Prayer List: Bev & Leigh Seaman, Fay Anderson, Donna Cronk (nee Campbell), Bill & Jill Rogerson **Masses:** Joan Pyne

<u>Masses for Holy Souls:</u> Tom & Angela Hewitt, Hewitt & Talty families, Esther O'Brien, Garry Easterby, Margaret & Guil Jones, Leo & Agnes McIntosh, Michael & Mary Hewitt, Terry & Ross McIntosh, deceased relatives of Maureen Magee, May & Sandy Druett, deceased members of Druett family, Valerie Plumb, Flo Evans, Wilfred & Eileen Evans, Max Corby, Michael George, O'Brien families, McIntosh families & friends, and souls most in need.

ROSTERS	9.00am
Acolytes	
19 November	Garry
26 November	Bryan
Readers	
19 November	Vanetta Smith
26 November	Helen McCormack
Offertory	
19 November	Lillian Marshall
26 November	Helen McCormack
Altar Servers	
19 November	Jeffrey Fraser
26 November	Oliver Gray
Cleaners:	
19 November	Group 4 – Dorothy Kennedy, Bryan Kennedy, Marie Cosgrove, Margaret Fahey, Debbie Marinovic, Pam Chudleigh and Karen O'Keefe, Rita Clements.
26 November	Group 5 – Lillian Marshall, Margaret Croke, Cathy O'Connor, Sandra Francis and Lisa Leonard.
Counters	
19 November	Group 3 – John Percival, Peter Kennedy
26 November	Group 4 – Tom & Perry McCormack

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

Mission update:

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 <u>for all churches</u>.

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 Ph-St Marys- 4832 1633 PO Box 15, Crookwell 2583 Email: <u>Crookwell@cg.org.au</u> Parish website – <u>http://www.cg.org.au/Crookwell</u>

Goulburn Mass Times

Saturday 6pm (5pm June-Aug) – Cathedral Sunday 7am – Our Lady of Fatima 10am – Cathedral

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MASS OFFERINGS

PLEASE drop off your special requests for a Mass for a loved one to the Crookwell Parish Office. If the office is unattended, you may slip the envelope through the letter slot beside the front door.



THE GOULBURN MISSION [Mission Established 2012]

St Mary's Parish Crookwell

[Parish Established 1882]

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A–19 November 2017 <u>Entrance Antiphon:</u> The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

- Left O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.
- **Right** Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.
- Left Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (*R.*)

Today's Readings: 1/ Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31. 2/ 1 Thes 5: 1-6. **Gospel:** Mt 25: 14-30.

<u>Gospel Acclamation</u>: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Prayer of Commissioning:

As you leave this assembly to bring to our sick brothers and sisters the body of Christ, may you be the sign and the reality of our concern for them and the bearers of the peace of the one you bring to them.

VOCATIONS 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

SACRAMENTAL UPDATE:

Confirmation: Thursday 30th November Parent & child information session. 7pm St Mary's Church. Friday.1st December. Reflection Day all candidates to attend at Trinity Catholic College.

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

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

Fr Assin has returned to India for knee surgery. Fr Dermid is on his own with only weekend Supply to help.

There may be changes to Masses, liturgies, within the parish/ schools- please read bulletin carefully until late December for updates.

Urgently Needed

A training session will be held for anyone who is able to assist with the distribution of Communion, after Mass on Sunday 26th November.

Please contact the Office on 4832 1633 or Sr Rosemary on 0402 545 172 if you are able to offer your assistance.

More Helpers Sought

- If you can help with the Flowers at the Church, please let the Parish Office know ASAP.
- Can you spare a little time to help with the cleaning of the brass in the Church (only about every two months). Let the Office know if you are able to help out.

These jobs can be done at times to suit yourself.

Afternoon Tea

St Bartholomeus' ladies invite all parishioners to Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 29th November to be held in their parish hall commencing at 2pm. Please RSVP by 24th November.

Reflection - 33rd Sunday

In today's gospel, Matthew develops the theme of what it means to be living in the in-between time. The Master has given the servants 'talents' and on his return they will be judged according to how they have used those talents and whether they have followed his instructions. The reference is to money, a standard measure used in the Near East and a very large sum indeed. In fact, each servant has been given a treasure. Two perform well but the third is paralysed by the fear of taking a risk and hides his talent away. His excuse is that he knew his Master was an exacting man and so he refused even to try. He condemns himself by not responding to the demands of the Master. This gospel challenges us to drop our false notion of God as an exacting Master, to appreciate the gifts we have been given and to use and develop them for our good and the good of others.

What image of God is presented in this passage? Is he the stern task-master who judges harshly or the generous one who entrusts great treasure which must be used wisely so that it will grow?

The 'talents' are not equally distributed. In God's plan all are endowed with different 'talents' so that we will recognise our need for each other and practice generosity, kindness and the sharing of the abilities we have.

From earliest times the Church has recognised the range of gifts in the community of believers and encouraged the use of a variety of gifts. For centuries, men and women have made their unique contribution to the life of the Church. Even the simplest person has a contribution to make— remember the apostles! (The Summit)