

May They Rest in Peace: Maria Lah, Marlene Elliott, John Ruane, Patricia Charter, Patricia Hunter, Doreen Parish, Joyce Maggary, Geoff Riley, Marjory Beecher, Sr Elizabeth Couch,

Anniversaries: Reta Pollard, Tom & Mary Groves, Joan Whittington, Kath O'Neill, Sr Mary Berchams Boyle, Yvonne Hoare,

Prayer List: Dot McCabe, Evelyn Ardessi, Steve Hart, Tony Falk, Pat Phemister, Dobbs Family, Kit McCabe, Francis White, Fr Laurie Blake, Di Coles, Marianne Barling, Patrick Mackay,

Parish Diary

Mon 12/3	Confirmation lessons continue at TCC for all Candidates. 7-8.30 Lenten retreat OLOF
Tues 13/3	7.30am Mass St J Conv. Chapel 10am Lenten group OLOF Mtg Rm 5pm Music Ministry Meeting 7-8.30 Lenten retreat OLOF
Wed 14/3	7.30am Mass St J Conv. Chapel 1.30pm Craft group meet, OLOF room 7-8.30 Lenten retreat OLOF
Thur 15/3	7.30am Mass St J Conv. Chapel 5pm PPC Meeting
Fri 16/3	10.30 am Mass TCC 3pm Holy Hour St J Conv. Chapel 5.30pm Evening Prayer OLOF Lent
Sat 17/3	9.00am Mass OLOF St Patricks Day: Celebration of cake and coffee after 6pm Mass
Sun 18/3	
Sun 25/3	2.30pm Excerpts from Bach's St Matthew Passion Please see notice

Readings for next week: 5 Sunday Lent

1/ Jer 31:31-34 2/ Heb 5:7-9

Gospel: Jn 12:20-33

Collections banked:

Heritage Comm. account:

Vivaldi Concert \$500 Organ Concert \$650
2 funeral wakes at St Brigids \$800

Parish account:

Christmas (2017) bowl appeal \$1500 (2016 \$2022)
Christmas Mass (2017) \$1973 (2016 \$3975.20)

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 17/18 March

Mass	6.00pm	7.00am	10.00am
Acolyte	T Manning	L Eccles	M Imbens
Readers 1	G Geurts	M Mullen	B Writer
2	Sr Gabrielle	E Evans	P Heaton
MHC	S Cashman P Smith P Anderson K Neely	B Young ?	C Conroy T Anable F McKillop R Vial
*Infirmid	J Harris	C O'Brien	C Groves
Alt. Server	Cristen, Britel		Carina, Hayley
Music	Steve W		Adult choir
Prayers	March	Mike Ryan	Glb

Clergy: Fr D McDermott, Parish Priest
Fr Lolesio Gisa, 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]

10/11.3.18

MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES

[Parish Established 1839]

4 Sunday Lent YrB

Incense placed on coals

Lord Jesus you came that we might have life to the full.

Sung Response

**Return to God with all your heart,
The source of grace and mercy;
Come Seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

You are the light of the word.

(Sung Response)

You came that we might have eternal life with you.

(Sung Response)

May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

Response: (if sung)

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Right: By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps.

Left: For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.'

Right: O how could we sing the song of the Lord
on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!

Left: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not, if I prize not
Jerusalem above all my joys!

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Today's Readings: 1/ 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

2/ Eph 2:4-10 **Gospel:** Jn 3:14-21

Communion Antiphon: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

VOCATION PRAYER:

Good Shepherd God

Help our people to know their vocation in life; be with them as they prepare for it.

Help us to recognise the presence of your wisdom in the men and women of our Parish.

Some you will call to be priests and deacons others to be consecrated in religious life.

Help them to overcome fear, unblock ears and still the noises that drown out your call.

Give them the Grace

To respond generously and labour faithfully In caring for this world and all its people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer of Commissioning:

As you leave the table of the Lord today, take with you the body of Christ for our sick and housebound brothers and sisters, that they may feel at one with this gathering in Jesus' name.

