



23rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

10 September 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God,

open our eyes to the wonders this life sets before us that we may serve you free from fear and address you as God our Father.

Amen.

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

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

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



REFLECTION on Matthew 18:15-20

Living the Gospel – Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions. Greg Sunter

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for Pope Francis, bishop of Rome, and all church leaders, that they will never cease to proclaim the good news of God's saving mercy. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for the human family, that by God's grace the spirit of solidarity will lead the world out of sinful division and into a new era of mutual respect, generosity and gratitude. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for those who bear prophetic witness to the global climate crisis that they will continue to call us to take responsible care of the earth, our common home. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for all who are involved in the development and use of artificial intelligence, that a strong code of ethics will guide their discernment of its benefits and dangers. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for those who are engaged in public debate about the proposed indigenous Voice to Parliament, that they will argue their case with clarity, integrity and respect. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for all who are detained as prisoners of conscience or as victims of power politics, that they will not lose the hope of justice and freedom. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially Denis Dempsey, Ted Hart, Peter Gillan, 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 those who have died recently, Dianne Sutherland and Bernie Fletcher . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that Christ, the good shepherd, will guide them safely to their eternal home. (Pause) Lord, hear us

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,

Your Word and your Sacraments give us food and life.

May the gift of your Son lead us to share his life forever.

Amen.

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10.00am

Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am

Krawarree Mass: 29 October at 11.00am

Reconciliation will be held on 9th September at 5.30pm in the church. This is to be a communal 2nd Rite so that parishioners can join with the children in being reconciled to Christ. We don't very often have reconciliation and this is a great opportunity for us to be witnesses to our faith.

A conversation about the Voice to Parliament will be held Saturday 9th September, 11am-12.30pm in the National Theatre. Michael Crosby will MC the event and will lead the conversation with Nardie Simpson (founding member of The Stiff Gins) and Senator David Pocock.

Brother Brian's Farewell Sunday 17th Sept, 2-4pm at the Club for afternoon tea This will be a self-catered event. Germaine will have a sheet at the back of the church for people to put down their names if they are attending and/or providing a plate of goodies. **If you can't get to church but would like to attend the farewell, please reply to this email.** The Vicar General, Father Richard Thompson, will be attending as well as Frs. Dermid and Hilton and Bishop Pat with whom Brian has shared ministry.

Braidwood Events: we are getting out and about now spring is here. Plenty to do.

Braidwood Op-Shop tour bus organised by Braidwood Buses Wednesday 20th September. Leaving Braidwood at 8.30am from Ryrie Park to visit Op-shops on the northside of Canberra. BYO lunch. Seats limited. Book early at Vinnies shop to avoid disappointment. Cost \$35. Payment to be made by Friday 15 September.

Springtime Afternoon Tea Saturday 23rd September 2-4pm in the National Theatre. Book through the Vintage Drawer.

Braidwood Lions Antique Fair The Braidwood Lions Club is running an Antique Fair from Friday 29 September to Sunday 1 October in the historic National Theatre. For sale will be antiques, collectables, bric-a-brac, linen, porcelain, jewellery, vintage clothes, and furniture.

Braidwood Hospital Auxiliary Fete Saturday October 14th in the National Theatre.

Café of the Gate of Salvation Choir will be holding concerts in St. Bede's Church on the weekend of 14 & 15th October. 7pm on Sat. and 10am on Sunday.

The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch Commemoration Dinner is on again this year at the National Theatre -11 Nov. Add it to your diary now so you don't miss out. Wonderful food, BYO drinks and exhilarating music from one of Braidwood's best music talents. A great time to dress up and enjoy great company in a delightful night out. Details and booking information coming soon.

Braidwood Quilt Event 2023 25/26 November Contact braidwoodquilterstextiles@gmail.com

Readings for Mass: 1st: Ezekiel 33:7-9. 2nd: Romans 13:8-10. Gospel Matthew 18:15-20.

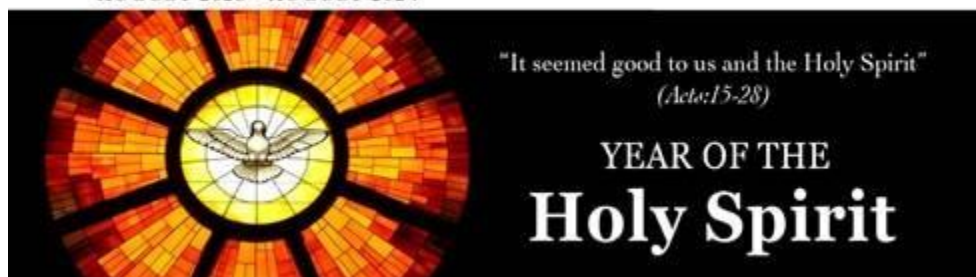
Next week: 1st: Sirach 27:30-28:7. 2nd: Romans 14:7-9. Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35.

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm on FM 88.9 Reflection by Helen Pieper

Ministries for our Mass:	9 Sept	16 Sept	23 Sept	30 Sept
Welcomer:	Helen P	Geraldine	Cathy F	Helen P
Acolyte:	Felix (when available)			
Reader 1:	Michael	Bobby	Wendy M-B	Ann T
Reader 2:	Cathy F	Tommy	Germaine	Wendy H
Ministries of service:	8 Sept	15 Sept	22 Sept	29 Sept
Altar Decorating:	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret	Joy
Ladies – I put the artificial flowers on the altar but if you have flowers, please use them				
Cleaning:		Bronnie & Felix		Helen P & Sarah
Counters: 1 st Sunday:	Pauline & Bobbie.		2 nd : Sunday: Wendy H	
	3 rd Sunday: Brenda		4 th : 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

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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.