



**FIRST READING:** Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8 (R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

**SECOND READING:** Romans 5:1-2. 5-8 Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** See John 4:42. 15 Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near The land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come -in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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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 & BENECTION**

SPP 11am Fridays  
Syra Malabar- Mass: 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 SPP & OLOF  
MAR 09: Monday 7pm Cologne Philharmonia  
MAR 11: Crookwell Morning Tea 10.30 Meeting Room  
MAR 14: Our Lady of Guadalupe 2pm Workers Club \$10  
MAR 23: Reconciliation Retreat and 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation  
MAR 23: Easter Penitential 6pm SPP & STM  
MAR 24: Easter Penitential Taralga 5pm  
MAR 29: PALM SUNDAY  
APR 02: Holy Thursday 7pm  
APR 03: Good Friday 3pm Passion of the Lord  
APR 04: Easter Vigil Mass: 7pm SPP, STM, CTK

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 information regarding inclusion and accessibility on your church notice boards as we strive to be compliant and compassionate.

**REFLECTION:**

Jesus Speaks to a Samaritan Woman, and through her he speaks to us. He describes the kind of Worship that is pleasing to God, worship 'in spirit and in truth'. To worship God in spirit and in truth implies that our devotion and prayer is not simply to be a matter of mechanical formal observances. Indeed, such formal observances are, in the sight of God, of infinitely less consequences than the disposition of the heart. This is not to Say that formal religious observances are futile or devoid of value-indeed, they are essential to Christians, since they are an expression of our union with Christ's mystical body, the Church. Nevertheless, our every thought and deed, however mundane, if done with the intention of expressing the glory of God, can also become a true and genuine act of worship-a living sacrifice of praise, a passionate song of love, and even a heart felt plea for forgiveness.

*Anyone who drinks the water I shall give will never be thirsty again.*



Goulburn Mission Notice board

**SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026**

**RECONCILIATION:**

*Retreat- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9.30-2.30 St Brigid's*

*1<sup>st</sup> Rite- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm SPP & STM*

*COMBINED WITH PARISH Easter Penitential.*

QKR! App is ready to receive applications.  
Please download the APP and choose:

*Please email the office or call for any enquiries.*

**Caritas Australia Project Compassion**

QKR! "SPECIAL APPEALS".

<https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/project-compassion/> . Boxes and Envelopes available from your church.

*MOA YOUNG ADULTS*

March 21<sup>st</sup> straight after 6pm Vigil Mass.  
**PIZZA AND CAKE**

Come and speak with father about how the Parish can serve your needs, what you would like to see develop, and hear how we can begin to build our future.

English monk Fr Laurence Freeman OSB, director and spiritual guide of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM)

will be leading An Evening of Dialogue (hosted by Genevieve Jacobs AM) at Marist College, Pearce ACT (7 to 8.30pm Tuesday 10 March).

Fr Laurence is in Canberra at the invitation of Archbishop Christopher Prowse, There is no cost for the 10 March gathering at Marist, but please register [HERE](#) or by email to [nathanahearne@mcc.act.edu.au](mailto:nathanahearne@mcc.act.edu.au)  
Further info: contact - [rod@rodpage.com](mailto:rod@rodpage.com)

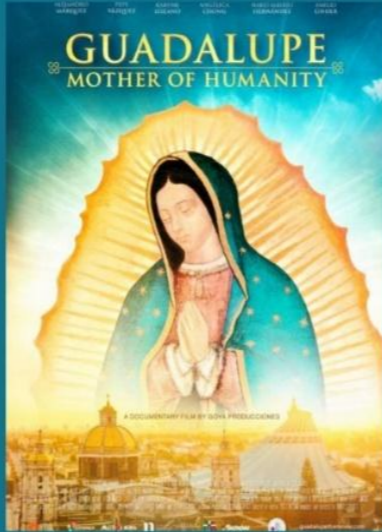
**LENTEN STUDY BOOKS**

**\$10 The Journey Home: Mark Coleridge**  
Purchase from the office or a meeting.

**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*)

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING!



**GUADALUPE**  
MOTHER OF HUMANITY

In 1531, on a quiet hill near Mexico City, a heavenly apparition changed the course of history. Based on true events, 'Guadalupe: Mother of Humanity' examines the miraculous image that defies time, science, and logic; as well as the extraordinary events that have followed.

Because some miracles refuse to fade!

**GOULBURN WORKERS' CLUB**  
1 MCKELL PLACE, GOULBURN, NSW  
SATURDAY MARCH 14 - 2 P.M.  
ALL TICKETS \$10 - AVAILABLE AT CLUB RECEPTION

**Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 24:15-16**

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

**Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 83: 4-5**

The sparrow finds a home, and the  
swallow a nest for her young: by your  
altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my  
God. Blessed are they who dwell in your  
house, for ever singing your praise.

**BINDA MASS WILL BE CANCELLED ON EASTER SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2026**

**Bulletin article From Fr Dominic Byrne**

When Jesus sees the Samaritan woman, he immediately asks her for a drink. She eventually comes to understand what Jesus is offering only after she puts down her water jars. This is her unconscious effort to release the things she had become attached to her heart and make room for the new way we are to live with living water. It seems, though, that before she can receive the living water, she has to also give Jesus her husband or at least present her husband to him. Jesus is offering to fix all of her troubles: without a husband; always running out of water; Samaritans are isolated from the Jews; misunderstanding God. He is offering her living water that does not run out. This living water, given to us at Baptism, is the Holy Spirit who is the new law written in our hearts. The Holy Spirit does give us a real sense of how to live our lives, if we are willing to be Spiritually led. Jesus stays with the Samaritans for two days and they believe that he is the saviour of the world, and we too will be able to follow only after we have put down our water jars that preoccupy our lives and our hearts.

“Just as in the bread discourse ...[Jesus] reveals himself as the true bread that comes from heaven, he shows himself here—just as he had done with the Samaritan woman—as the living water that is the goal of man’s deeper thirst for life, for ‘life in abundance’ (Jn 10:10): This life is no longer conditioned by need that must constantly be satisfied, but it springs up from within, from deep inside itself. Jesus also answers the questions as to how one drinks this living water, how one gets to the well and draws from it, by saying, ‘He who believes in me...’ Faith in Jesus is the way we drink the living water, the way we drink life that is no longer threatened by death” (Pope Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth, Vol. 1, p. 245).



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

**Anniversaries:** Ray Elliott, 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, Alice Bogg, Patrick Thistleton, Gerald Thistleton, Patrick Thistleton, Bill Murphy, Les Murphy, Natalie Misfud (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary),

**Prayers:** 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, Maryanne Lewis, Deidre Dorsett, Antipas Ojwang, Cecil Lewis, John Bowen, Baby Sunny Flannery, Tony McCormack, Fr Michael Mullen, Brendan Walsh, John Murrell, Christopher White, Leslie King,