

# The Living Word

First Sunday of Lent, Year B

18 February 2024

## First Reading Gn 9:8-15

*will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

*(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and  
teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from  
of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness,  
O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who  
stray,  
he guides the humble in the right  
path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 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.*

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of endless glory!*

## Gospel Mk 1:12-15

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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**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:** Cf Psalm 90:4  
The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

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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)

Tuena - **Nil until further notice**

Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

**CONFESSIONS****SPP:** 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 5.15pm**OLOF:** Sat. 9.30am -10am**Taralga:** 5.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Sat)**Crookwell:** 8.30am (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun)**ADORATION & BENEDICTION:**

11am Friday SPP

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),

Wed, Thurs Fri - 12md (SPP)

Sat 9am (OLOF)

**Thank you** to Fr Joshy, the Parishioners, members from the other Churches and wider Community for all you did to make my Farewell Function last Sunday, so special and memorable. Be assured of my prayers for you all.  
**Sr Rosemary**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**FEB 21: Taralga Prayer group **10am** in the Convent

FEB 22: Lenten study group SPP Pres. 6.30 pm

FEB 23: Steel City Strings **6.30pm** Cello quartet SPPFEB 29: Chamber Philharmonia Cologne **7pm** in SPP

MAR 1: World Day Of Prayer

MAR 16: ST Joseph's Motor pilgrimage **4pm -6pm**Mar 17: St Patricks day **11pm** Get together SPP**MISSION NOTICES****Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent****10.00am:** Taralga **4.00pm:** Crookwell  
**Goulburn: 5.30pm****On Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>:** will be at OLOF**Parish Volunteers Information Meeting**

*"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few".*  
Please come along, even if you are still searching an apt ministry that can support and enhance our parish community. **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm 36 Verner St, Cathedral Presbytery.** Existing members serving our community as well as those hoping to begin in Ministry are welcome.

**Lenten prayer group:** will begin at 36 Verner Street on Thursday 22 February at **6.30 pm.**

**World Day of Prayer****Goulburn:** 10am on 1st March at the Uniting Church Goldsmith St.**Taralga:** 2pm at St Stephan's Presbyterian Church, Bannaby Street Taralga.**Vigil Mass Time Survey Results GOULBURN**Leave as is -5pm & 6pm = **43%**5.30pm All year = **35%**6pm All year = **22%****St Patricks Day 17 March**

An after 10am mass celebration of St Patrick's day will be held at SPP. Bring a plate of green foods, and enjoy good music, some jokes and the companionship of our parish community. Stephen Hart is happy to welcome any men who wish to participate in the Men's Singing group practicing on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm at SPP.

**Recently Deceased:** James Unwin, Patricia Fairall, Samantha Manette, Rohna Mead, Christopher Hardman, Allan Worldon, Gloria Orton, Joan Percy, Stanley Edgington, Alf Yeardon, Kevin Neville, Betty Lindner, Beryl Reid, Raymon Finnegan, Kevin King, Rose Liardet, Anthony Smith,

**Anniversaries:** Lorna Lyons, Paul and Marilyn Vainross, Bill Murphy, Herman Boller, Joan Fincune, Alice Bogg, SR. M. Barbara Fogarty, Maureen Doherty, James Doherty, Bryan Kennedy, Father Blake, Margot Brewis, Wilma Hewitt, Ignacio Juaniza, Gordon Boyd, Noel Elliott, Marlene Elliott, Russell Croker, Mary Maloney, Ian Maloney, Lesley Croker, Pat Thistleton, Gerard Thistleton, Dan Corry, Jack McGann, John McDonald, Elsie McLaughlin, Rudolf Froncek, Robert Taylor Phillip Anable, Theresia Craciun, Deceased members of the Coffey, Anable and Craciun families, Sandra Collins, Pat Miller, Pat Larcombe, Ellen Writer,

**Prayers:** Gavin McKensie, Olivian Suess, Gerard Mackay, Judith Power, Stephanie Duss-Hasserra, John Gerathy, Jacinta Ojwang, Bill Bourke, Bruce and Lyn Pincott, Gerard Conroy, Paul Hollands, Ruth Kirsten Read,