



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
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17 July 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
be merciful to your people.
Fill us with your gifts and make us always eager
to serve you in faith, hope and love.
Amen.

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)

2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

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

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

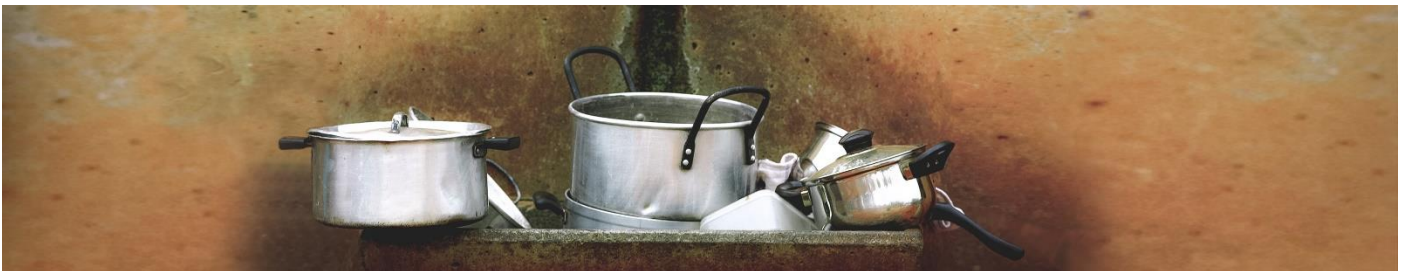
Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 10:38-42 BY Richard Leonard SJ

One of the things I find reassuring about today's Gospel is that the Church seems to have been wrestling with women's leadership since the very beginning. It's the issue that will not go away. When it comes to interpreting scripture, I am always pleased that I'm a Catholic. We're not fundamentalists or literalists. We believe that the truth of the scripture lies not just in the words themselves, but also in the careful interpretation of the text in history. The story of Martha and Mary is a complex narrative. It can be read on at least two levels.

The first level is extraordinary enough: it focuses on Mary who assumes the position of the Rabbi's student and is defended against any attack on her right to be there. In first century Palestine, Jewish women were 'not permitted to be taught the Torah, but only instructed about how they should live their lives in obedience to its demands. They were not permitted to touch the scriptures nor to take part in public debate or official liturgical ritual.' (Fitzmyer, Luke p.892) From this context we can see the sort of freedom Jesus envisaged for women, against the practice of his own day.

On another level, however, this story focuses on Martha. The writer of Luke's Gospel tells us that we are in Martha's home and, that with Jesus as special guest at table, she is serving the members of her household with care and devotion. Martha comes across as strong and outspoken. Mary, meanwhile, is passive and silent. It is likely this story is criticising a call in Luke's community for women to move away from the leadership Jesus gave them and to adopt again the traditional roles to which the Jewish/Christians were more familiar.

At the Vatican on 21 May 2000 the Pope told a group of Bishops from the USA: 'The genius of women must be ever more a vital strength of the Church of the next millennium, just as it was in the first communities of Christ's disciples.'

To that end today's story from such a community holds a key to our own dilemma. Just as Jesus broke through the gender boundaries of his own day, so too must we. We must renew our commitment to ending anything that degrades, exploits or dehumanises women throughout the world.

But more, it's time for the Church to take some strong symbolic and practical steps to defend the leadership of women within our own Catholic community. For example, Church teaching does not stand in the way of re-admitting lay people, and this time lay women, into the College of Cardinals; women could continue to assume high profile positions in each Diocese and also leaderships roles within the Roman Curia, starting with those departments that deal with instructions and decisions that directly affect them; and the Church could welcome the ordination of women as Deacons. These avenues would enable women to have even more options for them to demonstrate and realise the full extent of their genius, as the Pope puts it.

At this Eucharist, then, let us recommit ourselves to using, in the best possible way for the mission of the Church, the gifts, talents and strengths of over half our community. May we learn from the earliest Church, described in today's Gospel, 'that which is the better part' and never 'take it away from her.'

