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# FIRST READING: Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

- 1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R.)
- 2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R.)
- 3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R.)
- 4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R.)

### SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for

teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." 'And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



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#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

6pm SPP Goulburn Saturday -6pm 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 5.15pm OLOF: Sat. 9.30am -10am Taralga: 4.30pm (1st Sat) Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)

## ADORATION & BENEDICTION

SPP 11am Fridays

Holy Hour: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF Guided Adoration Fridays, 5.30-6pm OLOF

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday -5pm (OLOF),

Wednesday, Thursday 7.30 am OLOF,

Friday-9.30am St Mary's Crookwell

Friday -12 noon (SPP)

Sat -9am (OLOF)

Mass Offerings: Please send to office, or central collection boxes.

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Protection of all our people.



## **MISSON CALENDAR DATES**

OCT 26: Marian Procession 10am-3pm NOV 8: Memorial Mass OLOF 9am Saturday NOV 23: Christ the King of the Universe.

#### **REFLECTION:**

In prayer, should we always be resigned to God's will; should our words be 'nice'? Not according to this parable! And not according to many of the psalms, which cry out to God with anger, elation, anguish and heartache. Jesus is clear that we should bring our real selves to God-our real emotions, our real desires. Maybe God can see our situation more clearly, maybe other people are impacted in different ways, and maybe God knows there are deeper desires beyond the surface ones. Yet god can also see our faith and seeks the wellbeing of all. As Martin Luther King junior reminds us, 'The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.' Change happens, though it is ever so slow. Our role is to 'pray continually and never lose heart'. We need not be satisfied with the world as it is, but seek justice especially for the powerless. Rather than calm detachment, faith is trust in God's goodness despite the circumstances. Let us be real in our prayer and persistent in our actions for what is right.

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### NOVEMBER MASS AMENDMENTS

### **Nursing homes**

Tues 11th -Taralga & Crookwell -**CANCELLED** 

Wed 12th -Masonic Village CANCELLED **OLOF** 

5pm and 7.30am liturgy services.

### Good Vibes Daytime Choir

Hume Con's inclusive choir; For older folks and their family and friends, Dementia friendly! Info night: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 10 am at the Conservatorium Verner St entry- Pottery Hall

The MQA Parish is grateful to have been granted a first-class relic from St Mary Mackillop. The relic will be house in The Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Pauls' growing reliquary collection and be available for public veneration at the Marian Procession.

**Guided Family** Adoration OLOF Friday 5.30-6pm Young families are invited to come pray together.

# Sponsor Couples Needed - Goulburn

marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or call Helena on 0405 440 463 for an obligationfree chat.

Vacant Position: Cook needed for the Sisters of St Joseph.

For more information email Sr Karen Muir Karen.muir@sosj.org.au Applications close on 24th Oct. 2025

# Marian Procession October 26th 10am- Morning tea,

11am Mass SPP

12 pm Ecumenical Procession 1.30 Youth Rally St Saviours Hall 1.30 Lunch, BBQ

2.30 Veneration of the relics

4pm Close of days events

## St SAVIOURS CATHEDRAL CRAFT GROUP

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month in the St Thomas Room Rev'd Theresa 0408 762 651



The Promise: Advent and **Christmas Daily** Reflections 2025 \$6.60

www.dow.org.au/media-resources/advent program/

# PARISH ASSEMBLY

Saturday November 29 Begins at OLOF 9am Mass 10am-2pm St Joseph's School Hall

**Recently Deceased:** Mollie Johns, Anne O'Brien, Pat Bourke, Helene (Jan) Dyring, Bruce Gay, Eusabio Roxas, Blake Shorrock, Linda Mercer, Beverly Carmichael, Zenda Joyce O'Brien, Gregory Slade, Steven Keough, Joan Costello,

Anniversaries: Sally Barrett, Melanie McDonald, George Thistleton, Michael & Madge Loughnan, Judy Critchlow, Colin Wright, Tom & Sheila Hogan, Bridget & Maria Hogan, Vonnie Loughnan, John Probert, Natalie Misfud, Keith Pincott, Nora Trompp, Graham White, Ray Eggleston, Anthony Gardener, Marilou George, Frank Probert, Maxine Probert, Drago Bortiek,

Pravers: Gerard Doodeman, Sr Marie Kearns, Ruth Read, Mark Taylor, Marilyn Mullen, Chelsea Martin, Dot McCabe- 100 years old!, , Sr Anne McIntosh, John Murrell, Christopher White, Leslie King, Dorothy Brewer



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# **Entrance Antiphon:** Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**Communion Antiphon: Mark 10:45** The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

## Fr Byrne's Article for 29th Sunday in Ordinary time:

The widow in today's Gospel is representative of someone who, having become powerless, has lost her place in society. The judge is afraid that the widow might resort to violence. Perhaps her isolation has made her resentful, feeling that she has been treated unjustly. It seems that the Judge is going to give her what she wants just to get along. Though she is truly at the mercy of others, and cornered by an unjust judge and an enemy, her persistence does pay off even when she is dealing with the unreasonable. This seems an extreme, imperfect example of how to appeal to God. The widow is symbolic of the Jewish people who are often thought of as a harlot or God's unfaithful wife. The Jewish people are the widow and God is the unjust Judge. But it is Jesus who is telling them this parable—in their midst. There is no distance between him and his people and this realisation should also allow them to understand that God is just in the way he deals with his people. Jesus is asking, 'how do vou actually imagine God hears vou?' because it would seem that they did imagine God to be utterly distant and indifferent. In fact, God is as near to them as Jesus was when he was questioning their faith.

# And here is something more:

"The Holy Father [Pope John Paul II] is convinced that the call to nuptial love and communion inscribed in our masculine and feminine bodies is 'the fundamental element of human existence in the world' 'the foundation of human life' and, hence, 'the deepest substratum of human ethics and culture.' *This* is the root of it all. John Paul's quest for answers to the enigma of human existence has led him to the firm conviction, as he himself states, that the dignity of balance of human life depend always and everywhere on the proper ordering of love between the sexes.... if we live according to the true nuptial meaning of our bodies we fulfill the very meaning of our being and existence. But if we reject the true meaning of the body, we forfeit the transcendent, spiritual truth of love and separate ourselves from God and civilization ultimately implodes" (Christopher West, *Theology of the Body*, p. 25).

# **October Rosary**

Pope Leo XIV recently invited the faithful to pray the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace, and announced a Rosary in St. Peter's Square on October 11 as part of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality that takes place on October 11-12.

