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20th Sunday Ordinary Time YR C



FIRST READING: Jerimiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king’s leading men spoke to the king. ‘Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.’ ‘He is in your hands as you know,’ King Zedekiah answered ‘for the king is powerless against you.’ So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. ‘My lord king,’ he said ‘these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.’ At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: ‘Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 39:2-4, 18.R.v. 14
R lord, come to my aid!

- 1. I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me. The LORD heard my cry
R. Lord, come to my aid!
- 2. He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp; he set my feet upon a crag; he made firm my steps.
R. Lord, come to my aid!
- 3. He put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and trust in the LORD.
R. Lord, come to my aid!
- 4. Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the LORD thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back!
R. Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulfulness of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right of God’s throne.* Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:Jn 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples:
"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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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)

STARTING SEPTEMBER-

Wed, Thurs masses 7.30 am OLOF, NOT 12pm SPP
Friday-9.30am St Mary’s Crookwell
Sat -9am (OLOF)

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

ROSTER Coordinator- judith.stuart11@gmail.com

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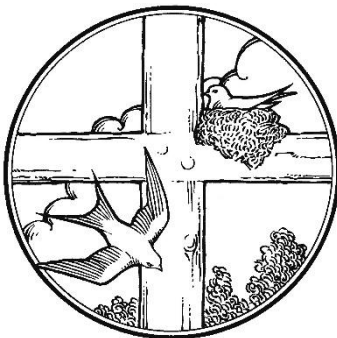
MISSON CALENDAR DATES

AUG 20: Baptism Enrolment: 7.30pm
AUG 20: RCIA 1st Session 6pm Presbytery
AUG 20: Taralga Prayer meeting- Convent 10am
AUG 24: CFC 1st Session **SPP Presbytery 12-4pm**
AUG 27: Ex-students of St Joseph’s morning- K&GZ 10.15
AUG 31: CFC 2nd session St Brigid’s 12-4pm
SEP 06: Women’s Morning Tea 10am workers Club
SEP 06: Men’s Rosary Crusade OLOF Forecourt 10am
SEP 12: St Saviours Craft Group 1.30 St Thomas room
OCT 26: Marian Procession

REFLECTION:

The word ‘radical’ comes from the Latin RADIX, meaning ‘root.’ In the true sense of the word Jesus can be considered a ‘radical’ person. His words go straight to the heart, to the ‘roots’ of a person’s being. He exposes the hypocrisy of those who want to appear righteous. Even his detractors admit that he is a truthful man who is not concerned with anyone’s opinion (Mark 12:14). In today’s Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to establish, not peace on earth, but division. He has come to set the earth on fire. The word of God that he preaches is like a sword that cuts, a fire that burns and purifies. Before it, people must decide whether to accept the cost of discipleship. Jesus himself is ready to pay the cost of his total dedication to his mission. To Obtain the highest good- the salvation of men and women- he will pay the highest price: his own life. He then asks his disciples the same price; their total dedication to him, even at the cost of division among family members. He calls them to be ‘radical’ and add to the fire of divine love in our world.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION QKR is live and ready for bookings.

Confirmation Program-

Crookwell Wednesday St Mary's School Hall- 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm.

Goulburn Thursday St Brigid's @ SPP 4pm-5pm

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

August 24 - SPP Presbytery 1st Seminar 12am – 4pm September 7 - St Brigid's 3rd Seminar 12am – 4pm

August 31 - St Brigid's 2nd Seminar 12am - 4pm September 14 - St Brigid's 4th Seminar 12am – 4pm

**St Bartholomew's
Collector
Mass
10.30 am
Saturday 23rd August**

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Please fill, or help us fill and post, a shoe box of goodies for children in remote areas of the world. Shoe Boxes: available now at the back of St Mary's, Crookwell or Duncombe and Co, Goulburn St Crookwell. Donations: towards box fillers and posting boxes very appreciated. Please have your box back in at the end of September. Contact Therese McDonald 0409 781 551 or Tristan Kensit 0407 855 874

