



Goulburn Mission Bulletin

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R.) Alleluia!

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had



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disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

GOSPEL Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 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 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 4.15pm

OLOF: Sat. 9.30am -10am

Taralga: 4.30pm (1st Sat)

Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

SPP 11am Fridays

Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),

Wed, Thurs, Fri - 12 noon (SPP)

Friday- 9.30am St Mary's Crookwell

Sat - 9am (OLOF)

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

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DATES FOR THE MISSION CALENDAR

MAY 20: NO 5pm OLOF MASS OR LITURGY

MAY 21,22: NO 12pm SPP MASS; LITURGY ONLY

MAY 21: Taralga Prayer Meeting Convent 10am

MAY21: Baptism Enrolment- 7.30pm Spp Presbytery

May 21: Crookwell sacramental enrolment FHC 6pm

May 22: Goulburn Sacramental enrolment FHC 6pm

MAY 28: Ex Students of St Josephs- K&GZ 10.15am

Reflection

Today's three scripture readings show us different faces of Christian Faith. The Acts of the Apostles tells of Paul and Barnabas returning to Antioch after completing their first missionary Journey around south east Asia Minor (present day Turkey). The Christians in Antioch rejoice, hearing about all the wonderful things God has done through his missionary work.

In the book of Apocalypse, we see a symbolic vision of what Christian Life hopes for: union with God, in peace, where there will be no more tears or pain, and death will have vanished.

The Gospel reading shows us a crucial moment when the vision of salvation was being worked out in the life of Jesus. The passage opens with the words, "When he had gone out". Who is this 'he'? It is Judas Iscariot. Just before this, the Gospel has shown us tat Jesus knows Judas is going out to betray him and that it is night, the time when darkness triumphs. Against this wretchedness, Jesus speaks in an extraordinary way. First he Declares that in this very betrayal, God is glorifying him. Second, he chooses this moment to command his disciples to love one another in the way Jesus has loved them.





DUE TO THE CLERGY ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK FROM THE 19TH TO THE 22ND OF MAY, **THE 5PM OLOF MASS WILL BE CANCELLED**, NO LITURGY. THE 12PM SPP MASSES ON WEDNESDAY THE 21ST AND THURSDAY THE 22ND WILL RUN AS A LITURGY SERVICE, with our Priests returning for Friday services.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

For the students eligible for Holy Communion, please register on the QKR app, and save the dates:
CROOKWELL: Wednesday the 21st May 6pm St Mary's School Hall

GOULBURN: Thursday May the 22nd 6pm OLOF

The first program lessons will begin the following week at 4pm, with Goulburn program at St Brigid's.

LAST WEEK TO APPLY!!!

Position Vacant -Heritage and Sacramental Administrator

Mary Queen of Apostles Parish Goulburn: Part Time, Permanent role. **Essential Requirements:** Proficiency in Database packages; Website and social media interaction-Strong communication, liaison and organisational skills. Ability to work independently and within a team, and take instruction. Current WWCC and Covid 19 Vaccinations. Knowledge of regulatory compliance - (WHS, Child Protection, and Copyright); Understanding and respect for the teachings of the Catholic Church-Current office experience. Exact working days to be negotiated. Conditions under Clerks award. 14 hours / week. **Apply by Wednesday May 21st. Please contact the office on 0403 631 797 or goulburn@cg.org.au.**

National Reconciliation Week - Reconciliation Australia



Parish Safeguarding & WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Please check that your volunteer status is secured by refreshing your NSW WWCC, and ensuring that you are maintaining valid credentials. For information about which ministries require WWCC, and to update your volunteer paperwork, please contact the office.

Recently Deceased: Gwen O'Brien, Sr Scholastica Page R.M.S (Albury), Kay Dorsett, James Dorsett, Jennifer Roberts, Dawn Jordan, Edith Connolly, Mark Lesenberg, Jean Townsend, Robert Leggett, Kathleen Hayes, Geoff Miners, Fr Michael Fallon, Bruce Coates, Patricia Rowlands, Natalie Misfud, Reg Bucknell, John Murrell, John Frost,

Anniversaries: Rod McCabe, Sally Barrett, Geoff O'Brien, Alicabo Family Deceased, Shirley Cummins, Fr John Murphy, Hamilton family deceased, Margaret Baton, Thelma Dorsett, Phillip Cummins, Deb Burgess, Zdzislaw Peplowski, Stefan Karwowski, Irene & Andrzej Bobrowski, Mena Dutallis, Dawn Cummins, David Evans, Janet Fisher, Anne Fisher, Jack & Eileen Hamilton, Joseph and Winifred Hamilton, Jima & Betty Hamilton, Peter O'Brien, Bernard Croker, Sue Owen, Mavis Lee, Maxine Probert,

Prayers: Gypzy Eldridge, Jennylou Alicabo, John Murrell, Baby Cora Berry, Children of Gaza, Rowan Mooney, Amber Pearce, Alan Hogan, Christopher White, Leslie King, Dale Duvall, Ruth-Kirsten Read, Dorothy Brewer



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

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. © 2025 Liturgy Help

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

The Gospel passage, which the Church presents for our reflection, clearly indicates the plan of Jesus for his disciples: He wants his followers to be with him always, "So that, where I am, there you may be also". This desire of Jesus expresses his faithfulness, love for the mission, love for his followers and selflessness to share his glory.

Saying, "*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life*", Jesus presents himself as an example and guide in our journey towards "where He is". The self-revelation of Jesus, as the Way, the Truth and the Life, contains primarily a programme of life rather than food for intellectual and speculative thinking.

Jesus' words always express truth; it is a truth that guarantees a value. For example, the words of Jesus: "love one another as I have loved you", or "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you", indicate a choice or a decision in favour of a value. Jesus the Truth says that there is only one truth that leads to life—the truth of Jesus.

There are different ways of life; there are different philosophies of life, but a meaningful life can be lived only by following the truth, which is Jesus. This truth is valid and relevant forever and for all. Therefore, following Jesus, the Truth, is not an option but an obligation.

Jesus the Way indicates a direction towards a goal. Jesus goes towards the Father; his journey is towards passion, death and resurrection. He had chosen his destination and no force on earth can interrupt his journey. He takes us with him to the Father by making himself a perfect model.

The second reading of today clearly presents Jesus as the perfect model of love, suffering and healing. By his suffering he freed us; by his way of life, he offered us an example of how one must respond during the different events of life; and by his service, he raised the living condition of human beings. There is no other example except the example of Jesus and those who followed his example to go to the Father.

Jesus the Life brings us to focus our attention on him as the source of life. The prologue of John mentions that the Word, with which God created the world is Jesus. Jesus was with the Father as wisdom at the creation of the world. Jesus continues to create and recreate us through his love and presence. In fact, all that we are and all that we have, are God's gifts to us. It is only with his grace that we were able to accomplish something in life and only with the same grace will we be able to accomplish something in the future.

A life following the programme of Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life will ensure increase in faith and the consequent increase in the number of people, who will follow the same way of life.

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