



FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause
of right; I have taken you by the hand and
formed you; I have appointed you as covenant
of the people and light of the nations, to open
the eyes of the blind, to free captives from
prison, and those who live in darkness from
the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11
(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:
'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is
that God does not have favourites, but that
anybody of any nationality who fears God and
does what is right is acceptable to him.
'It is true, God sent his word to the people of
Israel, and it was to them that the good news of
peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus

Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard
about the recent happenings in Judaea; about
Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee,
after John had been preaching baptism. God had
anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power,
and because God was with him, Jesus went about
doing good and curing all who had fallen into the
power of the devil.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: See Mark 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice
was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be
baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is
I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet
you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like
this for the time being; it is fitting that we should,
in this way, do all that righteousness demands.'
At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was
baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly
the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove and coming down on him.
A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the
Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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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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tolerance of abuse, and the
Protection of all our people.

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MISSION CALENDAR DATES

JAN 15: Baptism Meeting 5pm SPP Pres

JAN 21: Taralga Prayer Meeting School Hall 10am

JAN 25: Acolytes meeting: after 10am Mass

JAN 26: AUSTRALIA DAY MASS 9.30am SPP

JAN 31: OLOF Church Community Meeting after Mass

FEB 03: MQA Volunteer Meeting 6pm Tuesday SPP Pres.

FEB 07: Women's Morning Tea, Men's Rosary Crusade

FEB 18: ASH WEDNESDAY

MAR 06: World Day of Prayer 10 St Saviours Cathedral

REFLECTION:

Spiritual writers interpret Jesus' incursion in
the water for John's baptism as his way of
being in solidarity with sinners. Pope Francis
comments, 'The Messiah asks to be baptised
so that all righteousness be fulfilled, that
God's design which passes through filial
obedience and solidarity with fragile and
sinful mankind, be fulfilled. It is the path of
Humility and of God's complete closeness to
his children.'

It is not the waters of the Jordan that
cleanse Jesus; it is the Jesus who makes the
waters holy, by immersing himself in it.
At the Jordan River, Jesus stands shoulder
to shoulder with people who greatly desire
to be cleansed interiorly. He is in their midst
to present them to the heavenly Father as
his brothers and sisters who sincerely want
to obey and love God, yet at the same time
disappoint God by falling back into Sin.

A voice from heaven is then heard: This is
my beloved son, with whom I am well
pleased.' To whom is this addressed? If to
John the Baptist-and through him, to the
people-then it is God's proclamation, a
divine assurance that indeed Jesus is the
sinless one, God's own beloved son. If to
Jesus, as in the version of Mark (1;11) it
serves as God's approval of Jesus' choice to
be in solidarity with sinners. After all, he
has come among people, not to call those
who think they are righteous, but those who
know they are sinners' and need to repent
(Luke 5:32).

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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

Details will follow

Legion of Mary

2pm Wednesdays SPP Presbytery

36 Verner ST

Call Tess Corkery on 0487 738 355

Ministry meetings roster.

Baptism Ministry: Thursday 15th January 5pm SPP Pres

Children's Liturgy: Wednesday January 21st 2pm Pres

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

OLOF Church Meeting: Sat 31st Jan 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.

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

Anniversaries: 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 Nicastri, Talty & Hewitt Families, Tom & Angela Hewitt, Therese McInnes, Alma, Harry, Don, Anne, & Luke Elvins, Michael & Julie Elvins, Debbie Schirk, Maureen & John Heaton, Esma, Reg & Ian Clune, Sonya Ling, Alwyn & Wayne Bensley, Thomas and Ivy Cooney, Matthias and Elizabeth Ench, Spen & Edith Read,

Prayers: Fr Michael Mullen, Nick Marsh, David Ojwang, Denise Duck, Christine Graff, Jo Pugh, Di Smith, Peg McEntee, Sr Celine Marie, Brendan Walsh, John Murrell, Bernadette Flannery, Brendan Bott, Sr Marie Kearns, Ruth Read, Mark Taylor, Marilyn Mullen, Chelsea Martin, Christopher White, Leslie King, Mary Steenburgen,

The Annual MQA Volunteer Meeting is on at 6pm Tuesday the 3rd February. Come on down to refresh your codes of conduct, WWC info, join a Ministry or tell us how we can support you. Hospitality, Acolytes, Senior Servers, Gardening, Music, Choir and Special Ministers! Please come and participate!

MENS ROSARY RETREAT

Join us for a powerful one-day Men's Rosary Crusade Retreat at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park, as we gather to strengthen our faith, deepen our Marian devotion, and renew our mission as men of prayer and action.

The day will commence with Holy Mass, followed by a series of talks, reflections, and devotions designed to challenge, inspire, and unite men in fraternity under the mantle of Our Lady.

We are honoured to welcome Fr. John Rizzo, who will speak on the spiritual battle faced by men today and provide spiritual guidance on how men can live out their faith in these challenging times.

We are also privileged to host Mr. Hugo Bos, an international guest and expert on the Message of Fatima, who will deliver two captivating talks on The Miracle and Message of Fatima and Russia, the End Times, and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The day will include:

*Holy Mass and Adoration *Talks and Q&A with Fr. Rizzo and Mr. Bos *Marian procession and Rosary to the Grotto

*Time for reflection, fraternity, and devotion *This retreat is open to all men of faith seeking to grow in holiness, courage, and brotherhood through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Retreat fees will cover lunch, refreshments, and all resources required for the day.

Date

Saturday 17 January 2026 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM (UTC+11)

Location

Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy – Penrose Park 120 Hanging Rock Rd., Sutton Forest NSW 2577

: [Australian Men's Rosary Crusade - Fatima Conference Tickets, Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy – Penrose Park, Sutton Forest | TryBooking Australia](#)

Please call Michael Lamarra for further information on 0419 019 304

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Matthew 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Communion Antiphon: John 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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.

Reflection from Fr Dominic Byrne:

John the Baptist called everybody to humbly repent and recognise that their ancestry, ethnicity, or position of authority did not guarantee salvation. These were really only ever divisions and not a way to be closer to God and to neighbour.

The river Jordan is symbolic of a new beginning for God's people. God had led his people out of Egypt through the Jordan and now was offering something else: a new beginning through baptism in that same river, regardless of ancestry, ethnicity, or position in society.

Here we see Jesus as he receives the Holy Spirit and then God the Father speaks claiming Jesus as his Son. This is a picture of the first, second and third persons of the Trinity—a Theophany. When God breaths on Jesus, he restores humanity from its fallen state and Jesus becomes the new Adam.

The scene in today's Gospel is of the Holy Trinity being revealed and whenever we act and do good, we do it with the Holy Spirit and whenever we do bad, we do it with the Holy Spirit. We have also received the Holy Spirit, so God's favour must also rest on us. This demands that we turn back to God and ask for forgiveness when we do bad and need to be restored to the true favoured state.

Pope Benedict XVI sums up the meaning of today: "Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his

public activity by stepping into the place of sinners. His inaugural gesture is an anticipation of the Cross. He is, as it were, the true Jonah who said to the crew of the ship, "Take me and through me into the sea." The whole significance of Jesus' baptism, the fact that he bears "all righteousness," first comes to light on the Cross: The Baptism is an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity, and the voice that calls out, 'This is my beloved son' over the baptismal waters, is an anticipatory reference to the Resurrection. This also explains why...Jesus uses the word baptism to refer to his own death.... To accept the invitation to be baptised [today]... means to go to the place of Jesus' baptism" (Jesus of Nazareth, Vol I., p. 18).

