



FIRST READING: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

- (R.) **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**
1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
 2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)
 3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
 4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12, 17-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 9am OLOF Goulburn
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: 9.30am -10am
Taralga: *5.30pm (1st Sat)
Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)
*An hour earlier from May to September

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

SPP 11am Fridays
Syra Malabar- Mass: 1st & 3rd Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF
Guided Adoration Friday: 5.30-6pm OLOF

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),
Wednesday, Thursday 7.30 am OLOF,
Friday- 9.30am STM Crookwell
Friday - 12 noon (SPP)
Sat - 9am (OLOF)

Mass Offerings: Please send to office, or central Collection boxes.

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MISSION CALENDAR DATES

FEB/MAR: Stations: STM 5.00pm CTK 10am SPP 5.30pm
FEB/MAR: Lenten Study Group
FEB 25: Ex Students of St Josephs: K&GZ 10 for 10.15
FEB 25: Enrolment & First session STM 3.30pm
FEB 26: Enrolment & First session SPP 4pm
MAR 06: World Day of Prayer 10am St Saviours Cathedral
MAR 06: World Day of Prayer 10am St Barts Crookwell
MAR 06: World Day of Prayer 2pm Christ the King Taralga
MAR 09: Monday 7pm Cologne Philharmonia
MAR 23: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 6pm SPP
MAR 24: 2nd Rite Taralga 5pm
MAR 29: PALM SUNDAY

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 information regarding inclusion and accessibility on your church notice boards as we strive to be compliant and compassionate.

REFLECTION:

All religions and cultures have a Sacred story that describes the beginning of the world. Most begin with everything being good, and then things go wrong. Our story is that of the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve did not listen to the word of God. They listened to the serpent instead and turned away from God. However, their disobedience was overcome when God's promise of salvation was fulfilled. Jesus came in the name of God and lived by the word of God thus showing obedience that Adam and Eve lacked.

In the Gospel today Jesus has just been baptised and affirmed as the beloved Son of God so he goes into the desert to discern what this could really mean. His identity and relationship with God are challenged but he listens only to God and trusts in the truth of God's word. Today's readings encourage me to take time to listen more deeply to God's word, to face the truth of my identity and my relationship with God. Is my relationship with God being tested? Where do I notice the grace of God keeping me strong? I pray that I may fix my eyes more and more on Jesus as Lent progresses.



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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

Retreat- Monday 23rd March 9.30-2.30 St Brigid's

1st Rite- Monday 23rd March 6pm SPP & STM

COMBINED WITH PARISH 2ND RITE

QKR! App is ready to receive applications.

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Please email the office or call for any enquiries.

LENTEN STUDY BOOKS

\$10 The Journey Home: Mark Coleridge
Purchase from the office or a meeting.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 6th

St Saviours Cathedral 10am

St Bart's Anglican Church Crookwell 10am

Morning tea to follow

Christ the King Taralga 2pm

Afternoon tea will follow- please bring a plate.

Your offering on the day will support internally displaced people and slum residents in Nigeria

MQA MINISTRY:

Dear Parishioners, There is a deep need in our community for younger members to step up and continue the tradition of the parish by assisting and then taking on duties long serving members have carried out faithfully for many years. Please give once or twice a year, month or week to help in church groups, church services and events to allow them a respite.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR WWCC IS UP TO DATE

Caritas Australia Project Compassion

Appeal is now available within your parish's QKR app under "SPECIAL APPEALS". Of course, there are several ways to donate to Project Compassion. This is just one of them.

A reminder that any funds donated through your App will be automatically credited to a CDF clearing account. The CDF will handle the reconciliation of the funds to Caritas Australia.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/project-compassion/>

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from
the mouth of God.

