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FIRST READING: Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1
(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.)

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that

you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:23
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23
Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:
Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.
From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.
He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 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

CONFESIONS

SPP: 11.30 -12 (Fri), Sat 5.15pm
OLOF: Sat. 9.30am -10am
Taralga: 4.30pm (1st Sat)
Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

SPP 11am Fridays
Syra Malaba 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 St Mary's 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

JAN 26: AUSTRALIA DAY MASS 9.30am SPP
JAN 31: OLOF Community Meeting
FEB 05: Music Ministry Meeting
FEB 03: MQA Volunteer Meeting 6pm Tuesday SPP Pres.
FEB 07: Women's Morning Tea, 10am Wesley Centre 10am
FEB 07: Men's Rosary Crusade 10am OLOF Forecourt
FEB 07: OLOF Community Meeting: After 9am Mass
FEB 18: ASH WEDNESDAY
FEB 21: Men's Breakfast 7.30am Tatts
FEB 25: Ex Students of St Josephs: K&GZ 10 for 10.15
MAR 06: World Day of Prayer 10am St Saviours Cathedral

REFLECTION:

At the onset of his mission, Jesus calls his first set of disciples. Nothing had prepared Andrew, Simon, James and John for the task of becoming 'fishers of men.' Their training as to catch fish and trade their catch with fish vendors. But they let themselves be won over by Jesus' magnetic presence. They leave behind their boats, their father Zebedee (in case of James and John) and follow Jesus in the adventure of preaching the Good News of the Kingdom. At times they would be slow in understanding what the kingdom of Heaven entails. But Jesus is a patient teacher, and he teaches through unforgettable stories called parables. Most of all he teaches by example: being merciful and caring to the least and the last.

Speaking of the call of the first disciples, Pope Francis shares: 'There are different ways of carrying out the plan that God has for each of us, which is always a plan of love.....And the greatest joy for any believer is to respond to this call, to offer all at the service of God and their Brothers and sisters.' Where do you feel the Lord is calling you at this stage of your life? Do you have the openness of the first disciples of Jesus?

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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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Enrolment and Session 1

STM -Wednesday May 6th 3.30-5pm

SPP- Thursday 7th May 4-5.30pm

CONFIRMATION: Enrolment and Session 1

STM- Wednesday 19th August 3.30-5pm

SPP Thursday 20th August 4-5.30pm

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 6th

10am St Saviours Cathedral

Ministry meetings roster.

Acolytes: Sunday 25th Jan aft 10am SPP Mass.

OLOF Church Meeting: Sat 31st after 9am Mass.

MQA Volunteer meeting: Tuesday Feb 3rd 6pm SPP Pres

Music Ministry Meeting: Thursday 5th February 5.30

Children's Liturgy MEETING: Wednesday

These update meetings are mandatory to growing our strength and unity. Please come along and share your experience and learn what's new in your ministry.

WOMEN'S Morning Tea

A change of Venue: Wesley Centre 43 Goldsmith Street

Starting at 10am, for the Guest speaker at 10.30am

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 upcoming information regarding inclusion and accessibility as we strive to be compliant and compassionate.

Ministry Volunteering is a rewarding and important part of our pastoral heart. Please come along to the MQA Volunteer meeting on February 3rd, at 6pm in the bishops dining room and share in the unity that springs from shared labour and commitment. Ministries that need assistance are:

Children's Liturgy, Scripture, Hospitality, Senior servers, Acolytes, Special Ministers of the Eucharist to homes and Institutions, New IT Specialists, and Choir, WHS and First Aid.

OLOF church now has 5 Masses a week and would love more parishioners to assist in Ministry. There are many other ministries to be involved in that bring joy and are so important to the function of the Parish. Come and enjoy a cuppa, update your paperwork, learn what's new and share in the spirit of renewal and hope!

Please check your WWCC dates! Volunteer and code of conduct forms can be re-signed as they must be EVERY THREE YEARS and updates on WHS and vital ministry etiquette can be!

Please be aware that in the coming weeks the Verner St entrance to the Cathedral will undergo some cosmetic changes. The two trees on either side of the gate have buckled the pavement and continue to cause disruption to the property and present a hazard risk to pedestrians and parishioners alike. The trees will be removed at safe intervals and times, however, please be safe and keep distance whilst work is underway.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Rippon, Baby Myles Marsh, Fr Richard Fuchs, Marilyn Mullen, Margaret Croker, Margaret Hanly, Julie Hopping, Ron McEntee, Agnus Casey, John Lowe, Marjorie Avery, Lee Clune, Richard Cromack, Christakis Antony, Murray Scott, Nicholas Chetcuti, Peter Croker, Erica Jones, Darcy Orford,

Anniversaries: Elsie McLaughlin, Kevin King, Arthur & Gloria Willis, James & Catherine Jones, David & Shirley Charnock, Elaine & Ray Jones, Sandra Collins, Natalie Misfad, Pat Miller, Betty Burgesss, Pat Larcombe, Relatives of Steenburgen, Ruby Thorn, Jean Crawford, Maria Bruggl, Theresia Craciun, Phillip Anable, Tina Williams, Taylor & Orchard Families, John Yeadon, Barry Bower, Pat Bower, Robin Nicastri, Talty & Hewitt Families, Tom & Angela Hewitt, Thomas and Ivy Cooney,

Prayers: Fr Michael Mullen, Steve Oakland, Daniel Stiller, Ojwang, Nick Marsh, David Ojwang, Denise Duck, Christine Graff, Jo Pugh, Di Smith, Peg McEntee, Sr Celine Marie, Brendan Walsh, John Murrell, Bernadette Flannery, Brendan Bott, Sr Marie Kearns, Ruth Read, Mark Taylor, Marilyn Mullen, Chelsea Martin, Christopher White, Leslie King, Mary Steenburgen, Martin

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Communion Antiphon: John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Saturday of February 21st 7.15 for a 7.30 start at the Tatts. Guest Speaker is Stephen Armstrong, discoursing on his personal spiritual journey. Please RSVP Michael Lamarra on 0419 019 304.

Article by Father Dominic,

We hear of the land of Zebulun and Naphtali in both the First Reading and the Gospel that are named after two sons of Jacob/Israel. These tribes of Israel are in the upper northern kingdom, close to non-Jewish people, and are referred to as living in darkness because they are as much the province of nations as their faith has been diluted by those same nations. Naphtali included the region of Galilee and the reason a light has shone out of Galilee is not just because Jesus arrives there, as we hear in today's Gospel, but because this includes the place of Jesus' birth in Nazareth. The yoke, bar, rod that is spoken of in the First Reading refers to the oppression that evil forces play in the world. The proposal that God will break these on the day of Midian is an allusion to Gideon's victory over the Midianites because, more generally, God is in control and not the Kingdom of darkness. Knowing this, though, is not enough. Through the ministry of Jesus, he confers glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. Jesus' ministry and his glory are now a gift for everyone. We are asked to repent in order to receive this kingdom because it is close at hand. The repentance asked for is the type that requires full change of mind and heart—a metanoia.

"The Greek [word] metanoia means a profound conversion of heart. This grace of conversion and the capacity of holiness is conferred to the faithful in Baptism. The Apostles' prompt acceptance and unconditional response to the call of Christ exemplifies the proper dispositions to embrace discipleship. Repentance is not reserved for only the beginning of the Christian life but must be a constant disposition throughout each day of our lives. Lent is a special time to elicit conversion through prayer and penance" (The Didache Bible, p. 1316).



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