(RCIA)
Wednesday AUGUST 20th
at 6pm at the Presbytery.
Please contact the office
on 0403 631 797.
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**Invitation to join
Goulburn Presidia of Legion of Mary**
Regular meetings occur at 2pm at the SPP presbytery
To learn more please call:
Tess - 0487 738 355
Judy - 0427 032 073

St SAVIOURS CATHEDRAL CRAFT GROUP
2nd Friday of the month in the St Thomas Room
Bring along your craft project, and enjoy a cuppa
Rev'd Theresa 0408 762 651

**Thank you to all the parishioners
who returned a survey on the
future of the SPP Parish Precinct.
Your input is invaluable.**

Recently Deceased: Norma Steele, Hazel wilding, Penny McCormack, Mary Packham, Joseph Laferla, Beryl Johnson, Robert Powell, Ron McEntee, Thomas Bourke, Denis Thackeray, Mary Fitzgerald, Peter and Barbara Brown, Natalie Misfud,

Anniversaries: Patricia Percival, Passed and present Members of the Legion of Mary, Sr Marie Jeanne, Keith Mackay, John Craicun, Jan Knight, Gregory McIntosh, Lionel, Clementine & Paul McGrath, Donna Hogan, Peter Freebody, Howard Bye, Leo, Agnes & Terry McIntosh, Ross McIntosh, Reg Bower, Danilo Punzalan, Cresencia Punzalan, Deceased members of the Gorman Family, 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 Brewis, Maurice Laws, Thelma Kennedy, Tony Oxley, Anna Peplowski, Antonia Peplowski, David James, Connie Robertson,

Prayers: Bernadette & Anabelle Mikita, Anne McIntosh, Lisa McCormack, Coster Ojwang, Peg McEntee, Marcus Imbens, Peter & Anne Kelly, Ojwang Family, Martin Walsh, Bishop Pat Power, John Murrell, Sr, Anne McIntosh, John Murrell, Baby Cora Berry, Christopher White, Leslie King, Dorothy Brewer



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Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 84:10-11:

"Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere."

Communion Antiphon: John 6:51-52:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever."

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY (abridged) Provided by PP Fr Michael Lim;

Dear Friends, "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future. Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture", which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly! Old age is not a time of life easily understood even by those of us who are already experiencing it. Even though it eventually comes with the passage of time, no one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise. On the one hand, we are tempted to ward off old age by hiding our wrinkles and pretending to be forever young, while on the other, we imagine that the only thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot "still bring forth fruit". Retirement and grown children make many of the things that used to occupy our time and energy no longer so pressing. The recognition that our strength is ebbing or the onset of sickness can undermine our certainties. The fast pace of the world – with which we struggle to keep up – seems to leave us no alternative but to implicitly accept the idea that we are useless. We can resonate with the heartfelt prayer of the Psalmist: "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent" (71:9). Yet that same psalm – which meditates on how the Lord has been present at every stage of our lives – urges us to persevere in hope. Along with old age and white hairs, God continues to give us the gift of life and to keep us from being overcome by evil. If we trust in him, we will find the strength to praise him still (cf. vv. 14-20). We will come to see that growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing! For this reason, we ought to take care of ourselves and remain active in our later years. This is also true from a spiritual standpoint: we ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren, but also for the poor and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and our prayers. These things will help us not to feel like mere bystanders, sitting on our porches or looking out from our windows, as life goes on all around us. Instead, we should learn to discern everywhere the presence of the Lord. [2] Like "green olive trees in the house of God" (cf. Ps 52:10), we can become a blessing for those who live next to us. Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. "The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations". [3] This would be our own contribution to the revolution of tenderness, [4] a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, to take an active role. The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has "filled with days". Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the revolution of tenderness, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war.

To all of you, and to your loved ones, I send my blessing and the assurance of my closeness and affection. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me!

POPE FRANCIS