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World Community for Christian Meditation is held Thursdays at 10.30am at St Bede's Presbytery. For information please contact Tim on 0427 422 661. Newcomers are always welcome. Check out the websites: www.wccm.org or www.christianmeditationaustralia.org

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers
17 Feb	when avail	Helen P	Ann T/Wendy H
24 Feb		Geraldine	Cathy F/Michael
2 Mar		Cathy F	Tommy/Bobbie

Ministries of service: 16 Feb 23 Feb 1 March 8 Mar

Altar Decorating: No flowers during Lent.
 Cleaning: Pauline & Bobbie Bronnie & Felix

Counters: 1st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie. 2nd: Sunday: Wendy H
 3rd Sunday: Brenda 4th: Phil Owen 5th: Helen B

There will be a wedding in St Bede's on 16 March at 2.30pm

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

Readings for Mass: 1st: Gen. 9:8-15. 2nd: 1 Peter 3:18-22. Gospel: Mark 1:12-15.

Readings for next week: 1st: Gen. 22:1-2,9-13,15-18. 2nd: Rom. 8:31-34. Gospel Mark: 9:2-10.

St Vincent de Paul Society Braidwood Conference:

"Giving a helping hand up"



Office Hours: Fridays: 11am - 1pm.



**1st Sunday in
 Lent Year B
 18 February
 2024**



Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent was originally just two days – Good Friday & Holy Saturday. Then the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth – the Christ – was celebrated.

No doubt with the Old Testament in view, and with the realisation of Jesus' temptation and testing in the wilderness, the Lenten period was lengthened – and deepened.

What has emerged over the centuries is Lent (40 days) and Eastertide (50 days), culminating in the Feast of Pentecost.

We are offered an immense opportunity – to enter into the rich spiritual tradition of the Church. This tradition is essentially letting God speak to us through carefully chosen passages of scripture:

Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.

Let not your hearts be broken, not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, ready to relent (Joel 2).

If we can, we try to make a little more space and time for God, so that we can hear what the Lord is saying to us. Yes, it is challenging to do this kind of thing, but the 'fringes benefits are out of this world' (literally).

That reading from Joel – proclaimed on Ash Wednesday – continues:

Call the people together, summon the community, assemble the elders, gather the children, even the infants at the breast.

Treasuring community, and giving of ourselves to others, is surely one of the desired outcomes.

The weather is just sublime. We stop and give thanks to our majestic God.

Father Tony

The changeover to 5pm Mass will be 3rd Sunday of Lent 2 March 2024.

Next weekend Mass time: 6.00pm Vigil

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: 5 March at 3pm in the Presbytery

Scripture: Tuesdays at 4pm in the Presbytery.

Changeover to 5pm Mass: starting date will be 3rd Sunday of Lent - 2nd March 2024.

A Lenten mini series on the theme of "Unwrapping the gift of Forgiveness" incorporating prayer, reflection and sharing the faith journey hosted by Call to Connect Women's Ministry will be held in St. Bede's Church on Mondays 19th and 26th February 7pm-8pm. This event is open to all parishioners, men and women and invited friends of other faiths.

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: [https://](https://BruceDownes.org/Lent)

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'A HOT BRICK UNDER MY COLD FEET' An Afternoon Poetry Reading with Wendy McMahon-Bell at 2:00pm, Sunday February 25th in the Old Sunday School Hall, 68 Wilson Street, Braidwood

Fundraiser for Hussain, one of more than 50 refugees still suffering in Port Moresby after the closing of Manus Island. *Donations appreciated*

Wendy McMahon-Bell has performed in many theatre productions in the region as well as two wonderful interpretations of Alan Bennett's monologues. Wendy has also been writing poems for over 30 years and on Sunday Feb 25th, she will enjoy presenting some of her work in an afternoon poetry reading in the Old Sunday School Hall at 2.00pm

Wendy's poems will take you through the whole gamut of feelings evoked by everyday experiences, great and small. Please join us, donations appreciated, to support Hussain, a Manus Island refugee living in PNG, without adequate support. Hussain and his family are desperately in need of help, and we are hoping that our generous Braidwood community will contribute by supporting this event.

Sponsored by St Bede's Ecumenical Social Justice Group

Further information: Pauline Coady 0478 608 041
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Markets in Ryrie Park: 8am - 1pm Saturday 24 February

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table. Enquiries to Cathy Ffrench 0418262011



Please pray for the sick: Patrick Thomas, Val Goodsell, Des Pollard, Kerry Prothero, Dennis Dempsey, Penny Crawford, Tony Riley, Archbishop Frank Carroll, Jenny Bodman, Maurice Farley, Violet Davis, Ross Lawless, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers.

Please pray for those who have died in recent days: Oliver Koch, June Jeffrey, David Fensom, Ted Hart, Gloria Collins, Kerry Croker and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Offerings acknowledged with thanks:

1st: \$152. 2nd: envelopes: \$67. Loose: \$62. Thanks also to those parishioners who contribute online and annually.

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world *for all future generations*.

Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Join us in Prayer

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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