



FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Vanity of vanities; all is vanity, Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps89:3-6, 12-14,17.R.v.1

R: in every age, O lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: "Go back, sons of men." To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. R

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like Grass which springs up in the morning. In the Morning it springs up and flowers: by evening It withers and fades. R

3. Make us know the shortness of our life, That We may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. R

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we Shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour Of the Lord be upon us: Give success to the work Of our hands. R

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill

everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in Spirit;

The kingdom of Heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time. " But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of 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)

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MISSION CALENDAR DATES

AUG 6: RCIA info night 6pm SPP Presbytery

AUG 9: SPP Regular Tour Open day 11am

AUG 9: Mary McKillop Coastal Pilgrimage Tour

AUG 13: Crookwell Morning Tea Meeting room

AUG 20: Baptism Enrolment: 7.30pm SPP

AUG 20: Taralga Prayer meeting- Convent 10am

AUG 24: COUPLES FOR CHRIST 1st Session

AUG 27: Ex-students of St Joseph's morning- K&GZ 10.15

REFLECTION

The Book of Ecclesiastes-Qoheleth in Hebrew, meaning, 'One who calls to assembly' -surprises and upsets because the author (also called Qoheleth) questions the standard religious mentality of our time: that the good are rewarded and the evil punished. Qoheleth shocks by his pessimism: all is *hebel*, meaning, vain or empty. Human beings are no better than animals; one who is hardworking is no better than a sluggard, acquiring wisdom and knowledge is like chasing after the wind.

Qoheleth's contribution to religious though is his willingness to question ready-made ideas and complacent optimism which extoll success as the fruit of a well-ordered world. Qoheleth's restlessness and pessimism are, in the final analysis, but the expression of his anguished cry for what lasts: the Absolute. The One who is not 'Vanity'

Qoheleth's words prepare us for the Gospel teaching about the folly of wealth. 'A man's life is not made secure by what he owns', Jesus declares. To drive home that message he tells the parable of a rich man who 'has it all' and looks forward to enjoying his wealth. But he dies the very night he makes his plans.

The only solution to the inevitability of death, is to be 'rich in the sight of God'. We should consider always what will remain after death. We will be stripped of all Material goods, even those legitimately acquired. What remains will only be the quality of our life, and how we have made use of our goods, be they much or little. Paul understands Christ's teaching well, and declares, "Let your thought be on Heavenly things, not on things that are on earth". (Colossians 3:2). Life in Christ is the only wealth worth having, a wealth that endures forever.

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Goulburn Mission Notice board

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: CONFIRMATION QKR is live and ready for bookings.

Enrolment: AUGUST 13 Crookwell - August 14 Goulburn

MANDATORY ALTAR SERVER INDUCTION AND REFRESHER COURSE

Wednesday Aug 6th 4pm SPP, Thursday Aug 7th 4pm SPP, Wednesday Aug 13th 4pm SPP

COUPLES FOR CHRIST August 2 - Soldiers Club Welcome Afternoon Tea- 3pm

August 24 - St Brigid's 1st Seminar 10am - 3pm September 7 - St Brigid's 3rd Seminar 10am - 3pm

August 31 - St Brigid's 2nd Seminar 10am - 3pm September 7 - St Brigid's 4th Seminar 10am - 3pm

TARALGA

This will be held in the Church at 4.00pm on Saturday 2nd August

Current volunteers are also invited to attend to help answer questions and review and update required paperwork.

Men's breakfast!
@ The Tatts

August 16th 7.30am-9am

Guest Speaker: Tony Stuart

RSVP- Michael Lamarra
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: (RCIA)

Information evening:

Wednesday AUGUST 6th at 6pm SPP Presbytery

Regular Program Commences on

Wednesday AUGUST 20th at 6pm at the Presbytery.

All Adults interested in learning more about their faith, deepening their understanding, or who wish to become a catholic are invited.

Please contact the office on 0403 631 797.

