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LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Father,
through the obedience of Jesus,
your servant and your Son,
you have raised a fallen world.
Free us from sin
and bring us the joy that lasts forever.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. (R.)

2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. (R.)

3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am

quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



REFLECTION on the Gospel of Mark 6:1-6 by Greg Sunter

Living the Gospel – Acknowledging the close at hand

Today's gospel reminds us that we can fail to see the value of those with whom we are very familiar. Although we proclaim that we seek the face of Christ in the face of those we meet it may not at times occur to us to look on our family and close friends in the same way. It may seem unlikely that God might come to us in the guise of a family member. Perhaps next time we are irritated by a brother or sister or the overly protective actions of a parent we should remind ourselves that we are looking into the face of God.

Scriptural context – Lack of faith

The final sentence of today's gospel tells us that Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith displayed by his home town. It is a feature of the Gospel of Mark that the accomplishment of miracles is associated with the faith of those involved. The section of the gospel that surrounds this passage deals with the lack of faith and understanding displayed by the disciples. The home town experience is a lesson to the disciples that in the absence of faith, the ministry of Jesus and those who follow him will falter. Only those who truly believe can participate in this ministry and share in the miraculous works of Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for all members of our communities: that they may discover the spiritual riches of God and our First Nations cultures, so they can pass these treasures on to younger generations. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for all Elders in our communities: that we may honour their lives and legacy and embrace the love and peace that they show us every day by how they live their faith. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

3. We pray for unity in our community and culture: that the journey towards reconciliation within the Church may encourage each and every one of us to make reconciliation our story. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. We pray for the success of the forthcoming Plenary Council: that all participants will listen to how God is calling the Church in Australia to be Christ-centred and inclusive. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. We pray for all ministers of the Gospel: that they may bring us to a deeper understanding of the Christian faith and a stronger love for each other. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Teonie McMahon, Jeremy Nelson, Helen Campbell-Davys, Ian Vardanega, John Shiels, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and Celia Roach, that they may feel the healing touch of Jesus. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. We pray that those who have died will be rewarded with eternal life, including Father Brian Maher, Dick Laurie, David Parsons, and for our own deceased relatives and friends. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING BLESSING

*Lord,
May we never fail to praise you
for the fullness of life and salvation
you give us. Amen.*

Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

The church will be closed to the public for the duration of the lockdown. We can have Mass but all people are required to **wear masks**. If you have a mobile phone, please be sure to **check in via the QR code**.

Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures are still being observed. **Please try to arrive in good time** as all these regulations and requirements will take time.

Weekday Masses: No Masses until further notice, due to Covid restrictions

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: cancelled until further notice.

Araluen Stations of the Cross: 3.00pm First Friday of every month. All welcome.

Social Justice Meeting: Sunday 4 July in the church at 10.30am.

Ecumenical Service at Braidwood MPS: 1st Saturday of the month at 3.00pm.

Whole School Mass: Tuesday 27 July 2021

Sacrament of First Eucharist: Special Mass on Sunday 15 August at 10.30am.

Vinnies needs winter clothing!

Vinnies shops and our emergency support services remained open throughout the COVID-19 emergency last winter in Canberra. Because Vinnies was one of only a few services open, our stocks of winter coats, jackets and blankets were wiped out. Donations may be left at your local Vinnies shop.

The Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce will host a dinner at the Southern Cross Club Woden on 16 July to celebrate women's ministry. Scholar and teacher, [Sr Margaret Beirne](#) RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65. All welcome. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

Cleaners: 16 July: Margaret and Barbara. **30 July:** Helen P and Judith. **13 August:** Rod and Pauline. **Please note** the ceremonies happening in the church when cleaning will be required beforehand will be advised at the beginning of the newsletter.

Readings for next week: 1st: Amos 7:12-15. 2nd: Eph. 1:3-14. Gospel: Mk. 6:7-13.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	PowerPoint
3 July	Felix	Helen P	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
10 July	James/Les	Cathy F	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
17 July	Geoff	Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
24 July	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
31 July	Les	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H

Please let me know as soon as possible if you won't be attending, so other arrangements can be made.

COVID-19 Links for information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Mass Online Link: <https://catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

Take care and keep safe and warm,
Helen Hart