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FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.



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SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven. Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.



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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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May 31/June 01 2025

DATES FOR THE MISSION CALENDAR

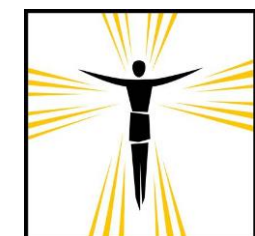
June 7: Women's Morning Tea, Workers Club 10.am
June 9: Public Holiday
June 1: Men's Rosary Crusade: OLOF forecourt 10am
June 11: Crookwell Morning tea 10.30am (ENSEMBLE)
June 18 Taralga Prayer group: 10am- Convent
June 18: Baptism Enrolment 7.30 SPP Presbytery
June 21: Men's Breakfast 7.30am - 9am: Tatts
June 25: Ex Students St Josephs: K&GZ 10.15am
June 29: Feast of Sts Peter and Paul's

Reflection

The two men in white who challenge the disciples are the ones who in Luke's version of the women at the tomb of Jesus say "Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?" Today's feast is in one way also about our mission, sent as we are like them, clothed with the promised gift of the Spirit. Jesus is among us inviting us to spread his message of reconciliation and forgiveness, especially to those closest to us-family friends, workmates and colleagues. We will always find him in the mix, and muddle of daily life. Is this why those disciples were so full of joy when they returned to Jerusalem even though their friend and teacher was no longer physically with them? May their joy be infectious as we celebrate today's feasts and continue to seek the living but often unrecognizable risen Lord Jesus.

It is this gift of wisdom, with perception and knowledge, that Paul wishes upon the community at Ephesus. The power given to believers becomes a potent force in and through them and us, and will help us to discover how we can become effective witnesses to the saving power of mercy and forgiveness through Christ.

God's Word Daily Reflection 2025





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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Program lessons: Crookwell Wednesdays: 3:30pm at the St Mary's School Hall
Goulburn program Thursdays: 4pm at St Brigid's.

FHC Retreat: Thursday the 19th June

First Holy Communion: Saturday 21st June 5pm Mass SPP 5pm CTK
Sunday 22nd June 8am OLOF 9 am STM 10am SPP

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.

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.

Men's Breakfast: Michael Prevedello features as the Guest Speaker for this month's Men's breakfast hosted at the Tatts **7.30am – 9am Saturday the 21st June**. Please call Michael Lamarra on 0419 019 304.

Crookwell Morning tea: The Crookwell morning tea for June the 11th will be run at the usual time of 10.30 but for this month at Ensemble.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- If you are interested in teaching Scripture at our Schools, please let The office know, that we may assist and support your learning.

Feast of Sts Peter and Paul's: 29th June, 2025.

In celebration of our wonderful Parish of Mary Queen of Apostles and the Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul's, we welcome you to Mass at 10am on Sunday the 29th of June.

This will be followed by a morning tea, hosted by the Parish in St Brigid's. Please consider donations of cake, slice, and finger food for this Feast, and let the office know of your offerings that we may plan ahead and cater. Everyone is welcome to come in pilgrimage and hope to Feast with us on this Day.

Recently Deceased: Steve Sinclair, 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, 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,

Prayers: Karla Zalapa, Bernadette and Annabelle Mikita, Merrilyn St Aude, Gilroy family, Martin Stait, John Murrell, Gypzy Eldridge, Jennylou Alicabo, John Murrell, Baby Cora Berry, Children of Gaza, Alan Hogan, Christopher White, Leslie King, Dale Duvall, Ruth-Kirsten Read, Dorothy Brewer



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Entrance Antiphon: Acts of the Apostles 1:11
Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 28:20
Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.
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ASCENSION: THE MYSTERY OF SAYING GOODBYE

When I was 23 years old, in the space of just three months, both my parents died. They were young, I was young, our family was young – too young, we felt, to let them go. But they died despite that and their leaving left a gaping hole in our lives.

But after a time that void began to fill in and our sadness began to dissipate. It didn't happen quickly. It took a couple of years, but eventually things changed. What was once a cold absence now became a warm presence. Our mother and father came back to us in a new way. We began to feel their presence as a warm nurturing spirit, as a permanent sustaining love. They were now present to us in a deeper way, a way devoid of tension.

When they were still alive, we loved each other, but, as with all families, that love was fraught with some tension. Love and concern can never be given and received without some shadow, some resistance, some irritations, without negative feelings too entering. It's like that in all families and it's like that even inside of our most intimate relationships. Face to face, in this life, there is no such thing as intimacy without a shadow, clear-cut pure love. No matter how much we love someone, we will still always experience some feelings of resistance, of disappointment, of irritation, of boredom, of not being understood, of not being properly valued, of needing a private space at times, of being wounded too in this relationship.

But, after our parents died and our grief over their leaving dissipated, their love for us and their presence began to flow into our lives in a way beyond those tensions. We now felt their love without a shadow.

Why? What happened? Was this simply a question of time healing the wound of death? A question of death making us forget about former tensions and disappointments with each other?

Partly, but there is something deeper involved. Intimacy is a curious thing, deep and paradoxical. Inside intimacy, presence and absence play on each other in such a way that, on a given day and in a given season of a relationship, it is hard to tell which provides the deeper connection.

Sometimes when we are physically present to each other we cannot give each other what we need to and we must go away, at least for a time, in order for that to happen. Sometimes only our absence can deepen and cleanse our presence. Sometimes it is better that we go away, for a day or for a season. That is part of the mystery, the theology, and the psychology of the Ascension. At one level, this is a mystery, yet we have a sense of how it works.

As a parent, you experience this when your children grow up and move away. First there is the pain of letting them go, but eventually there is the joy of having those same children come back and stand before you in a new way, as adults now who can befriend you and be with you in a way that they couldn't as children.

But, this doesn't happen unless your children first go away. Good parents know that by hanging on too tightly, by not giving your children the space within which to be absent, you not only stunt their growth, but you deprive yourselves of eventually having a wonderful adult come back to you with something deeper to give than the dependent love of a child. That's true in every relationship.

Jesus tries, painstakingly and repeatedly, to teach this to his disciples before his ascension. He tells them, again and again: *"It is better for you that I go away. If I do not go away I cannot send you the spirit. You will grieve now, but later you will rejoice."* It took me years to understand, even partially, what Jesus meant by those words and I'm still struggling, perhaps more in my heart than in my head, to accept that at times we have to go away in order for our spirits to bloom more fully and be capable of being received by those we love most, beyond the tensions and irritations that forever cloud relationships.

When children leave home for the first time to begin lives on their own, in one fashion or another, they are saying to their parents what Jesus said to his disciples before his ascension: *"It is better for you that I go away. If I do not go away I cannot come back to you in a deeper way!"* We speak those words too every time we walk out of a door, for a long time or even for just a day, and have to say the words: *"Good-bye!"*

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

