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FIRST READING: Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can divine the will of God? What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth. laborious to know what lies within our reach: who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

R In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. You turn men back to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eves a thousand years are like vesterday, come and gone. no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like the grass which springs up in the morning In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a

part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Ps 118:135

Alleluia. alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish. Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.' St Pauls Missal

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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 (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 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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MISSON CALENDAR DATES

SEP10: Crookwell morning tea

SEP 12: St Saviours Craft Group 1.30 St Thomas room

SEP 13: Anointing of the sick OLOF 9am MASS **SEP 17:** Taralga Prayer group 10 am convent SEP 17: Baptism enrolment 7.30pm SPP Presbytery SEP 19: Volunteer Marian procession meeting 6pm SEP 27: St Vincent De Pauls 130 yrs Anniversary MT

REFLECTION:

OCT 26: Marian Procession 10am-3pm

The language in today's Gospel from Luke certainly packs a punch. It looks like we are being asked by Jesus to hate our family, take up our cross and to give up everything we own if we want to be his disciples. Jesus was using strong language to make a fundamental point about Christian discipleship-that in our life we must put nothing before God-not even our family or the things we own. Everything and everybody we have in our life is a gift from God, to be stewarded well for the sake of the Kingdom, not clung to for personal comfort. Most of us won't be asked to give up all our possessions (although some in religious life voluntarily make this vow of poverty), but rather we are asked to recognise them as God's gifts, and not to place them on a pedestal above God, turning possessions or even family relationships into idols. When we prioritise God and follow Jesus we are ordering our lives rightly. But there is a cost to discipleship, and that is the cross. The cross, at it's heart, is a radical self-giving in love, and at various points in our life, that cross can feel heavy, but if we keep our eyes on Jesus, and conform our life to his, then the cross will not only guide and sustain us, in this life, but lead us to life everlasting.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Crookwell Wednesday St Mary's School Hall- 3.30~pm – 4.30~pm. Goulburn Thursday St Brigid's @ SPP 4pm-5pm RETREAT MONDAY 15^{TH} SEPTEMBER AT STS PETER ABD PAULS SCHOOL

ANOINTING OF THE SICK 9am mass September 13th OLOF (RCIA)
Wednesdays 6pm
SPP Presbytery.
Mgagoulburn.com.au

Guided Family Adoration

Friday 5.30-6pm OLOF Young families are invited to come learn together.

Marian Procession Volunteers Please contact the office prior to the meeting on September 19, 6pm SPP Pres.

St SAVIOURS CATHEDRAL CRAFT GROUP

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

SUMMER VIGIL MASS TIMES BEGIN

6PM MASS CHRIST THE KING AND STS PETER AND PAULS BEGINS SATURDAY **6**TH **SEPTEMBER**7.30AM MASS WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT OLOF (NO 12PM MASS AT SPP ON THESE DAYS)
11AM ADORATION AND BENEDICTION FRIDAY SPP
12PM MASS FRIDAY SPP

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ATTENTION ALL READERS FOR MQA

All current readers, and those who wish to be on the roster, please attend the compulsory refresher and induction at OLOF at 5.45, Tuesday 30th September

PARISH ASSEMBLY

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

Recently Deceased: Dr Neil Hamilton, Robert Breeze, Baby Cora, Sue Clarke, Norma Steele, Hazel Wilding, Mary Packham, Joseph Laferla, Beryl Johnson, Robert Powell, Ron McEntee, Thomas Bourke, Denis Thackeray, Mary Fitzgerald,

Anniversaries: Timothy McCormack, Corina Prevadello, Tony Hollands, Joan Cumming, Maria & Jack McMahon, Natalie Misfud, Geoff O'Brien, Mrs Ena Webb, Deceased members of the Mullen & McGuire families, Daphne Byron, Eileen Mcarthy, Margaret Barton, Jim & Betty Hamilton, Hamilton Family Deceased, Harald Falk, Kevin Falk, Patricia Percival, passed and present Members of the Legion of Mary, **Deceased** members of the Coffey, Craicun and Anable families, Deceased of the Vial family,

Prayers: Breeze Family, Emma Landow, Demmie Falk, Tony Falk, Evera Cay, Paul Barling (95 years old!) Bernadette & Anabelle Mikita, Anne McIntosh, Sr Anne McIntosh, John Murrell, Christopher White, Leslie King, Dorothy Brewer



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Entrance Antiphon: Ps 118: 137, 124 You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love. **Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 41: 2-3 Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Father's Day challenges Christian Fathers to be role models to their children.

Today we celebrate, congratulate, and pray for the men who continue to reflect the Divine qualities of fatherhood as they lovingly establish, nourish, and maintain their families. Fathers are a blessing, and we thank them for blessing us with lives of dedication, endurance, and love. These holidays of our culture are not exactly high holy days of the Church, but they do give us reason to pause, to pray for, and to reflect on our fathers whom we honour.

Father's Day challenges Christian Fathers to be role models to their children. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the vital importance of the father's role comes from the fact that, with his wife, he cooperates with God the Creator in bringing a new human life into the world. Even in these days, fathers are expected to be the providers for, and the protectors of, the family. They are also supposed to be attuned emotionally and spiritually to their wives and children and to be able to balance careers with family life. Fathers struggle to overcome temptation and conflict. They make sacrifices day after day for their families. They try to give their youngsters the kind of model that, surely, they deserve above all else, a model of goodness, holiness, faith, trust in God, and fidelity to the teachings of the Church.

This is what Father's Day should remind us of. This is a time for all fathers to reflect upon their duties as responsible and well-integrated men. True fatherhood demands commitment. Commitment demands maturity, sacrifice, and love. Fatherhood also demands responsibility. Every true father will take responsibility for all of his actions. Our nation has an urgent need for good fathers. Father's Day is a day to remember, acknowledge and appreciate the "World's Greatest Dad," OUR HEAVENLY FATHER (Rom. 8:15, Gal. 4:6) who is our spiritual Dad, actively involved in all areas of our lives. It is He on whom we lean in times of pain and hurt; it is He on Whom we call in times of need; it is He who provides for us in all ways — practical, emotional, and spiritual.

Many of us pray the "Our Father" day after day, without paying attention to, or experiencing, the love and providence of our Heavenly Father. Let us pray the Our Father during this Holy Mass, realizing the meaning of each clause and experiencing the love of our Heavenly Father for us.

May all earthly fathers draw strength from their Heavenly Father! St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Avila have their own stories about the influence their fathers had on their lives as role models. The Little Flower used to ask an innocent question to her first grader classmates: "Have you ever seen a saint praying?" She would add: "If you haven't, come to my house in the evening. You will see my dad on his knees in his room with outstretched arms, praying for us, his children, every day." She states in one of her letters from the convent: "I have never seen or heard or experienced anything displeasing to Jesus in my family." In the final year of her high school studies,

St. Teresa of Avila was sent by her father (against her will), to a boarding house conducted by nuns. Her father took action at the moment he discovered bad books and yellow magazines hidden in her box. These had been supplied to Teresa by her spoiled friend and classmate, Beatrice. St. Teresa later wrote as the Mother Superior: "But for that daring and timely action of my father, I would have ended up in the streets, as a notorious woman."

On this Father's Day, please also don't forget to pray for us, your spiritual Fathers, – men who are called to be Fathers of an immensely large parish family through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

God our Father, in your wisdom and love You have made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their Faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen Fr. Anthony Kadavil

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE FATHERS DAY RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND. QKR, CASH OR ENVELOPE