Stations of the Cross- Friday's during Lent

Christ the King Taralga, 10am. Sts Peter and Paul's Goulburn 5.30 St Mary's Crookwell 5pm

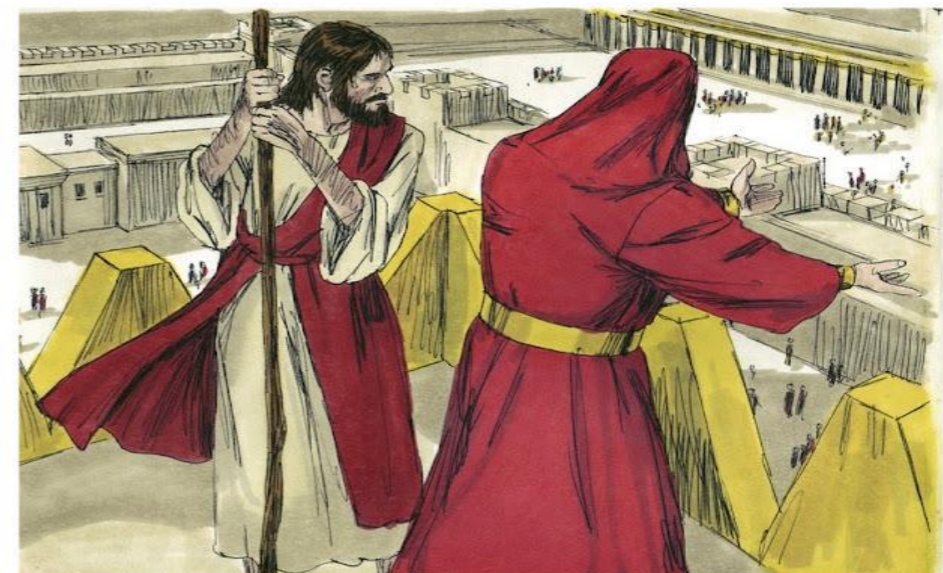
Lenten study group 10am Thursday's Bishops Dining Room

6.30pm Monday's OLOF Meeting room (entry via OLOF Carpark Side door)

Bulletin article provided by Fr Dominic Byrne:

The Paschal Mystery

The process of Jesus dying and then rising is what is meant by the Paschal Mystery. These are Jesus' redemptive acts, and his saving work (i.e., his Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension). Just as after the Passover the Hebrews were to be delivered from slavery to the Egyptians, so too we are delivered by Jesus' Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. And just before this deliverance the Hebrews were to, "...take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintels of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb.... It is the Passover of the Lord.... The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt" (Ex. 12: 7-8, 11, 13). Just as they smeared the blood of an innocent lamb on their door posts, at communion we place Jesus in ourselves. And, "As Moses led the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt under the Pharaoh, to the Promised Land, so Christ the King of Israel leads His People from slavery of sin under the devil to the Kingdom of Heaven in eternity" (Apologetics and Catholic Doctrine, p. 408). Each catholic participates in the Pascal Mystery through offering up their daily hardships as an offering of loving worship to God the Father and receiving the Eucharist. "...the Paschal Mystery, [is] ultimately fulfilled in Pentecost with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all who believe in Christ" (Homiletic Directory, p. 85). The 'Divine Human Exchange' complements this understanding, summed up in these words prayed at every Mass: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity."



Recently Deceased: Agnes Casey, Colin Lewis, Elaine Plumb, Herbert Leong, Lorna Barnett, Connie Staunton, Sheila Bornia, Thomas Longhurst, Derek Rego, Erina Bill, Greg Thornton, Karin Ambrosios, Margaret Rippon,

Anniversaries: Marlene Elliott, Dan Corry, Catherine Corry, Jack McGann, John McDonald, Alice Bogg, Patrick Thistleton, Gerald Thistleton, Patrick Thistleton, Bill Murphy, Les Murphy, Maureen Doherty, James Doherty, Noel Elliott, Nita Price, Ron McEntee, Graeme White & Tony Gardener, Robert Taylor, Lorna Lyons, Ellen Writer, Wilma Hewitt, John Hall, Natalie Misfud,

Prayers: Gerard & Lisa Doodeman- wedding Anniversary} Ron Fitzgibbon, Ryan & Drgnos Families, Katrina Watts and Family, Sr Bernadette M. Walsh- birthday wishes, Dermot McCoy, Samuel Resch, Maryanne Lewis, Deidre Dorsett, Antipas Ojwang, Cecil Lewis, Baby Sunny Flannery, Tony McCormack, Cathy & Gerry Conroy (Wedding Anniversary) Fr Michael Mullen, Brendan Walsh, John Murrell, Christopher White, Martin Walsh, Leslie King,