



FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22 R. v.1

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1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped 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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We have committed to zero tolerance of abuse, and the Protection of all our people.

MISSION CALENDAR DATES

- MAR: Stations: STM 5.00pm CTK 10am SPP 5.30pm
- MAR: Lenten Study Group MAR 06: World Day of Prayer 10am St Saviours Cathedral
- MAR 18: Taralga Prayer group 10am School Hall.
- MAR 23: Reconciliation Retreat
- MAR 23: Easter Penitential 6pm SPP & STM
- MAR 24: Easter Penitential Taralga 5pm
- MAR 25: Ex- St Josephs Students tea K&GZ 10 for 10.15.
- MAR 29: PALM SUNDAY
- APR 04: Men's rosary crusade 10am OLOF Forecourt.
- APR 04: Women's Morning Tea CANCELLED
- APR 25: ANZAC DAY MASSES 9am. NO OLOF MASS

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REFLECTION:

In the Gospel of John, the image of light is often used as a metaphor to depict Jesus, who presents us with the illuminating Truth whereby we are set free from the darkness of 'the world', and the blindness of sin. Jesus, as the divine light, brings vision to the man born blind, in miraculous fashion. To each of us, he offers the grace of vision-not that we may see this world with greater clarity or sharpness, but rather that we may catch a glimpse into the eternal realities which lie beyond this world- that we may perceive the hidden presence of God in all things, and in the infinitude which lies beyond all things.

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Goulburn Mission Notice board

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026

RECONCILIATION:

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

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

COMBINED WITH PARISH Easter Penitential

Please email the office or call for any enquiries.

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)

Caritas Australia Project Compassion

QKR! "SPECIAL APPEALS".
<https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/project-compassion/>

HOLY PLACES / GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
RETRIRING COLLECTION ON FRIDAY 3rd April

BINDA MASS CANCELLED FOR APRIL

OFFICE CLOSED AFTER EASTER

Friday April 3rd
 Reopen Tuesday April 14th
 Public Holiday Anzac Day Long weekend
 Monday April 27th

PARISH YOUTH

Saturday 21st after Vigil Mass

Pizza and cake in the bishops dining room

Come and take the opportunity to speak with Father about what events, activities and opportunities you would like to see for young adults in the Parish and hear what we need from you!

Easter Mass Schedule:

Holy Thursday 2nd April:	STM, SPP, CTK:	7pm
Good Friday 3rd April:	Stations of the Cross: STM, SPP	10am
	Passion of the Lord: STM, SPP, CTK	3pm
Easter Saturday 4th April:	Reading of the Holy Office: OLOF	9am
	Easter Vigil: STM, SPP, CTK	7pm
Easter Sunday 5th April:	Sunday Masses	
	OLOF	8am
	STJ Tarago	8.30am
	STM	9am
	SPP	10am

Recently Deceased: Andrew Conner, Janet Culhane, Martin Walsh, Genevieve Young, Joanna Star, Jennifer Breen (Woods) Mrs Cordelia Igweilo, Agnes Casey, Elaine Plumb, Herbert Leong, Lorna Barnett, Thomas Longhust,

Anniversaries: Ray Elliott, Lyle Elliott, Jack Stephens, Dennis, Sam & Guiliana Gravina, Anne Fisher, John Thomas & Ellie Hartley, Peter Hartley, Michael Gichrist, Lawrence & Eugenie Gilchrist, Monica Croke, Gina Pincott, Bruce Canning, Fr Henry Byrne, Marlene Elliott, Dan Corry, Catherine Corry, Jack McGann, John McDonald, Patrick Thistleton, Natalie Misfud (1st Anniversary),

Prayers: Lisa Polley, Karla Murillo Zalapa, Ron Fitzgibbon, John Murrell, Mzee Ojwang, Anne Sowry, Jacinta Ojwang, Michael Schembri, Jenny Moorhouse, Ryan & Drgnos Families, Katrina Watts and Family, Dermot McCoy, Samuel Resch, John Bowen, Tony McCormack, Fr Michael Mullen, Brendan Walsh, John Murrell, Christopher White, Leslie King,

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Isaiah 66:10-11
 Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
 Be joyful, all who were in mourning:
 exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Communion Antiphon: Cf John 9:11,38
 The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

4th Sunday of Lent Year A Bulletin Article from Fr Lim

The season of Lent invites us to discover the power of Jesus

In today's Scripture readings, we are challenged to make a deliberate choice for God and have faith in Him. In the Letter to the Ephesians, St Paul challenges people to give up the works of darkness and to live like the children of light.

The theme of a journey, from darkness to light, is brought out in the Gospel, through the account of the miracle in the life of the man born blind. Till he met Jesus, the light of the world, he was in darkness all his life. He allowed Jesus to touch his eyes, obeyed his suggestion to go to the pond called 'Shiloh' and was given sight. In four stages, this whole episode unfolds the journey of the follower of Christ, from a life lived with burdensome conventions to a life lived out of conviction.

a) Stage of Genuine Curiosity: The episode opens with the disciples' question, which reflected the Jewish belief that a person is born disabled due to the sin of his parents. Jesus suggests that such a situation is not an obstacle in the ministry of the disciples, but an opportunity to reveal God's power and glory. The neighbours of the man, born blind, are curious to know how his eyes were opened. This gives an opportunity to the man to proclaim Jesus' works to the eager crowd. God rewards genuine curiosity, sooner or later.

b) Stage of Biased Suspicion: The Pharisees are suspicious about this miracle. Since they cannot prove it to be false, they accuse Jesus of working on the Sabbath. Jesus tells them bluntly that they would remain blind because of their biased suspicion.

c) Stage of Insecurity and Diplomacy: The parents of the man born blind, experienced the power of Jesus, but were afraid of the Jewish Council, which had decided to excommunicate those who openly confessed Jesus to be the Messiah. Hence out of insecurity, they diplomatically avoided saying anything about Jesus' power. They asked the Pharisees to talk to their son.

d) Stage of Firm Conviction: The stand taken by the man born blind, reflects the stage of firm conviction. He experiences the power of Jesus, openly speaks about the miracle, courageously gives his testimony before the Council, argues with the Jewish authorities confidently, invites people to be the disciples of Jesus and confesses his faith in Jesus as the Lord. In spite of being left alone by his parents and opposed by the authorities, he persevered in his faith in Jesus.

The season of Lent invites us to discover the power of Jesus and to allow him to open our eyes so that we can firmly declare him as prophet, Son of Man and Lord of our lives. As for the poor blind man, not only he received his sight, but his heart was filled with light as a result of his encounter with Jesus. Christ is indeed the light of the world and of our lives.

Let us reflect for a moment, on how much we need his light for our own lives and for the world.

Fr Robert B. D'Souza

