

May They Rest In Peace: (recently deceased):
Bill Rogerson, Lesley McIntosh, Beverley Seaman,
Valda Druett, Kevin O'Brien, John McDonald.

Anniversaries: Bede Anderson (20/12/2004), Tony
Shepherd (13/12/2013).

Prayer List: Leigh Seaman, Fay Anderson, Donna
Cronk (nee Campbell).

Masses: Beverley Seaman, Valda Druett, Elaine &
Ray Jones, Catherine & James Jones, Cockburn
Murphy & Douven families.

ROSTERS	9.00am
Acolytes	
17 December	Garry
24 December	Bryan
Readers	
17 December	Therese Skelly
24 December	Mary de Rome
Offertory	
17 December	Gwenda Romer & family
24 December	Noel Plumb Family
Altar Servers	
17 December	James Croker
24 December	Lillian Croker & Olivia Anderson
Cleaners:	
17 December	Group 8 – Elaine Plumb, Mona McIntosh, Geraldine Johnson, Frances Cromack.
24 December	Group 1 - Juanita Kelly, Anne Reeves and Sue Reedy.
Counters	
17 December	Group 7 – Norma Jamieson, Cheryl Anderson, Pat O'Keefe.
24 December	Group 1 – Austin & Shirley Cummins & Shirley Kemp.

**If you are unable to attend on date you are
rostered on, please arrange a replacement.**

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

Mission Information:

CROOKWELL - SUNDAY AT 9.00AM.
BINDA - 10.30 am Sunday (1,2,3 Sun. month)
TUENA - 11.30am 5th Sun. of the month.

COMMUNION SERVICE TUES. & FRI 9.30am

WEEKDAY LITURGY- Tuesday & Friday 9.30am.

BAPTISMS: 4 Sunday of the month,
10.30am St Mary's Church

**Bookings are made through the St Mary's
parish office.**

WEDDINGS: all weddings must be booked
through the Mission office for all churches.

Clergy: Fr D McDermott -Parish Administrator
Fr V Assin, Ass. Priest

Pastoral Associate Sr Rosemary Hart

Parish Office hours: Tues. & Thurs 9.00-2.00

Secretary: Mrs Estelle Roberts

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Goulburn Mass Times

Saturday 6pm (5pm June-Aug) – Cathedral

Sunday 7am – Our Lady of Fatima

10am – Cathedral

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Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Vigil – 6PM Taralga, Crookwell, &
St Peter & Paul Goulburn.
8PM Goulburn SPP

Christmas Day – 9AM Goulburn Our Lady
Of Fatima, & Crookwell
10.30AM Binda

New Years Day – 9AM Goulburn SPP

Parish Reconciliation Times:

Tuesday.7pm 19th December (Goulburn SPP)

Wednesday. 7pm 20th December (Taralga)

Thursday. 7pm 21st December (Crookwell)



THE GOULBURN MISSION

[Mission Established 2012]

St Mary's Parish Crookwell

[Parish Established 1882]

3rd Sunday of Advent - Yr B

–17th December 2017

The Saints candle 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.

Today's Readings: 1/ Is 61:1-2, 10-11.

2/ 1 Thess 5:16-24; **Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

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

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

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.

Mission Updates

- **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** As we are a Mission and parishioners are attending Masses at Crookwell, Taralga & Goulburn- if you place your planned giving envelope in the collection bag, it will be passed onto the correct parish church to be banked and recorded. Thank you for your support

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

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

A Farewell Morning Tea will be held after Mass on Sunday 31/12/17.

SACRAMENTAL UPDATE:

Confirmation:

The full program commences weekend of 10/11 February. First lesson is on Thursday 15th February in Crookwell.

Upon return of your child's enrolment form to the Parish Office, you will receive a full program of lessons etc.

The enrolment form is available for download from our website, for your convenience.

REMINDER – all Sacramental programs are Parish based (not school based). All enrolment forms and payment **must** be returned to the Parish Office (not to the school).

St Vincent de Paul

Columban Calendars are available at the Church Piety Stall and the shop @ \$9.00 each. Christmas cards are available from the shop.

Sr Rosemary up-date

Sister has moved back to Goulburn to continue her recovery. All is going really well.

Volunteer Readers & Offertory

Volunteers are needed to Read and for the Offertory Procession at the Christmas Eve Mass, please?

Tea Bag Collection

Many thanks to all the very kind people who have been collecting the tea bag tags. The collection will continue until the end of 2017 for anyone who has already gathered some together. Please bring them in before the end of December.

After the end of December, there will be no more collection of the tea bag tags until further notice. The drive has been so very successful, that there is a large surplus of them.

Used Stamp Collection

A reminder to keep all the used stamps you receive as this is an ongoing campaign. All donations are gratefully received.

Reflection - 3rd Sunday of 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)