

May They Rest In Peace: (recently deceased): Valda Druett, Kevin O'Brien, John McDonald, Garry Easterby, Noel Calizo.

Anniversaries: Tony Shepherd (13/12/2013).

Prayer List: Bev & Leigh Seaman, Fay Anderson, Donna Cronk (nee Campbell), Bill Rogerson

Masses: Probert, Johnstone, Kelly & McCormack families, deceased parish members & friends.

ROSTERS	9.00am
Acolytes	
3 December	Garry
10 December	Bryan
Readers	
3 December	Thora Hogan
10 December	Mona McIntosh
Offertory	
3 December	Arthur & Pauline Taylor
10 December	Pat O'Keefe
Altar Servers	
3 December	Harriet Lowe
10 December	Amelia Croker
Cleaners:	
3 December	Group 6 –Pat Hayes, Helen Lowe, Elizabeth McKenzie and Sandra Groves.
10 December	Group 7 – Olga Anderson, Shirley Evans, Leona Evans
Counters	
3 December	Group 5 – Gavin Weatherspoon, Grant Hall.
10 December	Group 6 – Allan & Thora Hogan, Frances & Dick Cromack.

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

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]

1st Sunday of Advent - Yr B

–3rd December 2017

Prophets candle (1)

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. The Prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the people that we are the work of God's hands, we are the clay and he is the potter.

R. Come Lord Jesus

Come Lord Jesus

Come Lord Jesus

Come, and be born in our Hearts.

Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now. St Paul declares that the Spirit will keep us steady until the last day.

R. Come Lord Jesus

Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. You ask us to 'stay awake!'

R. Come Lord Jesus

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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

Right: O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.

Left: God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted

Right: May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.

Today's Readings: 1/ Es 63:16-17, 64:1. 3-8.
2/ 1 Cor 1: 3-9. **Gospel:** Mk 13: 33-37.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Vocation Prayer

Gracious and loving God
We come before you humbly asking for your blessing.
Through Jesus, you invited us to ask for workers in your vineyard.
Look with favour on our parishes,
And bless us with men and women who respond generously to your call
to priesthood, diaconate and religious life.
Bless us with generosity to encourage and support these people.
Help us all to be good and faithful witnesses to your love,
and especially bless those called to leadership in our Church.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our priest, prophet and king.
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:

God moulds us and shapes us and never lets go of us. As you take this holy sacrament to those who are unable to be with us today, remind them of this wonderful truth.

SACRAMENTAL UPDATE:

Confirmation:

Friday, 1st December. Reflection Day -**Postponed** until further notice (date to be decided).

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).

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 is in India recovering from knee surgery and is due to return on 15th December.

A collection will be taken up on 10th December for a farewell gift for Fr Assin.

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.

St Mary's Social Group

Meet at Viewhaven on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 10.15am for visits and gift giving to residents. Lunch will follow at Chataway Coffee Shop at 12 noon. RSVP to Sue Reedy 0408 488 434.

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.

8th to 10th December: International Nativities Expo.

This exhibition of 350 Nativities is an entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas. From some 80 countries, they present the diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story, from the Palestinian Territories to Vietnam and China. Hands-on craft activities for children, as well as nativity jigsaws, puppets and books.

Venue: Catholic Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St. Manuka (behind St Christopher's Cathedral).

Advent Clean-up of Church

It would be appreciated if you could spare a little time to help with extra cleaning at the Church for Advent.

A list of jobs is at the rear of the Church. Can you **please** put your name next to the job you are willing to help out with.

These jobs can be done at times to suit yourself.

Reflection - 1st Sunday of Advent

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by 336 AD such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the early Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the Incarnation and the Second Coming.

Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (590–604 AD) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas

➤ Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. During this time we reflect on the coming of Christ into human history as a small baby, the coming of Christ at the end of time and the coming of Christ into our own lives each day. Thus Advent has a past, present and future dimension.

➤ The season of Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. The Church's liturgical year follows a three-year cycle and we move today into the second of those, Year B. The gospel readings for this year come predominantly from the Gospel of Mark

