



FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6
The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.
(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle,
together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings
to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy
people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take
their place among all the saints everywhere who
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord
no less than ours. May God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 1:14. 12
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 1:29-34
Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said,
'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away
the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of
when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks
before me because he existed before me. I did not
know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to
Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also
declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him
from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did
not know him myself, but he who sent me to
baptise with water had said to me, "The man on
whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is
the one who is going to baptise with the Holy
Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that
he is the Chosen One of God.'

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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 5.15pm
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

JAN 21: Taralga Prayer Meeting School Hall 10am
JAN 21: RCIA RESUMES
JAN 26: AUSTRALIA DAY MASS 9.30am SPP
JAN 31: Acolytes meeting: after 10am Mass
FEB 03: MQA Volunteer Meeting 6pm Tuesday SPP Pres.
FEB 07: Women's Morning Tea, 10am Workers
FEB 07: Men's Rosary Crusade 10am OLOF Forecourt
FEB 07: OLOF Community Meeting: After 9am Mass
FEB 18: ASH WEDNESDAY
FEB 21: Men's Breakfast 7.30am Tatts
MAR 06: World Day of Prayer 10am St Saviours Cathedral

REFLECTION:

John the Baptist points out Jesus as the Messiah long awaited by many Generations. But he confesses that, at first, he did not recognize him, most probably because Jesus had come in a different mould. Jesus has joined the company of people lining up for John's baptism of repentance. It is by the Holy Spirit who descended upon Jesus in the form of a Dove that John is able to identify Jesus as the Messiah.
In Introducing Jesus as the 'Lamb of God', John attributes to Jesus an identity that is entirely different from people's expectations. Yet it is a familiar image known and valued by Jewish believers. The lamb is offered as a burnt sacrifice in the Temple for the remission of the sins of the people.
Jesus as 'the lamb of god' has a lifestyle and a ministry characterised by a humble and meek spirit. After having completed a ministry of mercy and reconciliation, Jesus would be led to Calvary, the altar of the holocaust, where he would offer the last drop of his blood in expiation of our sins. Isiah's prophecy about the lamb led to the slaughter that did not rebel: did not fight back, is filled in Jesus, the suffering servant of God.
The lamb of God was once slain but now lives forever. Jesus won salvation for us by his obedience to his Father's will. His offering was perfect and final. We can now unite our Suffering and sacrifices to those of Jesus who will help us overcome our difficulties and, like him, emerge triumphant.

Goulburn Mission Notice board

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026

RECONCILIATION: *Enrolment and Session 1*

STM- *Wednesday February 25th 3.30-5pm*

SPP-*Thursday February 26th 4-5.30pm*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: *Enrolment and Session 1*

STM -*Wednesday May 6th 3.30-5pm*

SPP- *Thursday 7th May 4-5.30pm*

CONFIRMATION: *Enrolment and Session 1*

STM- *Wednesday 19th August 3.30-5pm*

SPP *Thursday 20th August 4-5.30pm*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 6th
10am St Saviours
Cathedral

RCIA

Returns next week
6pm Wednesday
21st SPP Presbytery

Ministry meetings roster.

Children's Liturgy: 21st Wednesday Jan Spp Pres.

Acolytes: Sunday 25th Jan aft 10am SPP Mass.

OLOF Church Meeting: Sat 31st after 9am Mass.

MQA Volunteer meeting: Tuesday Feb 3rd 6pm SPP Presbytery
Please let the office know if you cannot come. These
update meetings are mandatory to growing our
strength and unity. Please come along and share
your experience and learn what's new in your
ministry.

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Communion Antiphon: 1 John 4:16

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Understanding the Bible, an entire library, with stories, songs, poetry, letters and history, as well as literature. The Bible is all around us. People hear Scripture readings in church.

We have Good Samaritan (Luke 10) laws, welcome home the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), and look for the Promised Land (Exodus 3, Hebrews 11).

Some biblical passages have become popular maxims, such as "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matthew 7:12)," "Thou shalt not steal (Exodus 20:15), and "love thy neighbour" (Matthew 22:39).

Today's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

1. Bible reading is for Catholics. The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.

2. Prayer is the beginning and the end. Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.

3. Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition. A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an imprimatur notice on the back of the title page. An imprimatur indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

4.The Bible isn't a book. It's a library. The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.

5. Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't. The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.

6. The sum is greater than the parts. Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.

7. The Old relates to the New. The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

8. You do not read alone. By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

9. What is God saying to me? The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

10. Reading isn't enough. If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective."(Hebrews 4:12).

From the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference website

The Community of the Goulburn Mission works hard to ensure we are a Safe Community for all our parishioners, visitors and residence. Healthy inclusion and safeguarding practices are at the heart of our administration. Please read the upcoming information regarding inclusion and accessibility as we strive to be compliant and compassionate.

Ministry Volunteering is a rewarding and important part of our pastoral heart. Please come along to the MQA Volunteer meeting on February 3rd, at 6pm in the bishops dining room and share in the unity that springs from shared labour and commitment. Ministries that need assistance are:

Children's Liturgy, Scripture, **Hospitality**, Senior servers, **Acolytes**, Special Ministers of the Eucharist to homes and Institutions, **New IT Specialists**, and Choir, WHS and First Aid.

OLOF church now has 5 Masses a week and would love more parishioners to assist in Ministry.

There are many other ministries to be involved in that bring joy and are so important to the function of the Parish. Come and enjoy a cuppa, update your paperwork, learn what's new and share in the spirit of renewal and hope!

Please check your WWCC dates! Volunteer and code of conduct forms can be re-signed as they must be EVERY THREE YEARS and updates on WHS and vital ministry etiquette can be!

Please be aware that in the coming weeks the Verner St entrance to the Cathedral will undergo some cosmetic changes. The two trees on either side of the gate have buckled the pavement and continue to cause disruption to the property and present a hazard risk to pedestrians and parishioners alike. The trees will be removed at safe intervals and times, however, please be safe and keep distance whilst work is underway.

Recently Deceased: Baby Myles Marsh, Fr Richard Fuchs, Marilyn Mullen, Margaret Croker, Margaret Hanly, Julie Hopping, Ron McEntee, Agnus Casey, John Lowe, Marjorie Avery, Lee Clune, Richard Cromack, Christakis Antony, Murray Scott, Nicholas Chetcuti, Peter Croker, Erica Jones, Darcy Orford, Margaret Tozer,

Anniversaries: Arthur & gloria Willis, James & Catherine Jones, David & Shirley Charock, Sandra Collins, Natalie Misfud, Pat Miller., Betty Burgesss, Pat Larcombe, Gloria & Arthur Willis, James & catherine Jones, David & Shirley Charnock, Relatives of Steenburgen, Betty Burgess, Ruby Thorn, Jean Crawford, Maria Bruggl, Theresia Craciun, Phillip Anable, Tina Williams, Taylor & Orchard Families, John Yeadon, Barry Bower, Pat Bower, Robin Nicastrì, Talty & Hewitt Families, Tom & Angela Hewitt, Thomas and Ivy Cooney, Matthias and

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