



FIRST READING: Book of Numbers 21:4-9

On the way through the wilderness the people Lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 77:1-2, 34-38

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R.**
2. When he slew them then they would seek Him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. **R.**
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. **R.**
4. Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. **R.**

SECOND READING:

Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

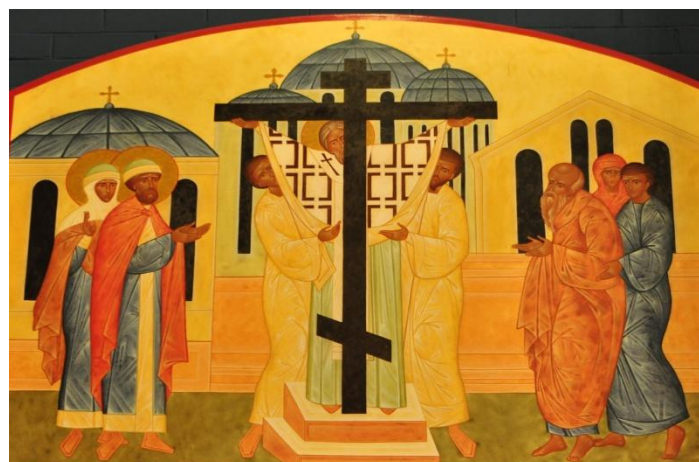
Alleluias, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

GOSPEL: According to John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

St Pauls Missal



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 6pm SPP Goulburn

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 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)

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MISSION CALENDAR DATES

SEP 15: Retreat day for Sacramental program

SEP 17: Taralga Prayer group 10 am convent

SEP 17: Baptism enrolment 7.30pm SPP Presbytery

SEP 19: Volunteer Marian procession meeting 6pm

SEP 20: Youth Ministry 7pm St Brigid's

SEP 20/21: CONFIRMATION MASS SPP

SEP 25: ALL Readers seminar SPP 5pm Thursday

SEP 27: St Vincent De Pauls 130 yrs Anniversary MT

SEP 29: St Michaels Bungonia Mass 12pm Midday

OCT 4: Men's Rosary Circle OLOF Forecourt 10am

OCT 4: Women's Morning Tea Workers Club 10am

OCT 26: Marian Procession 10am-3pm

NOV 8: Memorial Mass OLOF 9am Saturday

REFLECTION:

What a juxtaposition we find in the title of today's feast. How can we exalt in the cross on which Jesus died such a torturous death? Well, when seen from the perspective of the resurrection, the picture starts to become clear. The cross was by the means by which God, in the person of Jesus, would, in his endless love and compassion, bring a wayward world back home to him. Today's Gospel gives us perhaps the most well-known Bible verse of all in John 3:16: 'Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.' God reached down into a broken human world, and Jesus, by bearing our sins on the cross, redeemed us, and in the resurrection, showed us the way back to communion with God and to eternal life in God's presence. We exalt the cross because it restores to us all that was lost, and it stands forever as a reminder of god's endless out pouring of love for us.

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Goulburn Mission Notice board

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

RETREAT MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER AT STS PETER AND PAULS SCHOOL

To everybody in our parish, priests, religious and lay, I would like to thank you for your many prayers and offerings you made for Ruth-Kirsten Read. I am truly grateful.

Ruth Read

St Vincent de Paul's Anniversary- 130 years!

September the 27th 9am Mass OLOF
Followed by morning tea at 27 Verner St Goulburn
The invitation is to all the community, especially past members of the conference. RSVP ESSENTIAL: by 22.9.25
Irene: 0420 529 724 or Jennifer: 0402 072 390

MEMORIAL MASS

OLOF

Saturday 8th November 9am

PLANNED GIVING

Please consider the direct debit option.
Please see bulletin board.

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

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

EMAIL the office
to receive the
email bulletin.

Happy 100redth
Birthday Dot McCabe!!
Blessings!!

ATTENTION ALL READERS FOR MQA
DATE CHANEGE FOR SEMINAR

All current readers, please attend the compulsory refresher and induction at
SPP 5pm Thursday 25th September

PARISH ASSEMBLY

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

Recently Deceased: Ron McEntee, June Harding, Rodney Pugh, Molly Johns, Kayleene Klower, Dr Neil Hamilton, Robert Breeze, Baby Cora, Sue Clarkel, Ron McEntee,

Anniversaries: Jack Eggleston, George Barry, Deceased members of the Barry Family, Sr M. Dympna Clancy RSJ, Timothy McCormack, Robert Collins, Corina Prevadello, Tony Hollands, Joan Canning, 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, Deceased of the Vial family,

Prayers: John Bowen(95Years old September 16th) Chelsea Martin, Dot McCabe- 100 years old! Jo Pugh, Breeze Family, Emma Landow, Demmie Falk, Tony Falk, Evera Cay, Paul Barling (95 years old!) Sr Anne McIntosh, John Murrell, Christopher White, Leslie King, Dorothy Brewer



Entrance Antiphon: Ps 65:4

We should glory in the cross of our lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our Salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Communion Antiphon: John 12:32

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

Blessed Frassati (Original version with subtitles)

Father Lim recommends the above viewing: simply type the words into the google search window.

On 13 September 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony. In 614, the Persian King, Chosroes II, waged war on the Romans. After conquering Jerusalem, he confiscated many treasures, among which was the Cross of Jesus. The Byzantine emperor Heraclius initiated peace negotiations, but was rejected. He then waged war and won near Nineveh, asking for the restitution of the Cross, which then returned to Jerusalem. Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)
Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.' For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him (Jn 3:13-17).

Stop turning in on ourselves
"Being Christian", Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event". The Gospel the liturgy offers us on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross suggests that God wants to enter into a relationship of love with everyone. This is offered in His Son, Jesus, lifted up on the Cross.
Lifting up our gaze to God expresses a very important truth: we are invited to enter back into relationship with Him. We need to stop turning in on ourselves, uselessly nurturing a sense of guilt and forgetting that "in whatever our hearts condemn, God is greater than our hearts" (1 Jn 3:20). Let us lift up our eyes toward the stars (remember Abraham and the promise of many descendants), knowing how to cast every worry onto God.

Wonder and gratitude
Lifting up our gaze should not enkindle fear, but gratitude, because that elevation is the measure of the love with which God loves His children, in His Son. It is the Mercy of God, therefore, which, as is the case with Nicodemus, illuminates the darkness of our lives and allows us to continue on our journey.

There is no neutrality regarding the Cross
We cannot remain neutral regarding the Cross of Jesus. Either we are with Him or we are against Him. A choice is made before every action, for the actions of a Christian are none other than the testimony of how "God has love us so much that he gave His only Son, Jesus".

Prayers
Most High glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart.
Grant me an upright faith,
secure hope and perfect charity.
Fill me with understanding and knowledge
that I may fulfill your command. Amen.
(prayer of Saint Francis before the Crucifix of San Damiano)

