



FIRST READING: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7 (R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all

evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not. Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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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

CONFESSIONS

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
Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF
Guided Adoration Fridays, 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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MISSION CALENDAR DATES

OCT 26: Marian Procession 10am-3pm
OCT 31: All Saints Day 12pm SPP
NOV 1: Women's Morning Tea 10am Workers
NOV 1 Men's Rosary Crusade OLOF 10am
NOV 8: Memorial Mass OLOF 9am Saturday
NOV 10: Psalm workshop St Brigid's 2-4pm
NOV 12: Crookwell Morning tea 10.30am
NOV 16: 10am Mass St Mary Mackillop relic Process
NOV 18: Taralga Prayer group- 10am Convent.
NOV 18: Baptism evening 7.30 pm SPP Presbytery.
NOV 22: St Pats Tech Anniversary 4pm Workers Club
NOV 23: Christ the King of the Universe.
NOV 29: PARISH ASSEMBLY

REFLECTION:

Who are we as we come before God today? Poor, humble, weak, broken-hearted, ill exhausted, in need of God's mercy? God's face is always turned to such people. In the mass today, the penitential rite is a great opportunity to stand in that place of humility with the Tax collector. Presiders sometimes use their own words to introduce the prayers of mercy. I have heard one ask us to come to our God of Love and compassion 'for forgiveness of our sins, for peace in our hearts and healing in our lives'. Another calls us 'to reflect on our need for healing in our relationships with God, others, ourselves and our environment'. The penitential rite is a great equaliser, and reality check; we can all recognise aspects of ourselves that are rough and broken. We come to receive Jesus' gift of himself in Communion not because we are perfect, but because we are in need of him. He wants to feed and nourish us because we are hungry and thirsty. If we come to him full of ourselves, we may not appreciate this gift and we may leave unchanged. So let us be open to God's mercy and healing today.

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NOVEMBER AMENDMENTS

Nursing homes

Tues 11th -Taralga & Crookwell -

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Wed 12th -Masonic Village **CANCELLED**

OLOF

5pm and 7.30am liturgy services.

The MQA Parish is grateful to have been granted a first-class relic from St Mary Mackillop. We invite the Parish to the formal reception Mass for this on Sunday November .



Guided Family Adoration OLOF
Friday 5.30-6pm
Young families are invited to come pray together.

Sponsor Couples Needed – Goulburn
marriage.preparation@cq.org.au or call Helena on 0405 440 463 for an obligation-free chat.

St SAVIOURS CATHEDRAL CRAFT GROUP

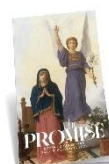
2nd Friday of the month in the St Thomas Room Rev'd Theresa 0408 762 651

Vacant Position: Cook needed for the Sisters of St Joseph.

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PARISH ASSEMBLY

Saturday November 29
Begins at OLOF 9am Mass
10am- 2pm
St Joseph's School Hall

St Pats Tech
60th anniversary of the closing of the college
22nd November 2025 4pm
Goulburn Workers Club

DAYTIME CHOIR - Hume Con- Pottery Room
9.30am Wednesday the 9th October

Recently Deceased: Lynette Seary, Stephen Keough, Mollie Johns, Anne O'Brien, Pat Bourke, Helene (Jan) Dyring, Bruce Gay, Eusabio Roxas, Blake Shorrock,

Anniversaries: Paul Heffernan, Ricardo & Lucita Matutina, Fe & Simplicio, Sally Barrett, Melanie McDonald, George Thistleton, Michael & Madge Loughnan, Judy Critchlow, Colin Wright, Tom & Sheila Hogan, Bridget & Maria Hogan, Vonnie Loughnan, John Probert, Natalie Misfud, Keith Pincott, Nora Trompp, Anthony Gardener, Marilou George,

Prayers: Davor Marinovic, Gerard Doodeman, Sr Marie Kearns, Ruth Read, Marilyn Mullen, Chelsea Martin, Anne McIntosh, John Murrell, Christopher White, Leslie King, Dorothy Brewer



Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Bulletin Article by Fr Lim: DAILY READING OF THE BIBLE WILL GIVE US "ROOTS AND WINGS."

