



15TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

16 July 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*God our Father,
Your light of truth guides us to the way of Christ.
May we reject what is contrary to the gospel.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. (R.)

2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. (R.)

3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)

4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

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

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but

all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



REFLECTION by Australian Catholics - *Brendan Byrne, SJ*,

The sower knows that each seed that falls on good soil will bear a yield many times in excess of itself: a hundredfold, sixty or thirty. The yield from the seed in good soil so vastly outweighs the losses as to render them of no account at all. He can afford to be casual and wild.

Jesus' Message

Jesus scatters his message in a similarly casual way. In the case of many who hear him the word suffers the fate of the seed that is lost. But when it really strikes home and finds a welcome, the corresponding 'yield' – hundredfold, sixty, thirty – more than compensates for all the loss.

The parable is about the generosity and prodigality of God. In the face of so much opposition and growing indifference from the crowds, Jesus does not lose confidence in the worthwhileness of his message. When the word finds a generous response in the human heart, there is no limit to the riches of God's love and grace that can be channelled through such persons more widely into the world.

So the disciples – and, following them, teachers, preachers, catechists, and all concerned with the proclamation of the word and its understanding – should not lose heart.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for preachers, catechists, parents and all who sow the seed of God's word in people's hearts. May their ministry yield a rich harvest of love. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the citizens of Ukraine and Russia. May their terrible suffering come to an end and the long journey of healing begun. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the farmers whose crops feed the world. May they rise to the challenge of global instability and climate change. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the men, women and children victimised by human trafficking. May they gain the freedom that is their human right. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for state parliamentarians under pressure to liberalise euthanasia laws. May they hold fast to the inherent value of human life. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for one another in our parish community. May we help each other hear the word of God and keep it. (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, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they enjoy for ever the freedom and glory of the children of God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Lord, by our sharing in your grace may your love grow within us.
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 2 August 2023 at 9.30am, at the Presbytery

Krawarree Mass: Sunday 30th July at 11am.

Araluen Mass: Tuesday 8th August (Mary McKillop's Feast Day) at 11am. We are currently working on where to have lunch as the pub is closed on a Tuesday.

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



Wrapping up recovery

Friday, 21 July 2023 at 6pm

It's been three years since the fires and the recovery team are wrapping up the recovery phase in Braidwood.

Get along to the Braidwood National Theatre on 21 July from 6pm and enjoy live music from Trent and Racheal, Hamish Hudson, and the Nick Munnings Band.

You can also watch a short film, 'No such thing as Sunday', by film makers Paul Huntingford and Matt Thane on the recovery of a local producer Hamish Hudson.

There will be free catering. Drinks are also available.

This event is an initiative of the QPRC Disaster Hub and Coordinare

School resumes: Teachers & staff Monday 17th; students Tuesday 18th July.

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 1pm Saturday 22 July Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly wood Raffle. Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table.

Enquiries to Cathy Ffrench on 0418 262 011



We have some old china and glassware in a cupboard in the Presbytery that hasn't been used in over 20 years. If any parishioner would like to have some, please contact Helen on 0430169849 to check it out. Anything not taken will be sold on our market stall in the coming months.

Dell: Vinnies also have a used (very little) Dell multi-function printer that needs a home. Anyone interested please contact Helen on her mobile.

Br. Brian will be having a house guest for the two school terms remaining this year – Mrs Wolfe, who will be teaching Year 2 following the resignation of both Helen Mulholland and Michelle Scott.

The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites members of our 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.

As they 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)

Readings for Mass: 1st: Isaiah 55:10-11. 2nd: Romans 8:18-23. Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23.

Next week: 1st: Wisdom 12:13,16-19. Romans 8:26-27. Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30.

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm on FM 88.9

Keep warm and take care of each other,
Helen

Ministries for our Mass:	15 July	22 July	29 July	29 July	5 August
Welcomer:	Helen P	Geraldine	Cathy F	Helen P	Geraldine
Acolyte:	Felix (when available)				
Reader 1:	Ann T	Michael	Bobbie	Wendy M-B	Ann T
Reader 2:	Wendy H	Cathy F	Tommy	Germaine	Wendy H
Ministries of service:	14 July	21 July	28 July	4 August	11 Aug
Altar Decorating:	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret	Joy	Helen P
Cleaning:	Felix		Helen P & Sarah		Bunny & Ella
Counters:	1 st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie.		2 nd Sunday: Wendy H		
	3 rd Sunday: volunteer please		4 th : Phil Owen		

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, as alternative arrangements may be made.
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.