



FIRST READING: [Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

. A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: [Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7](#)
(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)

3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. (R.)

SECOND READING: [Romans 15:4-9](#)

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: [Luke 3:4. 6](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: [Matthew 3:1-12](#)

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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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

DEC 13: Men's Breakfast Saturday 7.30am Tatts
DEC 16: 2nd Rite STM Crookwell 7pm
DEC 17: 2nd Rite CTK Taralga 7pm
DEC 18: 2nd Rite SPP Goulburn 7pm
DEC 17: Taralga Prayer group cancelled - returns January.
DEC 21: Christmas carols in the Cathedral 6.30-8pm
DEC 25: CHRISTMAS DAY 9am Mass SPP & STM
DEC 24-JAN 6th OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
JAN 01: Adoration 11pm Mass 12am OLOF (MIDNIGHT)
JAN 01: NO 7.30am OLOF MASS 9.30am Mass SPP

REFLECTION:

John proclaims the coming of the Kingdom-nearness to god-and the coming judgment. Repentance in order the welcome the Lord and to receive a favourable judgment. Repentance is more than sorrow and regret for sin: it is a new way of thinking and being, that is living in fidelity to God.

John was a solitary voice; a prophet of great integrity, courage and fidelity who did not court popularity. He spoke God's message without fear or favour and paid with his life. John was passionate about preparing the people to welcome the judge. To this end offered baptism-a cleansing ritual signifying the washing away of Sin. When the religious officials came for baptism, John castigated them as a brood of vipers trying to escape retribution. He warned them against the presumption of salvation by claiming descent from Abraham. The only security lies in bearing the fruit of genuine repentance. It is only the good works of Love-especially towards the needy and marginalised-flowing out of genuine repentance, that open wide the doors of our hearts, and so prepare the way to welcome the lord and experience salvation.

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Goulburn Mission Notice board

A reminder that during January many of our parish activities are in recess. There will be NO Children's Liturgy, Parish morning tea, Women's Morning Tea, Nursing home Masses, or RCIA. Baptism enrolment night will continue as will Taralga Prayer Group and Men's Rosary.

The Men's Breakfast will meet in week two of December- Saturday the 13th at the usual time of 7.15 am for a 7.30 start at The Tatts. The Catenian Circle representative will talk at this months meeting. RSVP Michael Lamarra on 0419 019 304

CHRIST THE KING TARALGA hosts the Combined churches Carol Service on SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER At 5pm. Supper will follow in SACRED HEART SCHOOL PLEASE BRING A PLATE

CROOKWELL 8.30am Sundays before Mass Pray the Rosary

CATHEDRAL CAROLS Monday 22nd December 6.30pm-8pm

MASS INTENTIONS Please get your mass intentions for the rest of December and January in by 12.12.25

2nd RITE Of Reconciliation Crookwell-Tuesday 16th December 7pm Taralga- Wednesday 17th December 7pm Goulburn SPP- Thursday 18th December 7pm

Second Sunday of Advent

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Saviour of the world, we ask You to bless † all who gather round this Advent Wreath which we honour as a remembrance of Your first coming at Bethlehem, and Your final coming in Glory and of Your coming in grace among us. Strengthen our hearts with the example of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness on the day of our redemption, when You will come to reign as King for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Priest: :O Emmanuel, Saviour of Israel, you are God's Son among us.

All: Come and save us O Lord, our God.

Priest: O Wisdom of the most high God, you rule your people with gentle might.

All: Come and teach us the way O Prudence. (Two purple candles are lit.)

Priest: May these lights remind us of Jesus who is the true light of the world.

All: God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.

Priest: O Flower of Jesse's stem, you are the sign of salvation for all.

All: Come and deliver us, do not delay.

Priest: O Key of David, you open and close by your might and power,

All: Come and free us from darkness and death.

Priest: During this Advent Season, may Almighty God let the light of His Son shine upon us May He fill our hearts with joy at His coming and lead us to life everlasting.

All: Amen.



