumph of Christ and the glorious future prepared for all who follow Him.