

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

Anniversaries: Bede Anderson (20/12/2004).

Prayer List: Leigh Seaman.

Masses: Valda Druett.

ROSTERS	9.00am
Acolytes	
24 December	Bryan
Christmas Vigil	Garry
31 December	Bryan
Readers	
24 December	Mary de Rome
Christmas Vigil	Pauline Taylor
31 December	Thora Hogan
Offertory	
24 December	Noel Plumb Family
Christmas Vigil	Kevin McCormack
31 December	Vanetta Smith
Altar Servers	
24 December	Lillian Croker & Olivia Anderson
Christmas Vigil	Volunteer
31 December	Eliza & Chloe Kemp
Cleaners:	
24 December	Group 1 - Juanita Kelly, Anne Reeves and Sue Reedy.
31 December	Group 2 – Anne Jackson, Helen McCormack, Carol Bensley and Iris Knight, Barbara Stein
Counters	
7 January	Group 1 – Austin & Shirley Cummins & Shirley Kemp.

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

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

Please Note

The Parish office will open again on **9th January.**



THE GOULBURN MISSION

[Mission Established 2012]

St Mary's Parish Crookwell

[Parish Established 1882]

4th Sunday of Advent - Yr B

–24th December 2017

Angel Gabriel **Candle** (4)

Lord Jesus, you established the house of David to be secure forever and from which the Saviour would be born.



*R. Come, O Prince of Peace
 Come, O Prince of Peace
 Come, O Prince of Peace
 Come, and be born in our Hearts.*

Lord Jesus, you alone are wisdom and as St Paul declares, you give us the strength to live the Gospel

R. Come, O Prince of Peace
 Lord Jesus, you sent the angel Gabriel to give the good news to Mary so that she would bring Jesus into the world through the power of the Spirit.

R. Come, O Prince of Peace

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Left I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Right 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.'

Left He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

Today's Readings: 1/ 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16.
 2/ Rom 16:25-27 **Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Vocation Prayer

Bless with courage and spirit those who serve you as Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters.

Keep them close to you.

Make them ardent, yet gentle, heralds of your Gospel.

Open the minds and hearts of many more to accept the challenge to build your Kingdom

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

- We welcome Fr Gisa Lolesio who will be joining our Parish on 1st January. Father Michael Lim will be helping out in the Goulburn Mission for a few weeks in January, until he takes up his permanent position in Canberra.
- **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

New Year's Day

A Liturgy will be held at 9.30am in St Mary's Church. This will be in lieu of the normal Tuesday liturgy.

Farewell Morning Tea

The farewell morning tea for Father Assin will be held immediately following 9am Mass on Sunday 31st December in St Mary's Meeting Room (bottom of school grounds). To assist with catering, please take along a plate of food.

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).

Used Stamp Collection

Funds raised from the sale of used stamps has raised approximately \$58,000. What a wonderful and simple way to help the needy. Many thanks to all those who have so kindly collected stamps for this effort.

Keep on saving all the used stamps you can, for this ongoing campaign. All donations are gratefully received.

St Mary's Social Group

The next social gathering will take place on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at the Services Club Coffee shop beginning at 10.30am. Please **note the change of venue**. All welcome.

SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL CARE TRAINING

Interested in growing your capacity for spiritual care? An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered once again in Goulburn and would be suitable for recently retired teachers, nurses or community workers wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual care. This 40 hour course will commence on Wednesday 7th February 2018 and run over 5 sessions from 10am to 5pm. Applications are invited from kind-hearted people, open to increasing their ability to be fully present to others from different walks of life.

For more information and course fee please email Barbara Hall at barbarahall1909@gmail.com. Register your interest or apply online by visiting www.spiritualcpe.org.au and click on to Introductory course Goulburn.

This course is conducted by the Canberra & Region Centre for Spiritual Care & CPE. Administrator: Michelle Ace: Michelle.Ace@act.gov.au Phone: 6244 2261

Reflection - 4th Sunday of Advent

This scene from the Gospel of Luke, where such a momentous exchange takes place, is known as the Annunciation, meaning the announcement of the conception of Jesus.



- From the time of the Exile in Babylon, Israel had longed for the Messiah to come. He was to be the anointed one of God and the prophets foretold that he would come from the House of David and be born in David's home town of Bethlehem.

- According to Luke's Gospel, Mary and Joseph live in Nazareth in the north and travel to Bethlehem to be counted in the census because Joseph is of David's line and must return to his 'home' country.

Annunciation stories are a regular literary form. There are a number of such stories in the Hebrew Scriptures; for example, the births of Isaac, Samson and Samuel and, of course, Luke has already recorded the annunciation of John the Baptist. The purpose of the annunciation story is to let the reader know what role the person whose birth is announced will play in salvation history. In this sense they are a device rather than a strictly historical narration, although clearly based on ancient memory.

In the annunciation of the birth of Jesus, however, there are elements which surpass all other annunciation stories. The emphasis is on the creative action of the Holy Spirit, Mary's cooperation with God's will, and it establishes Jesus' transcendental origins. The role that the child to be born is to play in salvation history is defined in terms of Davidic Messiahship and in this last Sunday of Advent we stand on the brink of the fulfilment of the promise made to Mary of messianic hope for the world. The tension of the waiting of Advent is almost over. (The Summit)