



**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A**

**2 July 2023**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

*Father,  
you call your children to walk in the light of Christ.  
Free us from darkness and keep us in the radiance of your truth.  
Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. 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. (R.)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



### **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

We pray for the Christian churches of Asia, that they will be led by the Spirit in proclaiming the Gospel in dialogue with other faiths and philosophies. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Yemen, Sudan and Myanmar, that the brutal power struggles causing untold misery in their midst will come to a peaceful end. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for communities facing long-term and worsening water shortage, that global efforts to address the climate crisis will make a timely difference for them. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the First Nations peoples of Australia and the Torres Strait, that NAIDOC week will help everyone appreciate the role of elders in passing on their traditions and culture. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are homeless for the first time this winter; that they will find the services they need to cope with their trauma. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for teachers, parents and children on school holidays around the country, that this will be a time of rest, refreshment and reinvigoration for them all. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially Penny Crawford, Jenny Bodman, Ross Lawless, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers, and all who need our prayers, that they may be cared for by loving family, friends and community. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for the recently deceased Len Sheather, Paul Jeffrey, Ann McDougall and Hans Ferlitsch. . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be alive forever for God in Christ Jesus. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Lord,  
give us a share in your life and help us bring your love to the world.  
Amen.*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm**

**Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10am**

**Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am**

**Social Justice Group: Wednesday 5 July 2023 at 9.30am, at the Presbytery**

**Krawarree Mass: Sunday 30th July at 11am.**

**Araluen Mass: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August (Mary McKillop's Feast Day) at 11am. You may like to have lunch at the pub afterwards.**

**Nerriga Mass: Sunday 20 August at 11am. Lunch afterwards at the pub.**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday** will be celebrated at Mass this weekend.



**Braidwood Groups** will be participating in a 'Coming together for Yes' event on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and joining other groups throughout the country to show support for the 'Yes' campaign in The Voice to Parliament referendum.

All are welcome to join us for a free sausage sizzle in Ryrie Park next to the Dhurga Rock from 12noon to 2pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We hope you can join us to demonstrate your support for the 'Yes' campaign and talk about how we can spread the word.

**The Catholic Parish of Pambula** invites members of your community to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other pilgrims, as he leads the annual St. Mary of the Cross McKillop pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday 19th August. He will be leaving from St Christopher's Cathedral at 7.30am on Saturday 19th August and travel to Eden by private vehicle. It is hoped that pilgrims will travel from parishes and school communities within the archdiocese to join with the Pambula Parish community in Eden, to celebrate this important event and place in our church history.

A summary of the program for the day:

- 11.00am (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church.
- 12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Christopher and visiting priests
- 1.00 pm Lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula. An occasion to share fellowship with other pilgrims.

As we are organising lunch, it would be appreciated if you could advise if you are attending so catering can be arranged, please book in via our website [Catholic Parish Pambula](#) or on the following link [Archbishop's Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage](#)  
 If there are any special dietary requirements, please make these known to us. You can contact either Sue Heffernan (0405 251 947) or myself (0429 774 119)

**Vinnies Braidwood is looking for donations of blankets.** Your donation of blankets will be sold in-store here at Braidwood to assist with providing Emergency relief to members of our community needing assistance with their electricity, food, petrol, living expenses, medical expenses and clothes. If you are in need of assistance, please call 13 18 12 and the Vinnies Relief team can arrange help. Braidwood and district thank you in advance of you support with donations.

**Readings for Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup>: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rom. 6:3-4,8-11. Gospel Matthew 10:37-42.

**Next week:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Zech. 9:9-10. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Romans 8:9,11-13. Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

**Radio Church:** Sundays at 6pm on FM 88.9

<b>Ministries for our Mass:</b>	<b>1 July</b>	<b>8 July</b>	<b>15 July</b>	<b>22 July</b>
Welcomer:	Geraldine	Cathy F	Helen P	Geraldine
Acolyte:	Felix (when available)			
Reader 1:	Bobbie	Wendy M-B	Ann T	Michael
Reader 2:	Tommy	Germaine	Wendy H	Cathy F
<b>Ministries of service:</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>7 July</b>	<b>14 July</b>	<b>21 July</b>
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Joy	Helen P	Cathy F
Cleaning:	Bunny & Ella		Felix	
Counters:	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday: volunteer please		2 <sup>nd</sup> : Sunday: Wendy H 4 <sup>th</sup> : Phil Owen	
Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.				

Keep warm and take care of each other, Helen

The Parish of St Bede's Braidwood acknowledges the Yuin people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for many thousands of years. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.