There is a lot of wisdom in the saying, "If you want to live a responsible Christian life you have to read two things every day, the Bible and the daily newspaper; and never one without the other." The newspaper gives you the bad news (the devil is in the details) and the Bible gives you the Good News (God is in the big picture.) There are many other reasons why we should read the Bible every day.

First of all, these truths are so deep and rich that they cannot be absorbed at any one time. A text book cannot be exhausted in one reading. One must listen to a symphony many times before he can fully appreciate it. The painting of a great artist must be contemplated many times before it can be fully appreciated.

Another reason is that, according to the philosophical principle, whatever is received is received according to the disposition of the recipient. This is well illustrated in the life of Mark Twain who said that when he was sixteen he thought that his father was a fool. When he reached twenty he was surprised at how much his father had learned in those four years. Daily reading of the Bible will help us develop a sense of humour.

A sense of humour, of course, is a sense of the humorous, the unexpected, the incongruous and the preposterous. A sense of humour then is simply a sense of truth, a sense of reality that enables us to discern the untrue, the unreal, the incongruous, the preposterous. God is All-truth and the Really Real and therefore has a Divine Sense of Humour.

Repetition is the mother of learning. John Cardinal Newman used the illustration of the coffee percolator. As the water heats up it rises and flows over the coffee grounds. Each time it does this the coffee gets stronger and stronger. And so it is with these truths. Each time we go over them our understanding and conviction of them gets stronger.

Then there is the need to correct our image of God. Genesis tells us that God made us in His own image. And He saw that it was good. Since that time we have been making God in our own image. And that is not good. These human images of God must be checked constantly against the true image that God revealed to us in Jesus.

We live in a culture that is definitely not Christian. Every value once held dear is being vigorously challenged and often ridiculed. Many of our contemporaries' doubt-ridden by the constant bombardment of the triune god of materialism, hedonism and consumerism are asking themselves, "Is life," as Shakespeare "a tale told by an idiot full of sound and fury signifying nothing?"

We have to reflect again and again on these Christian truths lest we lose our Christian identity, lest we forget who we are. We also live in an age of change, rapid and all-pervading change. It has become an age without roots. There is the widespread conviction that nothing is the same anymore. There is no denying, of course, that there has been many and great changes. But change is not annihilation. Change connotes continuity. In change there is always something that remains.

In Christianity there always remains the truth of Jesus Christ, true God and true man, the way, the truth, and the life, yesterday, today and the same forever. Jesus came not to destroy the law and the prophets but to fulfil them. He came not to make all new things, but to make all things new. This is also the age of specialization. The specialist gets to know more and more about less and less. There is the constant danger that he may lose perspective and take the part that he is specializing in for the whole.

There is, therefore, the constant need to return to the over-all picture of reality, the big picture, to return to our basic belief system not only to maintain perspective but also because it is our basic belief system that pervades and influences our every thought, word and deed. This is also the age of the knowledge explosion. We have a lust for knowledge. Our sum total of knowledge has more than doubled in the last few years. Most of this knowledge is of secondary causes. The sheer volume of it tends to blot out knowledge of the primary cause, God. With this vast increase in knowledge has come the temptation to think that salvation comes through knowledge. As if there were some hidden, salutary truths that one day the elite would discover.

Scripture tells us, however, that God has hidden these things from the learned and the clever and revealed them to the merest children. We all know from our own experience that it is not much knowledge that satisfies the soul, but the intimate understanding and relish of the truth. It is the realization of the simple truth, the discovery of the obvious that leads to salvation. The daily reading of the Bible will give us "roots and wings."

Fr. Rodney Kissinger S.J from Divine Simplicity