Recently Deceased: Joseph Laferla, Robert Powell, Ron McEntee, Thomas Bourke, Denis Thackeray, Mary Fitzgerald, Peter & Barbara Brown, Ruth-Kirsten Read, Gordon McSorley, Shirley Evans, Margaret Cusack, Dale Duvall, Luke Elvins, Natalie Misfud,

Anniversaries: Donna Hogan, Peter Freebody, Howard Morgan, Leo, Agnes, terry & Ross McIntosh, deceased of the Gorman Family, Reg Bower, Danilo Punzalan, Cresencia Punzalan, Kim Woodward- Hunter, John Woodward, Agnes & Ernest Woodward, Petrina Elliott, Austin & Phyllis Corby, Alan & Florrie Roberts, Paul & Marilyn Van Ross, Ken Cummins, Richard Kelly, Barbara Howlett, Richard Heaton, Bryan Kennedy, Margot Brews, Maurie Laws, Thelma & Richard Kennedy, Tony Oxley, Anna Peplowski, Antonia Peplowski, David James, Connie Robertson, Pat Byron, Donald Anable, Lorna Watts, Des Thistleton, Rev. Mayne Murphy, Bid Eggleston, Anglela Garvina,

Prayers: Coster Ojwang, Peg McEntee, Marcus Imbens, Peter & Anne Kelly, Ojwang Family, Jacinta Ojwang, Martin Walsh, Bishop Pat Power, Christine McCormack, David Ojwang, John Murrell, , Ruth Read Sr, Anne McIntosh, John Murrell, Baby Cora Berry, Christopher White, Leslie King, Dorothy Brewer



Entrance Antiphon: Ps 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Communion Antiphon: Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

From Fr Michael Lim:

St Mary MacKillop letter to Msgr Kirby

In a letter to Monsignor Kirby, Mary MacKillop expressed a profound sense of joy in aligning her will with God's. She wrote that she no longer prays for specific things in the same way, but rather prays that God's will be done, finding satisfaction whether things go well or not, as both indicate God's will. She viewed the will of God as a "dear book" that she never tired of reading, finding new charm in it constantly.

Mary MacKillop's letter to Monsignor Kirby, likely written in 1873, highlights her deep faith and trust in God's will. She emphasized that uniting one's will with God's is uniting with the ultimate truth and love, which is beneficial to all. This sentiment is echoed in her reflection on the words of Jesus and Mary, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" and "Be it done to me according to your will".

In the same letter, Mary MacKillop also spoke about the need for the Sisters of Saint Joseph to nurture the faith of children and their families, especially in areas where access to the sacraments was limited. She noted that the Sisters often gathered people to pray the rosary, share reflections, and provide religious instruction. This letter, along with others, reveals her commitment to serving God and others, particularly the poor and vulnerable, and her deep compassion for those in need.

Below is the letter.

"Oh, Father, I cannot tell you what a beautiful thing the will of God seems to me. For some years past, my Communion, my prayers, my intentions have all been for God's will to be done. I can never pray for a particular intention, a particular person, or anything particular about our own Institute, but in God's loved will, that is - whilst I desire with all my heart to pray for these, I cannot help at the same time desiring that He only use my prayers for the intention that His own will most desires at this time. Thus I feel a joy when things go well, for I see His will in this, and an equal joy when they seem to go wrong or against our natural desire, for there again I see His will, and am satisfied that He has accepted my prayers and those of many more for some other object at the time nearer to His adorable will.

To me, the will of God is a dear book which I am never tired of reading, which has always some new charm for me. Nothing is too little to be noticed there, but yet my littleness and nothingness has often dared to oppose it, and I am painfully conscious that in many ways I still in my tepidity offend against it without perceiving what I am doing. But such dear lessons as you gave me the other evening then come to my aid and encourage me, for the love of my sweet Jesus is too strong, too beautiful, and His merits too great, for me not to cling to Him."



ST MARY MACKILLOP

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