Recently Deceased: Ida Jarvis, Marjorie Avery, Lee Clune, Richard Cromack, Elaine Sharman, Mark Pincott, Sr Aileen Wailes, Christakis Antony, Murray Scott, Marie O'Brien, Mary White, Dorothy Brewer, Despina Delany, Nicholas Chetcuti, Peter Croker, Erica Jones, Darcy Orford, Margaret Tozer,

Anniversaries: Agnes McGann, Patrick Hart, Henry and Beatrice Putsey Thomas and Ivy Cooney, Matthias and Elizabeth Ench, Spen & Edith Read, Ruth-Kirsten Read, Clare Jasek, Natalie Misfud, McMahon & Byron Families, Boleslaw Peplowski & Kazimierz Brawata, Kit McCabe, Tom & Margaret Walsh, Leo & Doris Clear, Bill Clear, Anne & Noel Honeyman, Patrick & Edna Mcaleena,

Prayers: Dulcie & Charles Millyn, Dorothy & Winston Selmes, Emilio & Leonardo Zalapa, Gardner & White Families, Tony Marinovic, Sr Celine Marie, Carolyne Cassisdy, Antonia McGarity, David Edginton, Brendan Walsh, John Murrell, Bernadette Flannery, Brendan Bott, Gerard Doodeman, Sr Marie Kearns, Ruth Read, Mark Taylor, Marilyn Mullen, Chelsea Martin, Christopher White, Leslie King,



Entrance Antiphon: Cf Isaiah 30:19,30 O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon: Luke 3:4. 6 Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

We heartily welcome Bran Grgic, who has joined the parish for the remainder of Advent to support his studies in the seminary.

Christian is not merely a name, but it is a way of life.

St. John the Baptist, in the Gospel passage of today, solves the doubt regarding who is greater: 'Jesus or himself' since certain followers of John had a doubt. Hence, John confesses that "Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29); and he affirms the greatness of Jesus saying, "After me comes a man, who goes ahead of me, because he was before me" (Jn 1:30). The one who confessed the greatness of Jesus was later on accredited to be 'the greatest born of woman'.

The presentation of Jesus as 'the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world' makes allusions to the Easter lamb on the occasion of the liberation of Egypt and also to the customary sacrifices of lambs in the Temple of Jerusalem for the expiation of sins.

To appreciate Jesus better as the Lamb of God, we must consider the situation of humanity before the coming of Jesus: the human race was under the slavery of sin; had no power to liberate itself; and could not hope for a better future. In short, humanity was dead. The advent of Jesus gave new hope to humanity; by his life, he renewed the vigour of humanity, and by his death, he gave new life to humanity and brought it back to its original splendour.

Jesus continues to liberate us even today, because the present world, is far from that which it ought to be. There is rampant exploitation, violence, marginalization; there is lack of dialogue, sensitivity and forgiveness in the family; consumerism has reached its peak; craze for money justifies every heinous act; God seems to have a minor role in society today.

Who can liberate us from these fetters? Jesus is the answer! Jesus is the source of joy, victory, peace and hope. Jesus can renew us and He wants to do it. But we must give him a chance; we must give him space in society; we must give him space in our personal lives.

John the Baptist testifies to Jesus saying, "Here is the Lamb of God"; He humbled himself before Jesus saying, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me"; He proves the presence of the Spirit coming upon Jesus saying, "I saw the Spirit descending and it remained on him".

Humility and commitment to the God-given tasks, made John the Baptist 'the greatest born of woman'. Sharing his Jesus-experience made him a great witness of the Son of God. Preparing the way of the Lord made him the greatest precursor of Jesus.

The figure of John the Baptist reminds us of the nobility of our vocation and our obligation to be faithful to it. Like John, we must recognize the redeeming role of Jesus in history and especially in our personal lives; like John, we must accept the greatness of Jesus as one who has the power to save us from death; and like John we must become worthy witnesses of Jesus.

The name "Christian" is not merely a name, but it is a way of life. The way of life of a Christian requires that one gives witness to Jesus through one's words and actions. The healing, preaching and teaching ministry of Jesus is to be carried out today by his followers called Christians.

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