

**May They Rest in Peace:** Fr Paul Tarpey, Geoff Riley, Pranee Fr Gerard Mahoney CP (Mary's Mount), Robert Mottram, Twaycharoen, Joseph Suphakit, Joan Watson, Palasa Salvi, Valda Druett, Mildred Cohen, Sr Elizabeth Couch, Rodger Bush, Carmel Cassidy,

**Anniversaries** Brian Cosgrove, Ros Noakes, Terry Fogarty, Sr M Rosalie Gannon RSJ,

**Prayer List:** Joe Conroy, Kit McCabe, Francis White, Fr Laurie Blake, Jack Gracie, Pauline Grech, Dolores Esparas, Wendel Rosewarne, Marianne Barling, Di Coles, Darien,

### Parish Diary

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|----------------|---|
| Tues<br>19/12  | <b>7.30am Mass St J Conv. Chapel</b><br><b>7pm Reconciliation –Goulburn SPP</b>   |
| Wed<br>20/12   | <b>7.30am Mass St J Conv. Chapel</b><br><b>7pm Reconciliation –Taralga</b><br>2pm Legion of Mary MQA Mtg Rm               |
| Thurs<br>21/12 | <b>7.30am Mass St J Conv. Chapel</b><br><b>7pm Reconciliation -Crookwell</b><br>7pm Rosary at St Michael's Bungonia       |
| Fri<br>22/12   | <b>9.30am Comm.Serv. St Marys C'well</b><br><b>10.30 am Mass SPP Cath.</b><br><b>3pm – Holy Hour.at St J Conv. Chapel</b> |
| Sat<br>23/12   | <b>9.00am Mass OLOF</b>   |

**Christmas/ New Year bulletins** will be prepared in advance. Please send in any notices, Mass intentions etc for inclusion.

**Readings for next week:** 4 Sunday Advent

1/Is 61:1-2. 10-11      2/ 1 Thes 5:16-24

**Gospel:** Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

### PARISH WEB PAGE:

The Goulburn Mission is working on a new website, a work in progress, please have a look at it and watch it develop.

Bulletins for Goulburn, rosters, sacramental updates, parish news, Mass times

<http://cg.org.au/goulburn/Home.aspx>

Once you have looked up the page- save it to your 'favourites'

### The Goulburn Mission Mass Times:

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|---|--|
| <b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul's:</b>                       | Sat. 6.00pm Sept-April<br><b>5.00pm</b> (Winter May- Aug.) |
| <b>Our Lady of Fatima:</b>                          | 7.00am Sunday  |
| <b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul's:</b>                       | 10.00am Sunday   |
| <b>Taralga:</b>                                     | Sat. 6.00pm Sept-May<br><b>5.00pm</b> (Winter June-Aug.)   |
| <b>Crookwell:</b>                                   | Sun. 9.am  |
| Binda (1,2,3)                                       | Sun 10.30am  |
| Tuena (5)   | Sun 11.30am  |
| St Patrick's, Marulan, 8.00am (2/4 Sun. month)      |  |
| St Joseph's, Tarago 8.00am (3 Sun. Month)           |  |
| St Laurence O'Toole, Spring Valley                  |  |
| St Michael's, Bungonia, St Bartholomew's, Collector |  |

### ROSTERS FOR THE 23/24 Dec

| Mass               | 6.00pm                                      | 7.00am                  | 10.00am                                   |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Acolyte</b>     | T Manning                                   | B Bourke                | M Imbens                                  |
| <b>Readers 1</b>   | C Anderson                                  | S Cady                  | B Writer                                  |
| <b>2</b>           | C Bopping                                   | D Green                 | F McKillop                                |
| <b>EMHC</b>        | M Casey<br>D McGaw<br>H Condylis<br>A Oberg | Sr Elizabeth<br>A Agius | B Cudaj<br>A Anable<br>P Heaton<br>R Vial |
| <b>*Infirmid</b>   | J Harris                                    | C O'Brien               | C Groves                                  |
| <b>Alt. Server</b> | Ava, Denzel                                 |                         |   |
| <b>Music</b>       | Bruce,<br>stephen                           |                         | tbc                                       |
| <b>Prayers</b>     | December                                    | Wendy,Anne              |   |

**Clergy:** Fr D McDermott, Parish Priest  
Fr Assin, Ass. Priest

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tues.-Thurs- 7.30am Convent Chapel  
Fridays 10.30am TCC Chapel, **during school term**  
/ or SPP during school holidays  
Saturday: 9.00am OLOF  
Waminda- 11.00am 1 Tuesday of the month  
Warrigal 11.00am 3 Tues of the month

### RECONCILIATION TIME:

**Saturday 9.30-10.00am OLOF**

**Saturday 5.30 SPP - Verner St side.**

**Secretary:** Sharon Cashman

**Office hours: 8.30-12.30pm Mon-Fri**

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## THE GOULBURN MISSION

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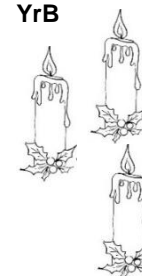
# MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES

[Parish Established 1839]

## 3rd Sunday Advent YrB

### The Saints Candle (3)

Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah who cried with joy for God clothes us in the garments of salvation.



