



Goulburn Mission Bulletin

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem,



6th Sunday in Easter Yr C

the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: cf John 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.
Jesus said to his disciples:
'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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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 27: PPC Meeting 6.30pm SPP Presbytery
May 28: Ex Students of St Josephs- K&GZ 10.15am
May 28: Crookwell FHC 4pm School
May 29: Goulburn FHC 4pm St Brigid's
June 1: Children's liturgy. 10am Mass SPP
June 1: Parish Morning Tea after 10am Mass SPP
June 7: Women's Morning Tea, Workers Club 10am
June 1: Men's Rosary Crusade: OLOF forecourt 10am
June 11: Crookwell Morning tea 10.30am
June 18 Taralga Prayer group: 10am- Convent
June 18: Baptism Enrolment 7.30 SPP Presbytery
June 21: Men's Breakfast 7.30am - 9am: Tatts

Reflection

This Sunday we hear how carefully Jesus prepared his disciples for their life and work once he was no longer with them in the flesh. Ahead of their experience of what would happen in his death, resurrection and return to the Father, Jesus assured them of his continuing loving presence. This presence would be enriched by the Father and the Spirit being present among them in a new way. With the Father, Jesus promised to make his home with the disciples. Through the Spirit, teacher and reminder of all they heard from Jesus, Jesus' understanding and passion for God would endure, alive within them.

The first council of Jeruslaem sent it's decision out to the new Gentile believers, not only in a written letter, but also through Judas and Silas, attendees at the council who could explain it's spirit personally. A key principle of responsible decision making is spelled out in the letter: 'It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us....' The council members prayed for guidance but they also used their own abilites to think and discern in reaching their decision. As we explore the Synodal way we can learn from the council's approach.

God's Word Daily Reflection 2025





SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Program lessons: Crookwell Wednesdays: 4pm at the St Mary's School Hall
Goulburn program Thursdays: 4pm at St Brigid's.

National Reconciliation Week - Reconciliation Australia



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EMAIL BULLETIN.

If you, or a fellow parishioner have not received the bulletin, please let the office know. Sadly, our technical difficulties continue, and the office apologises for the very consistent inconsistencies. Please email the office your desire to be replaced on the bulletin email list, and it shall be done. Many thanks, Heather.

Children's Liturgy - Run during 10am Mass every first Sunday of the month, open to Children of all ages to participate, learn and question.

Men's Rosary Crusade- The circle can be found in the forecourt of OLOF Church 101 Lagoon St North Goulburn at 10am on the first Saturday of the month. **7th June at 10am**

Women's Morning Tea- The Women's morning Tea is a delightful Saturday morning out, open to Women of all ages, denominations and walks of life. Come and hear a talk, have a cuppa, and enjoy a laugh with the ladies. The workers club, 10am June 7th. Ask at the desk for the Women's morning tea or head straight to the room.

Recently Deceased: Patricia Anable, Richard Kennedy, Richard Robinson, Rose Booth, Diane Westcott, 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, Patricia Rowlands, Natalie Misfud, Reg Bucknell,

Anniversaries: Helen Cummins, John Murphy, Charlie James, 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, Zdzislav Peplowski, Stefan Karwowski, Irene & Andrzej Bobrowski, Mena Dutallis, Dawn Cummins, David Evans, Janet Fisher, Anne Fisher, Jack & Eileen Hamilton, Joseph and Winifred Hamilton, Jim & Betty Hamilton, Peter O'Brien, Bernard Croker, Sue Owen, Mavis Lee, Maxine Probert,

Prayers: Merrilyn St Aude, Gilroy family, Martin Stait, John Murrell, 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: Cf Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.
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Let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on each of us

In today's turbulent and disoriented society, commandments are seen as oppressive and suppressive regulations and orders that are imposed on the people, to make their lives burdensome, restrictive, and unfree. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a new interpretation and meaning to the commandments. The heart of the passage reveals two important messages proclaimed by Jesus:

Firstly, keeping God's commandments must be always within the context of love. God our Father loves his children and he wants us to become children of light and love, radiating his presence amidst us. Jesus has told us that he has come to fulfil the commandments and he sums up all the commandments in love of God and neighbour. Commandments are not restrictive or burdensome laws but means to become free and experience the love of God.

Secondly, in order to love Jesus, we must have a personal experience of him in our lives. We cannot love someone whom we do not know. One requires the presence of the other, knowledge about the other, and above all, one needs to encounter that mystery of love present in the other which attracts and invites the other to communicate and experience love. On our own, we realize, it is impossible either to know or love God on our terms and conditions. Hence the question, how do we know and love God if we are unable to do these on our own? Jesus has answered this question for us once and for all. If we wish to love God, know Him and keep His commandments, we must receive the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sends. It is the Spirit indwelling in us, who makes us experience Jesus in our lives and makes us true followers of Christ.

We experience the Spirit who moves and dwells in us by being faithful to our Christian life and prayer, acknowledging God's goodness with grateful hearts. We encounter and experience the Holy Spirit not as someone "out there" but as the abiding presence within us through whom we are enabled to become aware of the presence of the Father and Son in our innermost being.

Only the Spirit can effect transformation. "For all those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" (Rm 8:14). Our life is a continuous movement toward the Father through the Spirit and Jesus has cleared the path for each of us through his death and resurrection. St Peter tells us in the Second Reading of today, that Jesus was put to death in so far as fleshly existence goes, but was given life in the realm of the Spirit.

The commandments of Jesus are summarized in love. They are expressions of a disciple's entire way of life. The fulfilling of divine commands, which requires complete obedience, is a difficult task made easier when it is motivated by the disciple's love for Jesus and when the believer has the assistance of the Holy Spirit. Hence, let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on each of us that we may be enabled to accept God's commandments, as a means to experience and grow in His love and life.

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