



**25TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

19 September 2021

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Father,
guide us, as you guide creation
according to your law of love.
May we love one another
and come to perfection.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)

3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



Reflection on the Gospel of Mark 9:30-37 by Fr Michael Tate

Marginal people

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective. We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For leaders in every sphere of public life; that they will put their power at the service of the common good. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all earth's peoples; that they will embrace the eco-conversion called for by Pope Francis for the life of the planet. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For peace-makers and aid-workers in places of chronic violence; that their selfless service will open pathways of hope, especially for women and children. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the unsung heroes of the COVID pandemic; that their daily work of civic service will earn the gratitude of the whole community. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For those most vulnerable to the psychological and economic cost of the pandemic, that they will receive the support they need to cope. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who suffer from any form of dementia, that they will be cared for with much love and patience. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For our parish community, that it will be graced with a spirit of divine wisdom and heartfelt prayer. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, including Norma Flack, Karen Sutor, Bob Haigh, Teonie McMahon, Jeremy Nelson, Helen Campbell-Davys, Ian Vardanega, John Shiels, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and Celia Roach; that they will unite their suffering with that of Christ (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all the recently deceased, including Sr. Heather Roberts and Don Ryan . . . and for Richard Smith whose anniversary occurs on Monday 20th, that they will share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

CONCLUDING BLESSING

Lord,

Help us with your kindness.

Make us strong through your love for us.

Amen.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Have you ever tried to have a rational conversation with an anti-vaxxer? I had a conversation with a relative and her strong views had been influenced by a prelate and ethical issues in the making of the vaccines. Extreme views, such as hers, are detrimental for society. When I travelled overseas in the 70's I had to be vaccinated against typhoid, smallpox and tetanus for my own good and the good of those I visited. Now I'm fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and I hope all parishioners have had the jab.

Last week I wrote about the first collection and how the combined collections of both Braidwood and Bungendore fall short of supporting a priest and our need to rely heavily on the Remuneration Fund of other clergy. This week I want to write on the second collection as parish support. This money consists of Planned Giving envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Cards, one off donations and loose (cash money). It is primarily used for:

1. All parish running costs, any loans, administration, insurance including public liability, electricity, phone, stationery, printing, liturgical needs, the general maintenance and upkeep of the church, presbytery and parish property.
2. Payment of parish staff
3. Priests car expenses
4. 5% annual Archdiocesan levy to the Australian and NSW Bishops' Conferences, the Apostolic Nunciature and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Catholic Council.

These funds are audited through the Archdiocesan Financial Services Office annually.

Due to the lack of financial support from almost two generations, it is critical that Parish Finance Councils look to the future and manage assets well.

I'm in constant contact with our people in Timor Leste, at least twice a week. They likewise are in lockdown and we have had to close our clinics for the present. If you think we are having it tough, you should hear their stories.

You will have the link for Sunday Mass giving us the opportunity to be united in prayer for our communion of communities. Reach out to others and be gentle with yourselves and those you love.

Yours in Christ,

Mick Burke

The church will be closed to the public for the duration of the NSW lockdown. All other groups and meetings are also cancelled until further notice. September markets will also be cancelled.

I think everyone enjoyed Mass with Mick last Sunday. Thanks Father Mick for bringing us together in this way. https://youtu.be/h510BouH_J4 is the link for next Sunday's Mass at 10.30am.

Work on the church roof is progressing. The south side of the Sanctuary has been completed and they are currently working on the Sacristy.

On Migrant and Refugee Sunday (next weekend) the Church responds to Pope Francis' message for us to include all people in a '[wider we](#)'. At our masses we will renew our welcome to all migrants and refugees in our country, but also remember [the tragedy unfolding in Afghanistan](#). Here you can sign their petition. You may also wish to attend an online service on the Sunday evening for [refugees who don't feel part of our 'wider we'](#). At the end of this article you can register to attend the service.

Following on from Fr. Mick's words if you would like to contribute to the 1st collection while in lockdown you can do so online.

BSB: 062-786

Account: 0000029248

Account Name: St Bedes Braidwood

Reference: BRAIDWOOD & SURNAME

For 2nd collection: BSB: 062-786

Account No: 00017755

Name: St Bedes Parish Braidwood. Please reference your name or giving number.

Pray the rosary with Archbishop Christopher - TIME: Every Wednesday and Friday at 4 pm sharp!

ZOOM DETAILS: Simply click on the

link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjlvdnFkd21aVDQzWnAydz09>

Or enter in the details below after opening the Zoom app

Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332

Passcode: 543675

Don't forget you can watch the Cathedral Masses 11am on Sundays and weekdays at 12.15pm

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

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

Readings for 26th Sunday: 1st: Numbers 11:25-29. 2nd James 5:1-6. Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48.

Take care, keep safe and look out for each other, Helen Hart