R. *Come, Emmanuel*  
*Come, Emmanuel*  
*Come, Emmanuel*  
*Come, and be born in our Hearts.*

Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St Paul urges us to be happy at all times and to pray constantly.

R *Come, Emmanuel*

Lord Jesus, you sent John the Baptist to be a witness for the light

R *Come, Emmanuel*

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul rejoices in my God.

**Response: (if sung)** Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Right:** My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

**Left:** The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

**Right:** He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia Alleluia  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia

**Today's Readings:** 1/ Is 61:1-2. 10-11  
2/ 1 Thes 5:16-24 **Gospel:** Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

**VOCATION PRAYER:**

God of all creation,  
Through Baptism you gift us with new life.  
You call each of us to live that life in a unique way,  
so that we may truly become the witnesses of your love.  
Bless all those you call: all single and married people all priests and deacons, all sisters and brothers.  
May we all become builders of your kingdom and sacraments of your love.  
As we live out the mission of Jesus Christ through living our baptismal call.  
Give us all the time and energy to assist in the work of the Goulburn Mission.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Communion Antiphon:**

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

**Prayer of Commissioning:**

Christ's Mass unites us in his life and love. Now take the gift of his body and blood to our sick brothers and sisters, sharing that life and love with them

**Parish Reconciliation: 7pm each night listed.**

**Tues.** 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. SPP  
**Wed.** 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Taralga  
**Thurs.** 21 Dec. C'well

**Christmas Mass Times:**

Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: 6pm Taralga  
6pm Goulburn SPP  
6pm Crookwell  
8pm Goulburn SPP  
  
Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday: 9am Goulburn OLOF  
9am Crookwell  
10.30 Binda  
  
New Year's Day, 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday 9am Goulburn SPP

**MISSION NEWS:**

Welcome back to Fr Assin, still on the road to a full recovery.

- **VOLUNTEERS FOR Christmas Masses- Many Ministry Jobs**, offertory, money collectors please write your name on the list in foyer. **Save people ringing around PLEASE!**
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Parish Finance & Restoration Committee are trialling a TAP'N GO for collection of money (instead of cash) for Masses at Christmas. Volunteer Parishioners are needed to be trained and help out at the Masses. Training with the machine will be held on Tuesday 19/12 at 2pm in Parish meeting Room. Please come along if you would like to help or learn more about it.

**MINISTRY ROSTER:** Important!!!!

- Are you available for the next quarter, Jan, Feb, March.??? Holidays etc.
- Are your contact details up to date, as we would like to send out an updated list to all Ministers.
- Would you like to volunteer for a job?

The 23/24 Dec. masses are as per roster. Christmas Masses need volunteers, please fill in rosters displayed foyer of the church.

Please contact Eileen 0418458159

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Two books, *Meditating on the Holy Rosary* and *Little Al* would make great Christmas gifts. The first details the life of Christ and his Mother through the mysteries of the Rosary. The second is a story book for primary school children. Both are available at the Parish Office & Kiosk at OLOF for Five Dollars each.

**FLOWERS** needed for the Christmas Masses. Please drop any suitable flowers you may have to the churches by 9am- Saturday morning.

**SVDP Christmas donations** can be left in the box near the Sacristy this weekend **16/17<sup>th</sup> only** hampers put together early this week.

**Reflection: 3rd Wk Advent**



In contrast to last week's text on John the Baptist, this one comes from the last of the written gospels. The Gospel of John was penned at the very end of the first century. One common characteristic, however, is clear: the Baptist is again presented as the forerunner. The evangelist presents John the Baptist as the most reliable of witnesses, 'Sent by God ... to speak for the light'. The only other person in John's Gospel to come from God is Jesus himself.

**Did you know?**

In the early years, there was rivalry between the disciples of John the Baptist and of Jesus. This gospel makes it clear that John does not see himself as a rival to Jesus but as a witness to him. It is Jesus who is the one sent from God.

The quote from Isaiah comes from a section of his Book which is addressed to the people in Exile in Babylon in the sixth century BC. It is designed to bring comfort and promises that, when the paths are made straight, the Lord will be revealed.

Bethany, as mentioned in this gospel text, is not the same town which was home to Mary, Martha and Lazarus. They lived close to Jerusalem but the Bethany mentioned here lies on the east bank of the Jordan River.

Meditate on these words of Isaiah this week: *The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me for the Lord has anointed me. He sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken.* How can you do this? (The Summit)