St Patricks Day: Sat. 17 March. Irish Coffee will be served at St Brigids at 7pm. All welcome!

April 3rd TUES 2:30 PM "The Judgement of Paris" recorder quartet plays "Music for St Michael's (1848) "restoration fund . Entry by donation to fund. Renaissance to modern works; Experienced players from Sydney University Conservatorium of Music. Venue St Michael's church Eliza Champion st Bungonia village

ROSTERS: April, May, June, please contact Eileen if your availability has changed/ holidays medical, etc. Eileen - 0418458159

Legion of Mary Acies: Sat. 24 March. St J Church O'Connor ACT. 11am. Legion Prayers, Rosary, Mass.

URGENT !! Easter Readers & MHC needed:

ONLY 3 People have rang Ruth! It is a big job to organise, and I thank Ruth for taking it on again this year. Please phone if you would like to take part, so people don't have to ring around and make their job harder. (Sharon)

Holy Thursday, 2 Readers, **Easter Vigil** 5 Readers, **Easter Sunday** 10am 2 Readers, 5 Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact Ruth Vial on 0419414212 if you are available. Good Friday 2 Readers for the First Readings.

Lenten Retreat on Eucharist, The Word of God & The Passion of our Lord for Healing.

March 10-14 Fr Gilbert Carlo SVD.

Sat/Sun. March 10/11 Homily at w/end Masses

Mon. 12 OLOF : 7-8.30pm, followed by talk & reflection.

Tues. 13, OLOF: 7-8.30pm, followed by a talk and reflection

Wed 14. OLOF: 7-8.30pm. Concluding Mass with Reflectin on Eternal life. By His Body and Blood we are healed.

Confession: Monday-Wednesday. OLOF Church 6pm-6.45pm

Sunday March 25th at 2:30 pm ---4:30 approx.

Venue St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral Bourke St Goulburn **A Travesty of Justice?** Christ's last Days. A Dramatic and electrifying story of betrayal, suffering and love.

Sung in English, the soloists lay out the plot.

Two Choirs take part as both the furious crowds, and the watching people, amazed by such dignity in the face of unbelievable rejection.

Experience the powerful and magnificent music by JS Bach, conducted by Dr Paul Paviour. The orchestra pulls no punches and the great organ echoing in the rafters, gets you right into the action. Not to be missed !!!

Entry \$20 \$15 Conc. School children Free.

The Sacramental program is Parish based.

Enrolments for all the sacraments MUST be returned to the parish office by 30 March.

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Reflection: Lent Wk 4

In John's Gospel, the greatest moment in Jesus' life is the moment of his death on the cross. This is not simply a moment of suffering and death but a spiritual exultation because it is at that moment that God's love for the world is made manifest. 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son' so that we could have life. The only proper response to this great love and gift of life is to choose light and not darkness.

Jesus' words about being 'lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert' refer to an incident when, while wandering in the desert, the people of Israel were attacked by venomous serpents. God instructed Moses to raise a bronze image of a serpent on a standard. All who looked on it were cured (Num 21:8-9). Jesus being 'lifted up' on the cross was to become the salvation of all. (The Summit)

A RED ROSE

Goulburn Rose Festival

I am a budding rose.
The warmth of your sun
will free me to stretch
and blossom out to my full beauty.
Yet on my cloudy days
I remain mostly closed and unattractive,
and you just have to love me as I am
with the potential to grow and blossom.

From a distance you notice me
and I'm beautiful to you.
But as I invite you closer
you find my petals are not perfect-
I have some ragged edges:
something aching within me
makes me curl in ugly directions,
and unwanted marks mar my specialness.
Clinging raindrops weigh down my petals
So like the tears inside me.
But your look of love gazes over all of me.
You see my wholeness,
you see my possibility,
not just my scars and wounds and tears.
You warm me into life;
you stay close to me.
You are sun enough for me,
and I will always be a rose for you.



(Thomas X Corrigan. "Holy ground" Spectrum Publ. 1992)