

May They Rest in Peace: Jockey Rudd, Bill Rogerson, Stuart Anderson, Valerie Dempsey, Fr Paul Tarpey, Pranee Fr Gerard Mahony CP (Mary's Mount) Twaycharoen, Joseph Suphakit, Joan Watson, Palasa Salvi, Valda Druett, Mildred Cohen, Sr Elizabeth Couch, Rodger Bush, Brian Foram

Anniversaries Jim Pollard, Maggy Hayes, Therese McInnes, Belle Pollard, Doris Pollard, Patricia Murphy, Gus Heaton, Margaret Thurston, Claire Neil,

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

Parish Diary

Tues 26/12	NO 7.30am Mass
Wed 27/12	NO 7.30am Mass
Thurs 28/12	NO 7.30am Mass
Fri 29/12	9.30am Comm.Serv. St Marys C'well 10.30 am Mass SPP Cath.
Sat 30/12	9.00am Mass OLOF
Mon 1/1	9.00am Mass SPP New Year's Day

Readings for next week: The Holy Family

1/ Sir 3:2-6. 12-14 2/ Col 3:12-21

Gospel: Lk 2:22-40

The Parish Office will be closed until
Wed. 10 January.

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:

Ss Peter & Paul's:	Sat. 6.00pm Sept-April 5.00pm (Winter May- Aug.)
Our Lady of Fatima:	7.00am Sunday
Ss Peter & Paul's:	10.00am Sunday
Taralga:	Sat. 6.00pm Sept-May 5.00pm (Winter June-Aug.)
Crookwell:	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 30/31 Dec

Mass	6.00pm	7.00am	10.00am
Acolyte	M Keating	L Eccles	B Sciberras
Readers 1	G Geurts	M Eggleston	M Ryan
2	Sr Loretta	E Evans	L Seaman
EMHC	M Mullins S Cashman P Anderson Y Reardon	W Wise J Kruger	K Neely T Anable F McKillop C Conroy
*Infirmid	T Manning	B Bourke	R Vial
Alt. Server	Bestin, Britel Cristin		Carina Hayley
Music			Genesis Fil.choir
Prayers	January	PaulineTaylor	C'well

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

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THE GOULBURN MISSION

[Mission Established 2012]

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MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES

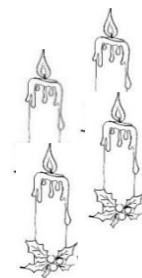
[Parish Established 1839]

4th Sunday Advent

YrB

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:

My soul rejoices in my God

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

Left: 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.

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

Left: 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:

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

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.

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve 24th, Sunday: 6pm Taralga
6pm Goulburn SPP
6pm Crookwell
8pm Goulburn SPP

Christmas Day 25th, Monday: 9am Goulburn OLOF
9am Crookwell
10.30 Binda

New Year's Day, 1st, Monday 9am Goulburn SPP

BOOKS AVAILABLE! 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.

MISSION NEWS:

- Please note (NO) morning Masses Tues- Thurs. on the parish Diary for next week.
- Tues. Jan 2nd 7.30am Morning Mass (Tues.,Wed.,Thur.) will be celebrated at OLOF.
Friday morning Mass-10.30am SPP
- Jan 1st we welcome Fr Gisa Lolesio & Fr Michael Lim will be here for a few weeks in January helping out, until he takes over the reigns from Fr Brannelly's Parish in Canberra at the end of January.

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

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: 4 Sunday 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)