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for Pope Francis, servant of the church, that like Paul the apostle he will testify unceasingly to the crucified Christ. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the countless people suffering from hunger, violence, natural disasters or state oppression, that the human family will put solidarity with them into effective practice. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for a world-wide spirit of hospitality like that of Abraham, Martha and Mary, that households and nations will welcome others with warmth and generosity. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for girls and young women in societies that curtail their freedom and deny them education, that they will hold fast to their hope for just recognition. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our northern neighbours, the peoples of Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste and West Papua, that Australia will prove to be a good friend and reliable partner. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Australian communities devastated by present floods and past bushfires: that they will have all the resources and resilience they need to recover. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Bruce Feehan, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Quentin Hopkins. . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will live in the presence of the Lord for ever. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Merciful Father,
may these mysteries give us new purpose
and bring us to a new life in you.
Amen.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10.00am in the Church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Krawarree Mass: Sunday 31st July at 11.00am.

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 2 August 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Dear Parishioners,

Our Vinnies shop is low in stocks of winter items – clothing and bedding. If you have spare items, you don't need and that are in good condition, please donate them to Vinnies Braidwood, so that we can continue to aid those in need this winter.

“Help Ukrainians Raffle”, sponsored by the Goldsmith Street Surgery in Goulburn. Tickets available from Wendy Hart either at Mass times or wherever you see her around town. Many prizes are on offer. See poster for details. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20.



Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 2pm Saturday 23 July

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle;

Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table. Enquiries to Jenni Miller on 0436 339293

The Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation will be celebrated in the coming months. Reconciliation 13 August; First Eucharist 18 September and Confirmation 20 November. If you know of any children, who attend the Central School or home school, who might like to make these sacraments, please forward their parents and children's names and contact details to the parish office.

Mass will be celebrated at St Brigid's Krawarree on Sunday 31st July 2022 at 11am.

Lunch will be served over at the Hall after Mass, the urn will be boiling so we can, enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Of course, a few delicious cakes will be on offer for dessert! If you know of any new community members who would appreciate a Mass reminder, please let me know or invite them along yourself. If you have anyone you would like us to pray for through our Mary MacKillop Novena please let me know. Looking forward to seeing you on the 31st. Regards

Mandy (48471181) or krawarree@inet.net.au

Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites members of your community to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other pilgrims, as he leads a pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday 13th August. This pilgrimage will commemorate Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, at the site she visited on two separate occasions, in 1899 and 1901.

Mass will be concelebrated with Archbishop Christopher and visiting priests at 12.00 noon in Our Lady Star of the Sea church to honour our first saint and the legacy she has left us. This will be the highlight of the pilgrimage. Following mass, lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula.

I have been asked to include the banking details once again:

1st Collection: BSB: 062-786

For 2nd collection: BSB: 062-786

Account: 00029248

Account No: 00017755

Account Name: St Bedes Braidwood CPF

Name: St Bedes Parish Braidwood.

Reference: BRAIDWOOD & SURNAME

Reference: name **and** giving number if you have one.

Readings for Mass: 1st: Gen. 18:1-10. 2nd: Col.1:24-28. Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Readings for next week: 1st: Gen. 18:20-32. 2nd: Col. 2:12-14. Gospel: Luke 11:1-13.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
16 July	Felix	Helen P	Bobbie/Tommy G	Helen H
22 July	Geoff	Cathy F	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
29 July	James	Geraldine	Wendy M-B/Ann T	Helen H
6 Aug	Felix	Helen P	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H

Ministries of Service:	15 July	22 July	29 July
Altar Decorating:	Cathy F	Margaret	Joy
Cleaners:	Bronnie & Felix		Bunny & Ella
Counters:	1 st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie. 3 rd Sunday: Gabrielle K		2 nd : Sunday: Wendy H

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 Hart